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Council OKs flood warning stations

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, April 4 meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved a resolution ac-

cepting a nearly \$169,000 grant — with a city match of more than \$56,000 — to install seven flood warning stations throughout the city. The money will pay for

rain gauges to be installed at the top of six-foot poles, which will be surrounded by chain-link security fences, said city Public Works Department Senior Civil

Engineer Tony Trevino. The grant also will pay for easements for the land where the stations are located.

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Telshor corridor is the 'center of the universe'

By Christophe Chino
Las Cruces Bulletin

For the past several years, the North Telshor Boulevard corridor has become a hotspot for business. The area has seen an increase in incoming businesses as well as increased success for those already there.

Brett Baker, the general manager of The Power Center, 2000 N. Telshor Blvd., calls the area the “center of the universe,” when it comes to business and community activity.

The Power Center, an equipment dealer, was formerly located at the intersection of Foster and Solano drives, closer to New Mexico State University's campus. Since the relocation to Telshor, Baker said the store has seen

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Something to cheer about



PHOTO BY ROBERTO E. ROSALES, ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

The Centennial High cheer squad performs the routine that won the NMAA State Spirit Championship in Class 5A cheerleading on Saturday, April 2, at The Pit in Albuquerque. All the Las Cruces squads performed well. Las Cruces, Oñate and Mayfield all brought home trophies in the Class 6A division, co-ed category. Las Cruces took first place while Oñate finished second and Mayfield snared third place.

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Doña Ana County's spring blood drive underway today

Doña Ana County's annual spring blood drive is underway today from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

Several appointments have been scheduled at 20-minute intervals, but walk-ins are always welcome.

The spring blood drive is one of three coordinated each year at the Doña Ana County Government Center. Each drive historically results in the donation of about 30 pints of blood, which United

Blood Services distributes to area medical facilities.

Donors will receive a movie ticket, a snack and some juice. Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region. The staff at United Blood Services screens each applicant and then allows qualified donors to take a seat in one of the comfortable recliners where the donations are processed.

All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable. Donors cannot contract any

blood-borne disease by giving blood. All donated blood is typed to determine the A-B-O group and the Rh factor and then tested for safety, including a test for the HIV virus. Tainted blood is not distributed.

Most units of accepted blood are separated into several components, allowing one donation to help several people.

For more information, or to determine whether any appointment slots remain open, call Janine Divyak at (575) 525-6130.

Money Smart Week returns

It's too bad money doesn't come with instructions. We all need to learn how to spend it, save it, and borrow it wisely.

That's why financial institutions, not-for-profits, schools, libraries and many more community partners are joining together along with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas/El Paso branch to help support financial education during Money Smart Week in Doña Ana County, April 23 - 29, 2016.

Free seminars in both English and Spanish will take place throughout the Las Cruces area, for anyone to attend.

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.

A kickoff event will be staged Saturday, April 23, beginning at 8 a.m. outside the Rio Grandé Theater in downtown Las Cruces. There will be giveaways, prizes and information at the event.

For more information, call MSW DAC Co-Chair Shirley Hitson at (575) 525-8994.

For a complete schedule of available sessions, visit mswdac.com.

Meetings scheduled to obtain public input on capital project hopes for '17

A series of five community meetings – one in each of Doña Ana County's five commission districts – has been scheduled to solicit public input on priority needs for capital-outlay funding in the county.

Each meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, April 12 – Radium Springs Community Center, 12060 Lindbeck Rd., hosted by District 5 Commissioner Leticia Duarte-Benavidez.

Wednesday, April 13 – Betty McKnight Community Center, 190 County Line Rd., hosted by District 2 Commissioner Dr. David J. Garcia.

Thursday, April 14 – Vado/Del Cerro Community Center, 180 La Fe Ave., hosted by District 1 Commissioner Billy G. Garrett.

Tuesday, April 19 – Las Alturas Fire Station, 4145 Cholla Dr., hosted by District 3 Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson.

Thursday, April 21 – But-

terfield Community Center, 7350 Berry Patch Rd., hosted by District 4 Commissioner Wayne D. Hancock.

County staff will be on hand at each of the community meetings, and Spanish translation services will be available.

Input on the process can also be directed to Doña Ana County Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Coordinator Michelle Blackwell at michelleb@donaanacounty.org, or by phone at (575) 525-6180.

Celebration fetes efforts to assist crime victims

Third Judicial District Attorney's Office – in conjunction with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department and other county offices – has announced plans to celebrate National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16.

This year's theme—Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope.—presents the opportunity to highlight the need for services that agencies provide starting at the early stage of victimization.

"Our office is here to provide information, assistance and support during a truly difficult time," said District Attorney Mark D'Antonio. "By educating the public and intervening early, we can help prevent both further victimization and involvement in the criminal justice system."

Every April, the district attorney's office joins forces with local agencies to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week by promoting victims' rights and honoring victims of crime.

Some of this year's partners include Doña Ana County's Community and Constituent Services Office, the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office and the Children, Youth and Families Department.

The Third Judicial District Attorney's Office will kick off National Crime Victims' Rights Week with a special event at Pioneer Women's Park on April 9 from 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

The free event includes a victims' memorial walk, community resource expo and food. This year's event will also feature a "Kids Korner" which will promote child-abuse prevention efforts in southern New Mexico.

For additional information about this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week and how to assist victims in your community, contact the Third Judicial District Attorney's office at (575) 647-8553 or visit the district attorney's website at donaanacountyda.com

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Talking politics at work is always tricky

The president of the United States is “the man who is the source of all the misfortunes of our country.” He is “imperial” and the fact he is soon stepping down from office represents a “salvation” for America.

The president of the United States is “the original gorilla” and citizens have had to deal with “imbecility, treachery, failure,” during his administration.

Are these the words of Tea Party folks who are very disgruntled



Brook Stockberger

with President Barack Obama? Or maybe they come from newspaper editorials run last decade in harsh criticism against George W. Bush.

No. Actually, the first paragraph shows just a hint of what opponents of President George Washington wrote in the late 18th century.

The second paragraph touches on what some of President Abraham Lincoln’s many dissenters wrote and said.

Even though today’s political discourse

seems to be the worst it has ever been, the fact is political talk and coverage of presidents and presidential candidates has always been rough.

Sure, social media platforms have helped the vitriol fly through the ether to every part

of the country (and globe) instantaneously, but the vitriol itself is certainly nothing new.

With such strong emotions bouncing back and forth off of one another, how do you handle a political “discussion” while on

the job?

Tried-but-true advice tells us to never discuss religion or politics at work. In reality, though, being the social animals we are, those subjects—especially politics during a campaign—can be very hard to

avoid.

First off, keep your work space or cubicle election free. Don’t paste a “Trump” bumper sticker to the side of your file cabinet or a “Hillary” poster on the

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

New voter law enables greater participation

Young people have more opportunity to vote

If you were born Nov. 9, 1998, and you are interested in politics, you have got to be bummed.

That means you won't turn 18 until the day after the general election, and you can't vote in either the primary or the general. And you won't get to vote for president until 2020.

However, if you turn 18 between now and Nov. 8, you've got yourself a great opportunity.

Thanks to the New Mexico state legislature, you can register to vote now — even if you're only 17 — and can vote in the primary and general elections this year.

Certainly there are a few of you whose 18th birthday is Nov. 8.

How cool is that?

Doña Ana County Chief Deputy Clerk Scott Krahlhing is excited about

the change, and said he hopes it engages new voters.

It's ironic that the presidential candidate who, according to polls, has been engaging the most young voters is the oldest candidate, Democrat Bernie Sanders.

There's no guarantee Sanders will still be a viable candidate by June 7, when New Mexicans vote in the primary. And just because Sanders has gained traction with many young voters doesn't mean all young voters are Sanders fans.

Here's hoping that, regardless who they vote for, the new law gets more young voters involved in both the primary and general elections.

Don't forget there are many state and local races this year, races

that likely will have as much or more impact on Las Cruces as the presidential race.

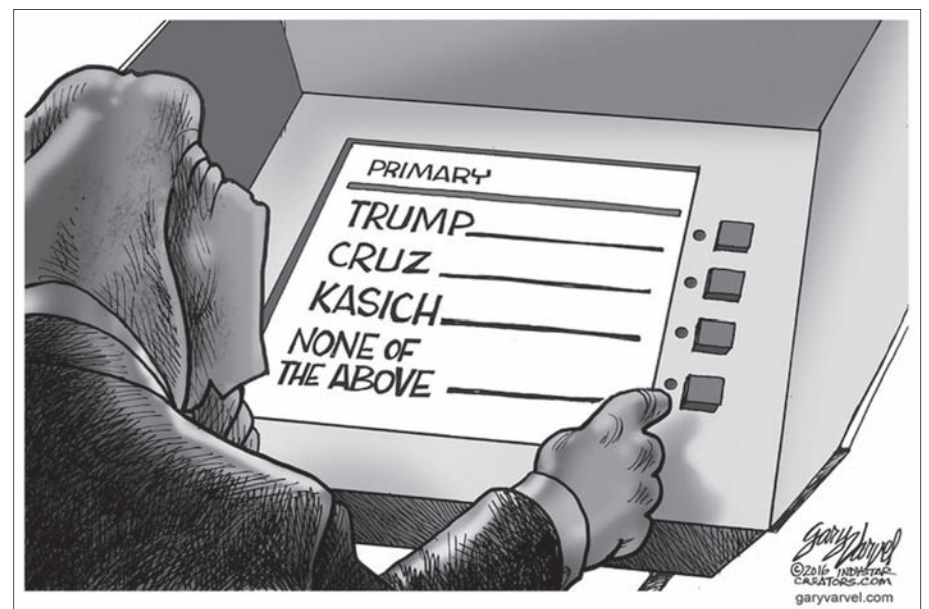
And whether you'll be 18 or 118 on Nov. 8, you can't vote unless you're registered. In Doña Ana County you've got until May 10 to get registered.

Many of the primary races are uncontested, but there are some intriguing contested ones also.

In State Senate District 36, Rep. Jeff Steinborn is giving up his spot in the House to square off against former county commissioner Oscar Vasquez Butler in the Democratic Primary. The winner will face incumbent Republican Lee Cotter in November.

In State Representative District 34, incumbent Bill Gomez takes on two challengers in

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the Democratic primary: Paul Maxwell and Raymond Lara. It's a winner-take-all election, because there's no Republican opponent in the fall.

In State Representative District 35, the vacancy created by Steinborn's run for senate, four candidates have tossed their hats in the ring. Three of those are Democrats. Angelica Rubio, Paul Martinez and Ray Jaramillo will face each other in the Democratic Primary, for the right to face Republican Joseph Bishop in November.

In the District Attorney race, incumbent Mark D'Antonio faces a challenge in the Demo-

cratic Primary against James Dickens. The winner will face Republican C. Lane Brad Cates in the general election.

In the County Commission, three of the five seats are up for election, and 13 people are vying for the spots.

In District 2, incumbent David Garcia runs against challenger Ramon Gonzalez in the Democratic Primary. Again, winner takes all, as no Republican is running.

District 4 is a free-for-all. Democratic incumbent Wayne Hancock faces three challengers: Isabela Solis, Robbie Tafoya and David Bonner. The Republican primary

is also contested: Roman Jimenez faces William Jarod Webb.

District 5, with no incumbent, is almost as crowded, with three Democrats (Bill Standridge, John L. Vasquez and Dickie Apodaca) and two Republicans (Craig Buckingham and Kim Hakes).

It's all rather exciting, but you can't participate in this fundamental American privilege unless you're registered.

Go register.

You can visit the Doña Ana Government Complex at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Or you can even register online at www.donaanacounty.org/elections.

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The weather



There is at least one thing that separates agricultural people from their office-working brothers...the weather.

How often have you seen the local anchor-man turn to the local weather girl and say, "Gosh, Marsha, that's really good news! I'm sure

getting tired of this rain!"

What's he getting tired of? Having a soggy newspaper on the porch? Having to wear his goulashes from the office to the health club? Postponing the wearing of his new all season Nikes? He's probably not gettin' any

tired of it than the feedlot cowboy sloggin' through the pens in hock deep mud. Or the Iowa range hog man slidin' his feed wagon along the bank of the north pasture.

But somewhere, out beyond the cattle guard, a farmer's standing at the edge of a quarter section of winter wheat, watchin' it rain and smilin'.

A skiff of snow, a two inch rain, five days of hot and dry, a four foot drift and minus twenty-five wind chill factor are like person to person calls to

someone whose livin' depends on the weather. When the big city weatherman's map has a yellow sun with a smiley face that covers the Louisiana Purchase, you realize how far from nature some parts of our civilization have been removed!

Great skiing weather can often be translated to baby calves on the kitchen floor, frozen water lines and chopping ice. Gentle April showers can keep tractors out of the field, chronics in the sick pen and bankers in a frenzy!

Farmers and ranchers are students of the sky. They spend a lifetime lookin' for a blue horizon or black clouds. It's bringin' em luck; sometimes good, sometimes bad.

They watch the local weather like brokers watch the ticker tape. They meet at the town cafe with neighbors to see who caught a little of the squall that blew through. They watch pasture and planted fields wash away or shrivel and die. They see fertilized, prepared soil crack and

blow away or turn to gumbo. All the time watchin' the sky.

But, sometimes they win. The snow melts off, the fields turn green, the afternoon storms soaks the ground and the sun breaks through. They watch it come. They smell the weather changin'. They aren't lookin' at it through a window. They are truly a part of their environment. Maybe that's why they don't take it for granted.

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Time to oppose civil asset forfeiture

Civil asset forfeiture is a cancer that eats at the very heart of the integrity of the American judicial system.

— Brad Cates

Some may think it odd that a friend of mine, Brad Cates, opposes Civil Asset Forfeiture since years ago he was the Director of the Department of Justice Forfeiture Program. He knows better than anyone else the strengths and weaknesses of that program.

I've known Cates since 1970 when we both served in the New Mexico State University Student Senate. Later he ran successfully for Student

Body President. After graduation I worked at KOB-TV in Albuquerque and Brad was a New Mexico legislator. We talked often. Then he moved to Washington, D.C. and I lost contact with him until recently when he returned to Las Cruces.

It pleases me that he opposes the taking of cash and assets from citizens who have not been convicted of a crime. This is a subject I have

written about several times. There is no place in a nation of laws for citizens to lose assets without legal process.

Years ago when Cates became involved as the director of the DOJ Forfeiture Program, the drug cartels and mafia had resources they used that were gained by illegal actions. So it was thought that the police should not allow criminals to use their ill-gotten gains.

Then our police departments noticed that it was also a convenient way to get additional financial resources to bolster their budgets. Citizens who were not indicted or convicted were fleeced of their assets so that police departments could grow on stolen money.

Never convicted, law-abiding citizens have been and are victimized by this immoral use of police force. The "Washington Post" in 2014 wrote that \$2.5 billion in cash alone has been taken from citizens since 2001. It was done without warrants or indictments.

But the practice is growing. In 2014 alone, according to the "Washington Post" the take was \$5 billion. That \$5 billion was more than was lost in all burglary that year.

So Cates has been pushing to rein in the practice. I noticed one of his quotes in the "Santa Fe New Mexican" and contacted him.

He explained that he is a proponent of taking the profit and proceeds from convicted drug dealers, terrorist, racke-

teers, child pornographers and other serious criminals in a process called criminal forfeiture. However, he is against taking assets from citizens not charged or convicted of a crime.

Me too.

It is unfortunate for liberty in our country that Civil Asset Forfeiture is in nearly 400 federal laws along with similar laws in many states. There has been a flash fire of protests by New Mexico citizens about police departments taking cars from citizens without going before a judge.

Please understand it has not happened to me or anyone I know, rather, I protest this action since, while legal, it is immoral. There is something we can do about this if you will help.

The next meeting of the New Mexico Legislature will be January 2017. All 112 members of the legislature are up for re-election. Today is a great time to find your legislator or person running for the legislature and bend his or her ear that a law needs to be passed and upheld if ve-

toed to end all forfeiture without legal action.

No exceptions.

This is the time of year that you can spend time with these politicians and they will listen since there is the November election.

One more thing: shame on town councils and police departments who justify this immoral practice because they say they need the money. If so, then fire every municipal worker who isn't day to day keeping the municipality going. The police, fire, sewage, water, trash and traffic workers are safe.

Instead fire all public relations workers, extra program workers, art festivals and other nice-to-have-but-not-critical programs. If we have to steal assets from citizens without judicial review, we can do without those services. Again, all they have to do is use forfeiture after judicial conviction and I will support their actions.

You can contact Brad Cates through his website www.bradcates.com.

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Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



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As *salary.com* reports, "It might not be the smartest idea to create a space rife with tension and potential disagree-

ments. Also, why take the chance of raising the ire of your boss if he/she turns out to be a fan of the candidate you abhor?"

Good point.

Also, when you do discuss politics around the water cooler or in the break room or wherever, rein in the confrontational part of your persona. Sure, if you and some colleagues are out sharing a few pops, the situation might be more fluid, but while in the workplace itself, never argue. You can express

your opinion and even disagree, politely, but a heated exchange is not good for anyone.

If someone insists on raising the stakes to argument level, tell them you do not want to argue at work and, if that does not work, don't be afraid to walk away.

Forbes.com suggests: "Since political conversations can evoke strong emotions, it's best to keep a pulse on your own volume when speaking. If you hear your own voice begin to

rise, pause, take a breath and continue at a more controlled level."

A good suggestion is to also listen. You might actually learn something from others in the conversation and knowledge is never a bad acquisition.

Do not fall into a pattern of constantly talking/debating politics. You don't want to become knowns as a one-trick pony. Co-workers might start to avoid you and roll their eyes when you get wound up on a

political kick yet again.

Plus you should know what you're talking about. Don't just throw out factoids or statistics etc. that you might have heard somewhere. This is tempting to do, but you can gain a reputation as someone who doesn't know what they are talking about, and you do not want such a reputation, especially at work.

Brook Stockberger may be reached at 680-1977 or brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Crime victims' expo, walk scheduled for Saturday

The Las Cruces Police Department's Victims' Assistance Unit will join several area organizations and programs at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 9 in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week with an expo and walk at Pioneer Women's Park.

The theme for this year's National Crime

Victims' Rights Week is, "Serving Victims, Building Trust and Restoring Hope."

The Expo and Walk is being held in conjunction with Child Abuse Awareness Week sponsored by the Children, Youth and Families Department. CYFD is sponsoring a Kids Corner at the Expo.

The Expo and Walk is in memory of victims of violent crimes and will start at 9:30 a.m. at Pioneer Women's Park located at 500 W. Las Cruces Ave. The Expo is free and the public is invited to visit with exhibitors and participate in various activities.


The Crime Victims' Memorial Walk will

begin shortly opening ceremonies. The Memorial Walk starts at Pioneer Women's Park and will loop the Downtown Mall before returning to the park. All victims of violent crimes, and family and friends of victims of crimes, are encouraged to attend the Expo which will run until 1 p.m.

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




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— PUBLIC HEARING —
BUDGET HEARING

The City of Las Cruces will have a City Council special work session that will include the public hearing regarding the 2016-17 Municipal Budget and the five-year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program (ICIP). The City's Municipal Budget is a management financial plan detailing the spending for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; whereas, the City's ICIP is a five-year plan for capital improvement projects. The City's 2016-17 proposed budget is online at www.las-cruces.org. Copies are available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office or Branigan Library.

MONDAY, APRIL 25
Special Work Session begins at 1 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St.

For more information, contact the City of Las Cruces Management and Budget Office at 541-2300. The TTY number is 541-2182.
People needing special accommodations should contact the city 48 hours in advance at (575)541-2300/v or (575)541-2182/TTY.

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COMING UP

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley meet

Republican Women meet 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 9, at I-Hop Restaurant, 2900 N. Telshor Blvd. Speaker is Kimberly Clayton Hakes, Republican candidate, District 5, for Doña Ana County Commission. Reservations required: 527-5574 by Friday, April 8.

Lion's Over the Top Pancake breakfast fundraiser

The Lion's Club presents the Over the Top Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 9 at the Lion's Club Community Center, 1501 N. Solano Dr. All you can eat pancakes only \$6. For tickets call 636-8248.

Great American Cleanup

Volunteer at the Annual Great American Cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 9, a springtime campaign to clean, green and beautify communities. Register in advance or come that morning to Walmart, 571 Walton Blvd.

and return at 1 p.m. for our volunteer lunch. For information call 528-4506, e-mail jwoods@las-cruces.org or visit [Keep Las Cruces Beautiful](http://KeepLasCrucesBeautiful.org).

Hands-Only CPR Training at MMC

Learn the newly accepted hands-only technique in this 30-minute class, held once a month from 10 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 9 in the Memorial Medical Center West Annex Conference Room, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Next class is Saturday, May 14. Classes are limited to 30 participants. For information, call 524-2167.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools fundraiser April 9

Great silent and live auction items: Hawaiian vacation, pre-owned car, and more, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday, April 9 at 3850 Stern Dr. Tickets available at MVCS: www.mvcsonline.com. Contact lconn@mvcsonline.com or 525-8515.

United Military Women of the SouthWest fundraiser

United Military Women

of the SouthWest is hosting its 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Community of Hope from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, April 9, at 999 W. Amador. Proceeds will be split between the two charities. Tickets available at the door. Take-out available. For information call: 639-1265.

Miss Las Cruces pageant Saturday

The road to the Miss America pageant starts with the Miss Las Cruces Pageant at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 9 at Alma d'Arte Charter High School. Tickets for the pageant are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call Abe Hernandez at 680-4568.

Friends of the Bosque have plant sale; donations welcome

The Friends of the Bosque de Mesilla State Park plant sale is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at La Academia Dolores Huerta Middle School, 1480 N. Main St. The sale includes a variety of bedding plants, vegetables,

trees and bushes. Donations of plants are welcome. To donate to the plant sale, make a cash donation or for information, contact 640-3210 or 373-3262 or email nmaggie64@q.com.

Book signing to benefit Aggie Cupboard

Las Cruces writer Gwendolyn Joyce Mintz reads from her new chapbook "Where I'll Be If I'm Not There," which benefits the Aggie Cupboard food pantry at NMSU which serves university students, faculty, and staff at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 9 at Barnes and Noble at NMSU, 1400 E. University Ave. Mintz will sign copies of the book at COAS (Downtown) from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 16.

Calligraphy guild for all who love beautiful writing

Southwest Calligraphy Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 11 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri (corner of Missouri & Locust). The meeting includes an interactive program teaching a new informal font. Visitors are welcome. For information, email maudebeakley@yahoo.com.

Social Security seminar April 12

Seminar on "Considering Social Security? Get an understanding. Social Security benefits 101," 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at 3050 Roadrunner Pkwy, Suite B. Speaker is Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration. Seating is limited. For information, call 521-2377, toll-free 800-669-9176 or email: toby.rue@ms.com, or visit www.morganstanley.com/fa/toby.rue.

Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees meeting

From 11:15 a.m. to 1

p.m., Tuesday, April 12 the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees meets at the NMSU Golf Course restaurant ball room, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. The speaker is Dr. Jesse E. Sowards, therapeutic optometrist and his topic is Aging and Vision problems. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.50 per person. All educational retirees are welcome. For reservations or information, call Navora Richardson at 523-6004 or Linda Morgan at 522-0203.

Doña Ana County Genealogical Society meeting

The April meeting of the Doña Ana County Genealogical Society is 2 p.m., on Wednesday, April 13 in the Roadrunner Room at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Member Keith Burke will share his knowledge about "Computer Tech Tools." Visitors welcome. For questions, contact: dacgslc@gmail.com, mormor24@comcast.net or 680-0516.

First National Rio Grande Bank customer appreciation day

First National Rio Grande Bank announces Customer Appreciation Day at any of their three branches all day Friday, April 15. Find a branch near you at www.firstnationalriogrande.com.

Moongaze with Astronomical Society

Explore the Moon and other objects with the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces, weather permitting, 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at International Delights, 1245 El Paseo Road. Take the astronomy quiz, earn a prize and learn about the Astronomical Society's "Out of This World Quiz" on Saturday, May 14 for a chance to win a beginner telescope set and/or a beginner astronomy binocular set. Free. For information,

visit aslc-nm.org or outreach@aslc-nm.org. For information on "Out of This World Quiz" and how to get a study guide contact the ASLC at president@aslc-nm.org.

Book signing at NMSU Barnes and Noble

Professor Alfonso J. Kinglow will sign copies of his new book from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at the NMSU Barnes and Noble Bookstore, second floor, 1400 E. University Ave. Kinglow's book, "Not Just Another Computer Book Two For Advanced Users" is available on Amazon.com.

Doña Ana County Historical Society meeting

State Historian Dr. Rick Hendricks visits from Santa Fe to talk about the Bennett family, early pioneers in the Mesilla Valley at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21 in the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free and open to the public. For more information, call Jim at 521-8771.

Friends of the German language club

"Freunde der Deutschen Sprache" meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 21 at New Mexico State University's Breland Hall, Room 173-A. We welcome old and new members and visitors followed by a recent German-language feature film with English subtitles. For information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

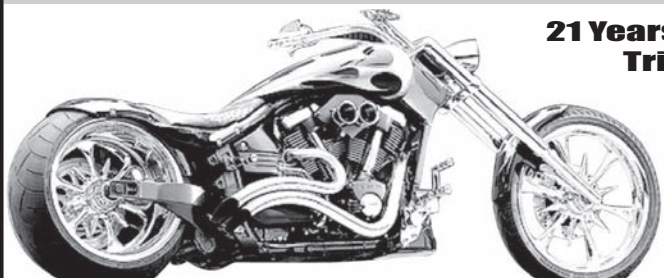
Rio Grande Citizens Forum public meeting

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St., the International Boundary and Water Commission will discuss its projects in the region. For information, call 915-832-4706.

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Earth Day "Trashion" show

Celebrate Earth Day from noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 23 at the 4th Annual Reuse and Recycle Fashion Show, at La Placita at Main St. and Griggs. See outfits made from plastic bags, aluminum cans and other reclaimed materials. Also needed are participants of all ages as models and volunteers. Everyone is welcome at this free event. For information, call 528-4506, e-mail jwoods@las-cruces.org or visit Keep Las Cruces Beautiful.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools golf tournament

The tournament takes place Saturday, April 23 at Red Hawk Golf Club. Individuals \$100; teams \$400. Contact Mrs. Conn at 525-8515 or lconn@mvconline.com.

Ongoing

Senior Games registration occurring now

Doña Ana County Se-

nior Games is taking registration for the following sports: April 9-archery, track and race walking; April 16-field events (shotput, long jump etc.) badminton and cycling; April 18 and 19-shuffleboard. Senior Games are open to all individuals age 50 and over, but you must register in advance. For information call Mike at the Games Office: 649-3167.

Las Cruces Shrine meets on second Monday

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. For information and times, call 526-8396.

Toastmaster Club meetings offered to community

If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, join the Las Cruces Toastmasters Club and learn how to make successful and value-added public speaking presentations. In addition to club meetings held at NMSU,

from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday, Toastmasters Club meets at Good Samaritan, Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For information, call 640-8951 or email lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com, or visit the Toastmasters International website at www.toastmasters.org.

Children's story time, discounted shopping at Tutti Bambini

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

AARP/CAA free tax preparation

AARP/CAA offers free tax prep services from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Evening hours: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday through April 15 at 3880 Foothills Rd. Service is available to everybody regardless of age. We do simple personal returns (wages, pensions, interest etc.) we do not do compli-

cated business taxes, which includes "married filing separately." We file electronically and do prior-year taxes. For information, call 527-8799.

Elite Business Builders Group meets on Wednesdays

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

Model Railroad Club meeting

Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club monthly meeting and model railroad running day is the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at the club layout at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds (located in the White Quonset Hut.)

Enter from the far west gate. For information, call Mike Fifer at 526-8834.

Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

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

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

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

MS Support/ Education group meets first Thursday

Join our Multiple Scler-

osis group 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location are subject to change: call, email or text before attending at 373-5130 or lascrucessms-selfhelp@gmail.com.

April 22-28

Foundation Center workshops at Branigan Library

Thomas Branigan Library hosts a series of grant foundation classes for adults, held at 200 E. Picacho Ave. The April course is "Getting Started with Foundation Grants to Individuals Online," from 1 to 2 p.m., Monday, April 25. Learn strategies for finding funders that support individuals with the Foundation Center's online funding database.

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CRIME REPORTS

Man suspected of trying to kill wife

A man suspected of slashing his wife's neck during a domestic dispute was arrested early Sunday, April 3 has been charged with attempted murder.

Carlos Ordonez, 47, of the 200 block of Totanac Road, is charged with one count each of attempted murder, kidnapping and battery against a household member.

Las Cruces Police detectives learned that Ordonez called 911 shortly after midnight report that he had just tried to kill his wife. Police were dispatched to the couple's residence on the in Zia Shadows Mobile Home Park where Ordonez was waiting for officers outside their mobile home.

Ordonez was taken into custody without further incident.

Inside the mobile home, officers found Ordonez's wife, 48, suffering from a laceration to the side of her neck. Officers and medics provided first aid until the woman was transported initially to

Mountainview Regional Medical Center and then University Medical Center of El Paso.

Her injuries no longer appear to be life-threatening.

Detectives learned that Ordonez had been drinking beer when he began arguing with his wife late Saturday evening. At around midnight or shortly thereafter Ordonez is believed to have punched his wife's face and threw her to the floor, preventing her from leaving the residence. Detectives believe Ordonez first attempted to strangle his wife on the floor and then slashed her neck with a double-bladed knife.

After Ordonez dropped the knife, his wife retrieved it at which time they argued over it. In an attempt to grab the knife, Ordonez cut his finger. He then walked away and called 911.

Ordonez was initially being held without bond at the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

Shooting suspect charged with attempted murder

A 69-year-old Las Cruces man suspected in a Thursday, March 31 shooting that resulted in the hospitalization of a plumber and

a two-hour standoff on Gladys Drive has been charged with attempted murder.

John T. Haynie, of the 1600 block of Gladys Drive, is charged with one count of attempted murder. The charge is a second-degree felony count.



HAYNIE

Shortly after 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to the 1600 block of Gladys Drive where a 54-year-old man was suffering from a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

Officers learned that the victim is a plumber for Roto-Rooter and was at the apartment working on a sink when, for some unknown reason, Haynie shot him.

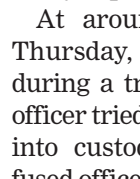
Felon suspected of battering officer

A felon suspected of a hit-and-run crash in early March was detained last week after resisting and battering the arresting officer.

Chance Mohr, 26, is charged with one count each of battery upon a peace officer; resisting, evading or obstructing an officer; driving without a license; no proof of insurance; and driving with a fictitious license plate. Mohr was also charged for violation of his parole.

Mohr is suspected of

leaving the scene of a March 11 crash in which he was driving a gray Mitsubishi Galant with no hood. At the time of the crash the vehicle had what appeared to be a hand-drawn temporary registration permit that, in itself, had already expired.



MOHR

At around 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, during a traffic stop, an officer tried to take Mohr into custody, Mohr refused officer instructions and became combative. The officer wrestled for control of Mohr until a Las Cruces Police transport officer arrived and assisted in making the arrest.

Man suspected of fleeing crash

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Las Cruces man suspected of leaving the scene of a car crash the evening of Thursday, March 31 on Triviz Drive that seriously injured his ex-girlfriend.

Dillon Edwards, 22, is charged with one count each of battery against a household member, criminal damage to property, interference with communication, careless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Las Cruces Police detectives learned that Edwards took his ex-girlfriend's cell phone on March 29 but contacted

her through social media on Thursday, indicating that he would return the phone. Detectives learned that Edwards took keys to the woman's Jeep and demanded that she leave with him if she wanted her cell phone back. The woman told detectives that Edwards then wanted her to drive him to Albuquerque. The two got into an argument and Edwards began driving north on Triviz Drive. As the woman tried calling 911, Edwards is suspected of punching her and pulling her hair while fighting over the phone.

At around 8:40 p.m., as the two continued fighting and the Jeep approached Stanton Avenue, the vehicle veered sharply left at which time it was struck broadside — on the passenger-side — by a Ford Ranger that was traveling south. The Ranger then crashed into a rock wall.

Edwards fled the scene before police arrived. The driver and sole occupant of the Ranger was not seriously injured in the crash that totaled both vehicles. Edwards' ex-girlfriend was airlifted to University Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

Edwards is 5-feet-8-inches tall and weighs approximately 165 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call police at 526-0795.

Sheriff's office seeks help in case

A unit that had previously belonged to the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department was recently involved in a minor crash, and authorities are trying to find out if the vehicle had been used in any possible criminal activity after being sold by Doña Ana County.

The 2001 Chevrolet Impala had been retired in January 2015 and sent to auction by Doña Ana County Fleet, but the government plate that was on it had not been removed. The new owner of the vehicle continued to drive it with the government-issued plate still displayed, which is a violation of the law. On March 17, 2016, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to a single-vehicle crash in the 1500 block of Colorado involving the same car. Inside, police found a tactical vest and several firearms that were not property of Doña Ana County. The title of the vehicle was still registered to Doña Ana County and had not been transferred. The sheriff's department is now trying to determine if the Impala was used in any criminal activity. If you have any information that might be helpful, or have been stopped by someone driving this vehicle, you are asked to call the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 525-1911.



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Youth leadership camp registration set for 3 sessions

Registration for the Las Cruces Police Department's second annual Youth Leadership Summer Camp will begin Monday, April 18 at the Las Cruces Police Department, 217 E. Pícacho Ave.

The camp is expanded for 2016 and will now include three, two-week sessions:

- Session 1: May 31 to June 10
- Session 2: June 20 to July 1
- Session 3: July 18-29.

Parents or guardians can register their youth for one of the three sessions. The camp is limited to 40 participants per session.

The Youth Leadership Summer Camp — a collaborative effort with the Stan Fulton Endowed Chair in Education at New Mexico State University — is for students ages 12-16 or who will be entering the 6th grade during the upcoming academic year.

The camp will provide youth with CPR and First Aid training, teamwork building, D.A.R.E. and DWI simulations, anti-bullying and harassment lessons and other activities similar to the Character Counts module.

Each session of the camp will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Lynn Middle School. The camp is free and includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch each day (breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.). Participants will also receive a free camp T-shirt, water bottle and drawstring bag.

Parents or guardians

can register students between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration will be open April 18 through May 6. Parents or guardians should bring proof of the student's school and grade entering the upcoming school year and the student's T-shirt size.

For more information about the camp, contact Sgt. Carlos Wooten at 28-4289 or via email at cwooten@las-cruces.org.

Checkpoints, patrols planned for April

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least two sobriety checkpoints and three saturation patrols during the month of April.

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

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

Las Cruces Police

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

Anyone in need of a safe ride home on Fri-

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

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FLOOD

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The stations will provide a single location where weather data can be collected as part of the city's storm-water management plan, Trevino said. He said the information collected will go directly to the Doña Ana County Office of Emergency Management, which will then alert local agencies in the event of potential flooding.

The flood-warning system will be the first of its kind in New Mexico, Trevino said.

City Manager Robert Garza said the city has had a two-mill levy in place since 1969 that has provided funding for storm-water management, including the installation of about 75 miles of drain pipes.

False alarm ordinance

Amend the city municipal code with changes to language and fees in the false alarm ordinance. City Fire Marshal Ted Sweetser said the city adopted a false-alarm ordinance in 2011, which has resulted in a reduction in false alarms from about 8,000 in 2011 to about 5,000 now. Sweetser said changes to the ordinance also will reduce the registration fee for a commercial alarm from \$50 per year to \$25, matching the fee for a residential alarm.

"The purpose of this ordinance was to reduce false alarms," said Councilor Gil Sorg. "We're doing that." The annual registration fee, he said, is actually a tax. Sorg made a motion to eliminate the fee after a first-time fee had been paid, but the motion died

for lack of a second.

Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown said the fees collected are used to manage and run the program in place to deal with false alarms.

Sweetser said the Las Cruces Fire Department spends about 20 minutes responding to each false alarm it receives, while the Las Cruces Police Department, which receives a substantial majority of the false alarms, spends about 30 minutes on each one.

There are about 8,000 alarm systems in the city, Sweetser said, and about 3,500 permits have been issued. The city is working with private alarm companies to get a complete list of residences and businesses with alarm systems, he said.

Several councilors expressed their concern over the release of confidential information about the owners of alarm systems. Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said those concerns should be addressed in future amendments to the city code.

Election council

The council also heard a report on the county

clerk's office's Election Advisory Council, which was formed last summer to increase voter registration and participation in the county, said council Chair Dolores Connor.

The non-partisan council has more than 30 members, Connor said, adding that her vision is for the county to achieve the "highest voter registration and participation of all counties in the United States." Connor is a former member of the city council and candidate for mayor and county clerk.

Appearing at the council meeting with Connor was council member Scott Krahling, chief deputy county clerk and candidate for that office in this year's election.

Veterans' village

Several Las Cruces military veterans made a presentation at the council work session requesting support for a veterans' village that would include "tiny houses" which can be built for \$23,000 to \$33,000 each and made available to homeless veterans. The portable homes measure less than 200 square feet in

size and could provide "sustainable housing" for veterans now living in the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope's tent city and elsewhere, said U.S. Army veteran Lawrence Orvis, who is chaplain of American Legion Post 100 of Las Cruces.

Army veteran Dr. David Boje, a Regents professor at New Mexico State University, said the hope is to locate a veterans' village on 75 to 100 acres of land owned by the city or NMSU and lease it to the nonprofit organization working to create the village.

Other business

At the meeting, Mayor Ken Miyagishima and council members also unanimously approved resolutions authorizing the city to:

- Accept a legislative appropriation of \$195,000 to replace interior columns inside the historic Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave. City Public Works Department Facilities Administrator Eric Martin said the project should be complete by September.

Miyagishima thanked state Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D- Doña Ana, for

securing capital outlay funds to support the project.

The city, the foundation and developer Max Bower are renovating the hotel, which was built in the 1870s and has been vacant since 2006. "My dream is to have that building operational within five years," said Amador Hotel Foundation President Heather Pollard.

- Condemn, by mutual agreement with the owners, two well sites and adjacent right-of-way owned by Mesa Development Center, Inc. to allow their sale to the city. Mesa Development Center President Grover Pettes said he supported the action.

The city council's next meeting will be a work session beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 11 in council chambers at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Items on the agenda include a police auditor update, proposed changes to the city charter and general obligation bond questions.

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a revenue increase of about 30 to 40 percent.

“Now even when we are closed, we will get window shoppers who stop by after a dinner at one of the many restaurants on Telshor or after shopping at another store,” Baker said. “We also get a lot of people who come in saying they saw the store from the interstate.”

Good location

From Lohman Avenue to Bataan Memorial, Telshor and all of the business located on it are in direct view from the I-25 interstate, something Baker defines as free advertisement. There is no need for expensive billboards when drivers can just see the business itself as they drive by.

The store has had four different locations, but Baker made it clear he intends on making this one the last.

Planet Fitness recently expanded its reach from one location in Las Cruces to two, the new location being just a few blocks down from The Power Center, and seems to be sharing the same economic fortune.

“We are doing really well,” said Luis Leyva, the gym’s general manager. “We are growing faster than any location in

‘How long do you expect someone to wait before they try darting out in front of a car?’

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General manager of The Power Center

the Las Cruces-El Paso area.”

Leyva explained that the store, after just three months, has reached 85 percent of its target goal for membership; something that was foreseen to take at least nine months. The staff is also confident they will reach the complete goal in the next eight weeks, Leyva said.

Dick’s Sporting Goods, 200 N. Telshor Blvd., has also seen a heavy increase in foot traffic within the store in the past six months, according to the store’s manager, David Lucero. An increase, he says, that has been due to the increase of business activity in the area.

Along with the already flourishing businesses, several other corporations are looking to share in the success.

Rudy’s Country Store and Bar-B-Q first opened in San Antonio, Texas, in 1989, and now has numerous stores all

over the Southwest including in Albuquerque and El Paso. The restaurant now hopes to come to Las Cruces, and has its eyes on the Telshor area as the new location’s home.

Sportman’s Warehouse, a sporting goods store based in Utah but with locations across the U.S, has a new location currently in construction on Telshor. According to a press release, the store is expected to open its doors this summer.

But with an increase in businesses in the area, traffic has become a growing issue.

For many businesses, customers and staff alike face difficulties pulling out of the parking lots on to the busy street with very minimal breaks between cars; which has led to vehicle accidents in the area as well.

“How long do you expect someone to wait before they try darting out in front of a car?” Baker said.

Willie Ramon, the administrator for Las Cruces’ street and traffic operations, says the city is aware of the increase of traffic in the area and is working on different ways to help ease the traffic woes.

The problem does not lie with the coordination of the various lights on Telshor, which are not coordinated with each other; the lights are too far apart from each other, with far too many busi-

nesses in between which disallows for coordination to make a substantial difference, he said.

“We identify the problem as the road intersections, not the light coordination,” Ramon said. “Intersections such as the Telshor and Spruce intersection are responsible for much of the traffic issues.”

Ramon said that this intersection is definitely “something on the radar” for the city to address; the intersection includes Telshor, Spruce Avenue, and Triviz Drive.

Each of these streets carry heavy traffic throughout the day, and the intersection bringing these streets together can become clogged very easily.

Ramon also emphasized that the city is aware of the boom of incoming businesses to the Telshor area and the increased traffic that will follow. The city will be taking a more localized look at each business when it comes to handling the traffic situation, such as placing right-turn only lanes coming out of the parking lots.

“We have been looking at incoming development applications for the area and continue to search for ways to help control the heavy traffic in that area,” Ramon said.

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ABOVE: The main traffic circle entrance is seen at Spaceport America north of Las Cruces. The main building, a large very modern building appears in the distance on the left of the picture. The building has many energy saving features built into it.



RIGHT: A glider was one of several aircraft on the flight line. Children were encouraged to take turns sitting in the glider to get a feel for being in a small aircraft.



ABOVE: A full-scale model of the Virgin Galactic rocket ship is used for training purposes.



RIGHT: The large sliding doors of the main hangar open to the visitors who are dwarfed by the size of the building.



LEFT: The front of the main fire truck.



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LEFT: Heavy traffic on Highway 380 coming to the opening on April 2 of the historic Trinity Bomb Test Site were greeted by crosses for local people who died and protestors from the rural towns surrounding the Trinity Test. Its radioactive clouds are believed to have been just as deadly as the radioactive clouds that impacted the Downwinders from atmospheric atomic tests in Nevada. Generations of rural families are asking for compensation for their losses. Congress so far has failed to act on several bills introduced by New Mexican Senators.

LOWER LEFT: Leading to the annual one-day opening for the public to view the historic Trinity Atomic Bomb Test site, several vendors sell trinitite for souvenirs. The unique greenish fused stone was created by the thousands of degrees of heat unleashed by the first atomic bomb test and has been collected all around the site and is still radioactive.

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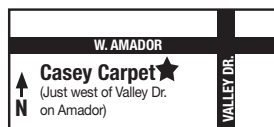
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Pipe liners can add decades of use to underground pipes

By Suzanne Michaels

For the Bulletin

It's something we rarely think about, since we don't see those miles of utilities running beneath city streets. "Out of sight, out of mind," as the saying goes. But beneath the streets of every city there are many miles of water mains and service lines, natural gas conduit, sewer pipes, storm water drains, communications fiber optic cable and underground electrical lines.

After decades of service, a pipe can begin leaking due to age and corrosion. You may not be thinking about it, but Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) is.

Fortunately, there is a relatively inexpensive

solution to the problem. Instead of trenching through pavement and digging to replace problem pipes, there is now a "cured in place" pipe system, known within the utilities industry as installing a "pipe within a pipe."

"It's like a sock," explained LCU Operations Engineer, Stephen Pacheco. "The material for the liner tube or 'cast' is suctioned into a pipe and requires only about three hours to cure into a solid pipe when heated with hot water."

Pipe liners add extra years of wear and tear to pipes, said Pacheco, and the whole process only takes half a day at each location for short runs. The big upside is this process is far less expen-

sive and disruptive than tearing up the roadway.

LCU coordinates closely with the City's Public Works Department and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to ensure that underground utility upgrades, repairs, and critical maintenance are completed prior to the completion of any new road construction and resurfacing/asphalting. This kind of coordination saves dollars.

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Dial 811, 'get the job done'

By Suzanne Michaels
For the Bulletin

A Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) survey recently showed that respondents know they are supposed to call a phone number before they begin digging. That's so they won't risk damaging underground utilities in their effort to plant a tree, put in a fence post or dig a swimming pool.

The survey also indicated respondents are not sure what that phone number is. So here is a repeatable phrase that makes it easier to remember: Dial 811, Get the Job Done!

It's such a big issue, since there are hundreds of miles of underground utilities in even a medium-sized city, that an entire national network, Common Ground Alliance (CGA), has been created to educate residents, businesses and contractors about damage prevention and further promote the 811 message.

"There is no charge to call 811 to ask for locates, and all you have to do is make the call at least two working days before beginning a project. This allows local locators to come to your property and mark public underground utilities

so you can avoid potentially damaging utilities while digging in those areas," explains Robin Lawrence, Las Cruces Utilities gas locating and mapping supervisor.

There is a risk, however, of having to pay for repairs to underground utility lines when you damage one, especially if you have not followed the Excavation Law.

According to national numbers, backhoes are involved in the most damage to underground utilities, but hand tools come in third place. The CGA further reports approximately 25 percent of all damages are the result of failing to call 811 before digging.

Next time, before you pick up a shovel, any hand tool, or use a backhoe that can penetrate the ground and start a landscaping, fencing project or any type of patio or deck construction, please remember to Dial 811, Get the Job Done!

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LEFT: When you dial 811, a locator will respond and mark all underground utilities by specific color – up to the meter on your property – to indicate where the pipes are located. Generally the gas meter is located right next to the home or office.

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Catwalk slated to open Memorial Day

By Elva K. Österreich
Las Cruces Bulletin

When flooding took place September 2013 in the mountains above Whitewater Canyon, the Catwalk Trail at the Catwalk National Recreation Area was damaged and declared unsafe for visitors.

The Whitewater-Baldy fire burned approximately 290,000 acres in 2012. The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) report indicated that flooding hazard would be highest in the three years following the fire. The Forest Service removed some of the structures crossing Whitewater Creek hoping to mitigate damage caused by flooding.

Now, with the funding in place and the crew out and working daily, the hope is to reopen the Catwalk Trail to the public for Memorial Day, May 27. It's been a long journey, but now, with Federal Land Transportation Program funding and hundreds of volunteers pitching in, it looks like the goal can be

reached.

The Catwalk, a popular destination for tourists, has seen a number of renovations through the years. First built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, it followed the path of a water pipeline built in 1893. The Forest Service rebuilt the trail in 1961 and in 2003 a new section was completed including wheelchair and stroller accessibility.

At the time the flood happened, the Catwalk was getting about 20,000 visitors a year, Glenwood District Ranger Anne Casey said. The closure of the Catwalk proved devastating to the nearby town of Glenwood and the surrounding area.

"All of the restaurants went under," said Glenwood resident Darrel Allred. "There is only one open now and it's only for breakfast. The motel business is almost nonexistent. It (the Catwalk) used to be the second most visited site in the Gila."

The design build team comprised of Albuquerque Underground, Inc. and Bohannon Huston, Inc., had to take environmental, geological and previous designs seriously as they moved forward with reconstruction. There are historical and structural considerations they have to work around to get the reconstruction done. Environmental concerns are constantly monitored, said Harley Allsup, an engineer with the For-



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Workers with Bohannon Huston, Inc. out of Albuquerque check and double check every bolt and beam as they prepare to put up a new Catwalk above Whitewater Creek in the Gila Wilderness.

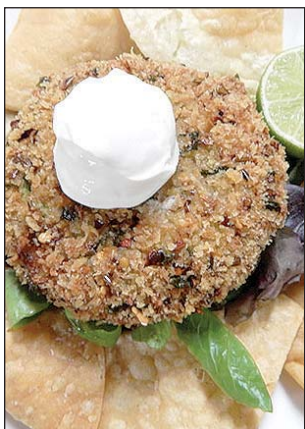
est Service.

"They monitor the water, conscious of soil migration concerns," he said.

After the Catwalk is open, work doesn't stop. Allsup said the Forest Service will continue to rehabilitate the area including the trail through Whitewater Canyon above the catwalk and the banks of the river where the trail starts.



Giant Arizona sycamores line Whitewater Creek up to the Catwalk Trail. Construction efforts preserve as much of the existing environment as possible as the workers labor around the area.



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Smile: You're asking for a job

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In author Garrison Keillor's fictional town of Lake Wobegon, shy persons eat Powdermilk Biscuits for the courage to get up and do the things they must do.

There were no Powdermilk Biscuits on the continental breakfast buffet at the March 30 Job to Career Boot Camp on the East Mesa Campus of Doña Ana Community College, but there were other tasty goodies to start the morning.

More important, there were words of encouragement from Rosa De La Torre Burmeister of DACC's Office of Career and Student Success, Eric Montgomery of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, Richard Wagner of the Las Cruces Office of Workforce Connection and Eldelisa Nava of the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The organizations regularly partner to hold boot camps for high school students and people who want to enter the job market or change careers.

The meat of the boot camps includes perfecting the attendees resumes, doing mock job interviews and taking ProveIt! tests to verify their skills for prospective employers.

But the real take-away for many attendees was the courage to get up and do what you need to do to land that all-important job.

Practicing making eye contact and firmly shaking

hands was an integral part of the curriculum, and attendees applied those skills almost immediately at CareerEXPO 2016 the same afternoon (see story page A20). The expo attracted 52 employers seeking the kind of trained and eager employees the Boot Camp produces.

Boot Camp opened with a confession from Renee Scott, president of DACC that surprised even members of her staff.

"Believe it or not, I was painfully shy as a kid," Scott told the Boot Camp audience.

But she ate her mythical biscuits and went out and asked for a job. At age 9.

"My first job at age 9 was picking corn," she said. "I had to go to a farmer and say something like, 'I'm little but I work hard.'"

"To sell yourself, you need to talk, not just text. You need to learn how to look people in the eye and shake their hand."

Scott said she was fortunate in her youth to meet people who taught her how

to believe in herself.

Noting that she is herself an employer, she added: "I want people who are confident."

Fortunately, the attendees had come to the right place.

Burmeister told them the boot camp was a place to get started, and in addition the DACC Center for Career and Student Success provides career exploration and preparation and can connect them with resources, including additional training.

Wagner said Workforce Connection matches job seekers with employers.

"Many employers are willing to train an individual if you can get your foot in the door," he said, adding Workforce Connection has programs that help fund on-the-job training for those employers.

He cautioned, however, that employers look for applicants who are prepared for the workforce in basic ways the boot camp promotes — knowing how to fill out an ap-



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Vencor Engineering's staff engineer Gabriel Villanueva, construction administration supervisor Robert Covarrubia and CAD designer Alyssa Covarrubia accompany Hector Vasquez, CEO and president, who gave Boot Camp participants pointers on how to prepare for, interact during and follow up after a job interview.

plication, use a computer and look people in the eye.

"People who go to the office in their pajamas look like they want to work at a pajama party," he said. "They're not prepared for an interview."

Hector Vasquez, CEO and president of the local engineering firm Vencor, gave a similar message and then walked the group through the interview process — how to prepare, how to present oneself during the interview and how to follow through after — an important part of the process many job seekers forget.

Character and professionalism are what makes an individual a great prospective employee, he said.

"It's a way of life guys, it's not 9 to 5," Vasquez said. "Professionalism is the way you talk, hold yourself, present yourself and perform."

"We are hiring. We are

looking for that special person. Is that you? You should be able to say, 'Yes it is.'"

Accompanying Vasquez were members of his staff, including Mayor's Top Teen Alyssa Covarrubia, a CAD designer for Vencor,

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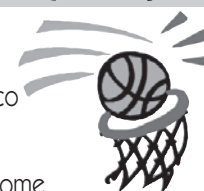
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Eldelisa Nava, operations manager of the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, told attendees employers want people who “want to work, do more, to be more.” The Hispanic Chamber is a partner with DACC’s Office of Career Student Success, the Mesilla Valley Workforce Connection and the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance in presenting Boot Camps to give job seekers the tools to put their best foot forward.

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an Oñate High School student and future NMSU engineering student.

“We will hire her and support her as she goes through engineering school at NMSU,” Vasquez said in an interview. “She’s a fighter.”

The diminutive Covarubia said she took up javelin as a junior in high school and now can throw 125 feet, seven inches — good enough to be ranked third in the state.

Another high school student, Jennifer Pineda, currently seeking a part time job, commented after

the first session of the boot camp that she, like Scott, is “kind of shy.”

In order to follow her path to study criminal justice at DACC and pursue a career in the field, Pineda said, she learned she must practice to get past shyness and sell herself.

“I’ve had one job interview,” she said. “Next time I will prepare better. Perhaps I will do that by practicing with someone.”

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52 recruit at CareerEXPO 2016

Bulletin report

Job seekers found an array of employment opportunities in the private sector, government and non-profit organizations at the March 30 Career EXPO 2016 on the East Mesa Campus of Doña Ana Community College.

Among those companies and organizations getting acquainted with the job seekers were several engineering firms, a bank, a real estate company, health-care providers, cheese manufacturer F & A Dairy Products Inc., Convergys, U.S. Border Customs and Protection and Doña Ana County.

In all, 52 employers were represented at the information tables in the commons room at DACC.

The DACC Center for Career and Student Success, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, New Mexico Workforce Connection and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce partnered to present a Job to Career Boot Camp for job seekers earlier in the day as well as the expo.

Richard Wagner of the Las Cruces Workforce Connection said there’s an environment of hiring taking hold.

“I think people are out of the recession or economic downturn and realizing they have to hire people,” Wagner said. “It’s a good thing for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. People are realizing that in spite of the minimum wage increase and other issues it’s OK to expand their businesses and hire more employees.”



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David Gladen, talent acquisition specialist, describes career opportunities with his company at the CareerEXPO 2016 March 30 at the East Mesa Campus of Doña Ana Community College.



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Exit Realty Horizons Lupe Leftault, associate broker, and Jose Fernandez, associate broker, tell photographer Ash Soular how a real estate career could work for her.

Community banks essential to business success

Ramiro Alcala learned the value of community banks in 2013 when he needed a loan to expand the parking lot at his Las Cruces restaurant, Las Trancas, and to add walk-in refrigerators to the kitchen.

Despite his long and successful track record with the business, which he opened with his mother in 1996, Alcala couldn't find traditional financing until he approached the local office of Century Bank.

It wasn't the only financial institution in town, but it was the only one that would lend Alcala the money to continue the expansion he began in 2010 to meet ever-growing demand.

Borrowing to grow

In 2010, Alcala used credit cards and his retirement savings to double the seating capacity of his dining room and add an open-air patio. It was the 14-year-old restaurant's first major expansion, but business was growing at a rate of 25 percent each year and the restaurateur needed room for 100 customers during peak hours.

"I went into debt about



\$45,000 to \$50,000," he said, "and it took me three years to pay off."

When the time came to launch a much more expensive capital project — the purchase and demolition of an adjacent building to make room for more parking — Alcala shopped for a more economical form of financing.

He secured a loan through the Small Business Administration's 504 program for the property purchase, but he needed more capital to complete the renovation.

The larger, nationally based financial institutions in town were unable to lend him the cash, but Century Bank stepped up. A number of the bank's employees ate at Las Trancas, Alcala said, and they saw firsthand how busy it was. After Century Bank's careful analysis of the request, the loan was approved.

Since the expansion, business has grown each year by 30 percent, he said. "I've been paying

Century Bank (back) at a tremendous rate. I don't think I'll go the full five years" before the loan converts to a balloon payment.

Local focus

A willingness to support local businesses makes community banks essential in New Mexico, especially in small towns and rural areas where larger banks often don't have branches.

The success of the state's 47 community banks is dependent on the economic health of the towns in which they're based, according to the Independent Community Bankers Association of New Mexico. Because they rely on locals as account holders and borrowers, community bankers have intimate knowledge of their local market. Rather than using a boiler-plate template or deferring decisions to a faraway corporate office, local bankers can consider an individual borrower's circumstances in context and on

a case-by-case basis.

Community banks offer more than half of all small-business loans under \$1 million nationwide — and often the rates are lower or the loan package is better than what the borrower will find elsewhere. The

loan package might include waived or decreased fees on overdrafts, checking accounts or the use of out-of-network ATMs.

To find a community bank or learn more about their place in New Mexico's business-fi-

nancing ecosystem, visit the ICBANM website at www.icbanm.org. For more information about Century Bank, go to www.mycenturybank.com. Las Trancas restaurant can be reached at 524-1430 or www.lastrancaslc.com.

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MON 4/11

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Las Cruces Home Builders general membership luncheon. Michael Fraembs of Arista Development, the 2016 LCBA president, will speak. Cost: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. For more information, call the LCHBA, 521-6126.

THU 4/21

9 to 11:30 a.m. Restaurant Reality: Trends in Menu, Management & Marketing workshop. Cost: \$20. Small Business Development Center, DACC Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101. For more informa-

tion, call 527-7676.

THU 4/28

5:30 to 7 p.m. Business After Hours, First National Rio Grande, 421 N. Water St. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 524-1968.

FRI 4/13

1 p.m. Las Cruces Home Builders Spring Golf Scramble, Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road. Registration 11:30 a.m. Dinner 6 p.m. For more information, call 521-6126.

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Could the Civil War have been avoided?

Editor's note: Today, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, we re-run a column first published in 2011 to commemorate the start of the Civil War.

Last week was the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War, which brings to up the question, could the war have been avoided?

In fact, the United States is the only country in the world — the UK, Continental Europe, Brazil, and elsewhere — while emancipation generated controversy, it was accomplished without bloodshed. Besides the United States, only in Haiti, where the slaves overthrew the French colonial government via revolution, was emancipation associated with violence.

A panel of historians was asked about avoiding the Civil

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



War by the Washington Post recently. Their answers, while varying somewhat, came down to “no,” that is, unless the South surrendered on the issue of slavery, something that wasn’t going to happen — at least not in 1861.

Economists take a different tack. We look at the cost and ask, could the funds spent have been put to a different use that would have prevented the war.

The American Civil War was incredibly expensive. For the first time, two industrial powers faced off using modern weaponry. In dollar terms, economists Claudia Goldin and Frank Lewis estimate the War to have cost about \$6.7 billion in 1860 dollars — about \$80 bil-

lion in today’s money. This figure includes spending by the Union and Confederate governments, by state governments and also includes the value of lost lives — 630,000 individuals, mostly young men.

As it turns out, the \$6.7 billion cost of the war would have been enough to purchase and set free all the slaves in the South, pay the former slaves their back wages from their time of servitude and give each slave family 40 acres to farm.

That is, the cost of the war could have been used to free the slaves without the war. So, if the Civil War was just about slavery, it could have been avoided had the North used what was spent on the war to compensate the South to set the Slaves free.

If this is so, then why did we fight the Civil War? Why didn’t the North just pay the South to end slavery without a shot? If

the North could have compensated the South for the loss of slaves without the death and destruction of our bloodiest war, why didn’t they?

The answer, of course, is that the Civil War was not just about slavery. It was about regionalism. It was about the decline of the agrarian lifestyle of the South and the rise of industrialism in the North. It was about the desire of white slaveholders to continue a lifestyle only made possible by slavery, and the desire of the North to centralize government control to promote national markets for the benefit of Northern industrialists. In this sense, the economists are wrong and the historians right: You can’t just look at dollars and cents to understand a conflict.

The Civil War illustrates a more general point.

Modern warfare between industrial powers is not cost ef-

fective. You don’t make a profit fighting wars against industrial armies. This has been made over and over again — by World War I and II, by Korea and Vietnam and by dozens of anti-colonial wars around the world. Anyone who expects war to make a profit is on a fool’s errand; this includes the neo-cons who argued that Iraq oil would pay for the Iraqi War.

Modern wars, if they are about anything rational, are about ideals, like freedom and democracy. Unfortunately, modern wars are too often not about anything rational, as has characterized too much of the history of the last century.

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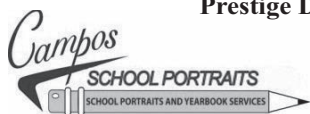
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SAT 4/16

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 nonprofit organizations and public groups by calling Ryan Steinmetz at the City of Las Cruces 528-3035 or by emailing rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org.

TUE 4/19

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Latinas in Leadership member event, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. For more information call Eldelisa Nava, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 524-8900.

FRI 4/22

2 to 4 p.m. Aggie Shark Tank, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. To apply, www.sharktank.nmsu.edu. To attend, www.aggieshark-tankeventbrite.com.

THU 4/28

2 to 4 p.m. Steps to Starting Your Business, Small Business Development Center, DACC Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101. For more information, call 527-7676 or visit www.nmsbdc.org/las-cruces.

THU 5/12

2 to 4 p.m. Steps to Starting Your Business, Small Business Development Center, DACC Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101. For more information, call 527-7676 or visit www.nmsbdc.org/las-cruces.

THU 6/09

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Lobos top Ags in pitchers' duel

Bulletin report

The New Mexico State baseball team came up just short in the second game of the Rio Grande Rivalry Series against New Mexico, falling 3-2. The four-game series is now tied up at one game apiece.

This was a true pitcher's duel as Dalton Shalberg faced only three over the minimum through the first three innings. UNM starter Luis Gonzalez only

faced two over the minimum in the same span.

The Lobos broke the seal in the fourth as two runs came across in the frame. Both runs scored on a single through the right side. Steven Butts took over on the mound for the Aggies with one out and went two and a third innings without giving up a run.

The Aggies got on the board in the sixth as Daniel Johnson was hit by a

pitch to reach first. Dan Hetzel doubled down the left line, moving Johnson to third. Austin Botello grounded out to first, but Johnson scored to cut the lead to 2-1.

NM State tied the game up in the seventh as Cameron Haskins doubled to left center. Brent Sakurai drove in Haskins with a base hit up the middle.

UNM retook the lead in the home half as a single to center brought home a run from third.

The Aggie bats went cold in the eighth and ninth as they went down in order in both innings.

The next game in the series between the in-state rivals is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 26 in Albuquerque. NM State plays host to UNM at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 3.

NM State is back in action as the team travels to Phoenix Friday to Sunday, April 8-10 to take on Grand Canyon in a three-game WAC series.

Local athletes shine at Las Cruces Track and Field Invite

By **Kelly Salas**
For the Bulletin

Las Cruces High played host to ten teams from the surrounding area and a few who made the longer trek from Carlsbad, Belen and Los Lunas, on Saturday, April 2. And with a peace offering of sorts from Mother Nature, many athletes took advantage of the warm temperatures and calm winds to make a shining mark of southern New Mexico

strength and talent.

Topping the list of first place accomplishments for the day was the Oñate Knights team which captured a total of eight individual wins. Leading the charge with her third pair of victories this season was senior Jennifer Ramirez in the girls 100 meter hurdles (15.40) and 300 meter hurdles (45.94). Ramirez is ranked first in

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COURTESY PHOTO BY KATHY SALAS

Las Cruces High junior Irene Fernald races to victory in the Girls 3,200 meter run with a state-qualifying and winning time of 11:47.68 Saturday, April 2 at the Field of Dreams. Following close behind are senior distance competitors Meghan Aguilera of Oñate High and Centennial High's Corinne Hanson, who finished second and fifth, respectively. Go to page A24 for more photos.

The sound of spring is in the air in Las Cruces

Horsehide smacking wood — or even aluminum if you must — creates the sound of spring.

Birds are singing, the sun hangs around a lot longer and baseball and softball players ranging in age from little tykes up through high school, college and beyond are circling bases.

Although the job of shepherding our son to practice falls mostly on my

Brook Stockberger



hard-working wife, Terri, I've also spent multiple evenings in a fold-out chair, sipping on a Diet Coke and watching my six-year-old, Grant, work

up a sweat with his t-ball teammates at Apodaca Park.

I'm a proud Papa because he's been cranking the ball off of the tee fairly well, and while his fielding still needs some work, he's shown great improvement since last year. But even if he ends up never being anything more than an average player — heck even if he stinks — I'll just be happy if he gives

his best and has fun.

As for having fun, any of you who wish to get out to a local ballpark and watch some hardball — or softball — you have a lot of opportunities. Sure, it's a shame minor league squad the Las Cruces Vaqueros won't be back playing this year, but there are still

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the state for both events. Another dual-event winner was senior mid-distance runner Adam Zemek in the boys 800 meter run with a season best of 1:57.68, also adding a first in the boys 400 meter run (51.22). Zemek sits third in 6A rankings for the 800 meters.

Other first place finishes went to senior Keyarha Wilson in the high jump (5-0); senior Sidney Aguilera in girls discus (101-08); junior Thomas Salas in the boys 3200 meter run (9:55.04); and junior Jonathan Rodriguez with a first meet win and qualifying mark in the boys javelin (170-11).

The Centennial High girls team continued to prove its talent on the track with senior Leah Salazar finding her third win in the girls 800 meter run this season with a state-qualifying time of 2:21.33. Salazar holds the fastest 5A girls 800 meter time in the state this year. Adding to the Hawks' success were



COURTESY PHOTOS BY KELLY SALAS

Oñate senior Jennifer Ramirez races for the win in the Girls 300 meter hurdles with a season's personal best of 45.94; Ramirez ranks first overall in the state in both 100- and 300-meter hurdles.



Oñate senior Adam Zemek wins the Boys 400 meters in 51.72; Centennial sophomore James Blowers (at right) placed fourth in 53.42. Zemek also placed first in the 800 meters with a 1:57.68.

both the girls 1,600 meter sprint medley relay team consisting of senior Lanie Whelpley, Bethany

Bridges, Jessa Gegax and Salazar (4:23.61) and the boys medley team of Drizzt Garcia-Washburn,

Brenden Padilla, Roman Padilla and junior Ruben Gonzales (3:47.50); the girls and boys relays are first and second in 5A, respectively.

Las Cruces High girls 800 meter relay team of Ari Valadares, Destiny Gamboa, Alexia Gonzalez and Tatiana Hall put the Bulldawgs in the winner's circle with a solid time of 1:51.20; Junior Irene Fernald took first in the girls 3200 meter

with a new personal best and State-qualifying time of 11:47.68.

Other strong performances for the day include 6A State-qualifying marks from Oñate's Luis Duarte in Javelin (170-06-2nd place) and Thomas Salas in the 1600 meters (4:30.08-2nd place), both earning career records; Meghan Aguilera in the girls 3200 meters run (12:02.11-2nd place) and Alyssa Covarrubia in girls javelin (118-08.5-2nd place).

Centennial achieved 5A State-qualifying marks with the girls 400 meter relay team of Kyra Clemons, Whelpley, Bridges, and Gegax in 51.30 for second place. Senior Ethan Merchant cleared an impressive personal best height of

12-9 in boys pole vault, with teammate Cameron Burkely throwing 137-00.5 in boys discus; both Merchant and Burkely earned third place finishes.

First-year Las Cruces High Head Coach Jennifer Newton and her assistant coach and father, Manny Renteria, bring a wealth of experience to the Bulldawg program this season. Newton, a former Hatch Valley High and New Mexico Junior College track athlete, along with Renteria's more than 35 years of coaching in Animas, Lordsburg, and Hatch Valley make the new family duo a unique one. Newton shared, "It has always been a dream of mine to coach with my dad; he taught me everything I know about this sport."

Newton also reflected appreciatively on the group effort to successfully host her first track meet stating, "It was a great experience. The athletes did a great job and there was lots of help from the booster club and parents and all the coaches from the other schools who were willing to help me out when I asked. The teamwork was wonderful, and all the coaches really took me under their wings."

Cruces area high school track and field head to the Deming Invite on Friday, April 15.

Sources: MilesplitNM rankings and results; *Runnercard.com* results

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Cassy Godman is a junior at Oñate High School. She is on the Lady Knights golf team, with a 35 handicap. Godman has been individually awarded 10th place at the Gadsden Independent School District tournament and a team award of 3rd at the Doña Ana Classic tournament. Godman is friendly, a good teammate, honest on the course and off, a good student - with a 3.0 GPA, very dependable and a hard worker. She enjoys helping others educationally with a goal of teaching high school history. Godman is thankful for her family, friends, teammates and coaches.



Alejandro Velasco is a 16-year-old sophomore at Oñate High School. He plays shortstop and second base on the Knights baseball team. Velasco bats third in the lineup, his fielding percentage is .987 and batting average is .395. His coach said Velasco is a quiet leader who leads by example with a great work ethic. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.6 GPA and volunteered as a guide for runners at the Turkey Trot 10k. He also donates his time as a guest speaker at Sunrise Elementary School, speaking to second and third graders about the "7 Habits". Off the field and out of the classroom, Velasco enjoys hanging out with his teammates, playing ping pong and time with his family.



OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL

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plenty of other outlets.

From t-ball on up through coach-pitch and beyond, youth baseball can be found many evenings off of Hadley Drive, across from Meerscheidt Recreation Center. If you do not have a family member or friend playing, you can just drive by and have a good chance to catch a game.

The high schools are in the midst of their baseball and softball seasons. A

lot of the varsity and junior varsity games can be found on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

New Mexico State University's softball team is the reigning WAC champion and is off to a strong start again in overall and conference play. The Aggies next play at home in a WAC series against Cal State Bakersfield starting Friday, April 22.

The NMSU baseball team struggled last year, but has been very competitive so far in 2016 with a winning record in WAC and overall play.

Readers reach out to Dr. Golf for advice

Question from a Bulletin Fan:

I remember reading one of your blurbs years ago where you named your top awards for quite a few golf categories in our town locally. But I haven't seen anything like that since then

Dr. Golf:

Thanks for reminding me. That was exactly six years ago when I published the "Dr. Golf Awards" in categories that included the best finishing hole in town, the best par 3, best practice range facility; even the best beverage cart girls. The big, national golf magazines are able to rate award-winning golf courses and equipment and everything related to golf. This is a smallish community and some of the categories were not well received by some readers. Unfortunately, even when humor was mixed in, some folks were highly offended, so that was a one and done.



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Sent by an Avid Reader:

A few months ago you wrote something about how to win your personal "majors," which I took as playing well in key matches and tournaments. You did talk about many things one does not have any control over, like your opponent's play and the weather and course conditions. My big difficulty seems to be with what I should have control over – my nerves. I'm not a nervous type in everyday living; but on the golf course, even in "friendly" matches, I get jumpy with so many negative thoughts creeping in. What say you?

Dr. Golf:

What you describe is much more common than you might think, since frankly most regu-

lar golfers won't admit to "nerves" getting the best of them. The main issue becomes steadying and leveling out emotions when the game is on the line. That becomes a challenge in competition of any importance; big time or small time, team or individual, professional or recreational. Sometimes we absolutely fail to put our inner competitive needs in proper perspective with reality. We may feel and fear social pressure where there is none. We may feel an awful urge to avoid embarrassment that is purely self-induced. We sometimes forget that we go out to the golf course for fun, enjoyment and friendship. Then our latent compulsions (demanding to win?) surface and hijack our emotions and thought processes. The results can emerge in the yips, club-throwing, tantrums and even choking. All weekend warrior golfers are advised to practice disciplined mental focus, practice pre-shot

and pre-putt ritual that never varies, practice calm (not panicky) decision making, and most of all be willing to accept losing some of the time. I'm not suggesting that you stop caring how you play or give up in any way; just maybe let go of the compulsion that often forces us to try harder in unproductive ways.

Offered by Golf Column:

Dear Doctor Golf, back in January you urged us to establish our golf goals for the new season along with our written action plans for how we intend to accomplish those goals. Your advice was realistic but I will admit I felt like I was in ninth grade trying to make the team. Then I ran across the following eye-opening piece in "Bottom Line" magazine, entitled "Goals Are for Losers, and Other Success Secrets from "Dilbert's" Creator Scott Adams." Adams starts out with this: "Traditional goals –

such as losing 10 pounds – are demotivating because progress is slow. Goals require willpower and sacrifice, both of which are depleting. Once a goal is reached, satisfaction often is short-lived and even may be followed by a feeling of lost purpose. Instead of goals, I focus on systems. Whereas a goal is a far-off, pinpointed target, a system is a set of behaviors that you do regularly in order to move yourself in a particular direction."

Dr. Golf:

I might have thought "Goals Are for Losers" was written by Donald Trump. As a former corporate suit in a previous life, I love the Dilbert cartoon series. Substitute "direction" or "target" for goal. The reality is, if you don't know where you're going, any path will take you there. Still, we all could benefit from the concept of personal "systems" in our everyday life.

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JOYNER

An American Olympic legend is scheduled to make an appearance in Las Cruces.

In four different appearances at Olympic games, Jackie Joyner-Kersey won three gold, one silver and two bronze medals in the

track and field events heptathlon and long jump. She is the guest speaker at the Lou & Mary Henson Community Breakfast, 7 a.m., Thursday, April 14 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

The annual breakfast raises money for the Boys & Girls Club. Henson, a hall-of-fame bas-

ketball coach, is the winningest coach in New Mexico State University history after two different stints with the school. He also coached at the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Mary, have hosted the breakfast for eight years.

Joyner-Kersey, who was named the Greatest Female Athlete of the 20th century by "Sports

Illustrated for Women," is a former Boys & Girls Club member from East St. Louis, Illinois.

By the conclusion of her career in the heptathlon and long jump events, Joyner-Kersey — who competed in the 1984, '88, '92 and '96 Summer Olympics — also added four world championships to her six Olympic medals. She

was the first woman in history to earn more than 7,000 points in the heptathlon and holds the world heptathlon record of 7,291 points.

Joyner-Kersey has also worked as a philanthropist and an advocate for children's education, health issues — in particular asthma from which she has suffered throughout her life — racial equal-

ity, social reform and women's rights.

"I strive to be a Jackie of all trades," Joyner-Kersey said.

Reservations are required. All sponsors are invited to attend an exclusive VIP Reception the night before with the Hensons and Joyner Kersee. For more information, call the Boys & Girls Club at 526-1519.

NM EDGE program teaches new agents, specialists more about Extension service

By Jane Moorman
For the Bulletin

One of New Mexico EDGE's newest certification programs is designed to help New Mexico State University's new Cooperative Extension Service specialists and agents to learn the organizational ropes of their new jobs.

NM EDGE, which stands for Education Designed to Generate Excellence in the Public Sector, provides county and state officials with professional programming.

"The training for newly elected officials has been so effective that the extension service leadership thought it would be good for their new employees," said Mary DeLorenzo, NM EDGE program director.

When Natalie Goldberg joined NMSU's College of

Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences faculty, she thought she knew what extension was, but she now admits she didn't fully understand what it meant to be an extension specialist.

"Specialists, while they have a degree in a field of agriculture, may not always have exposure to the extension service unless during their graduate studies they worked for somebody that has an extension appointment," said Goldberg, NMSU Extension plant pathologist and Extension Plant Sciences department head. "So when they graduate and get an extension job, the learning curve is huge in understanding what working for the extension service really means."

The New Mexico Certified Extension Profession-

al designation is the first of its kind in the nation. To earn this designation, the specialist or agent must take 24 three-hour classes; six are specific to extension service, and the rest come from the certified public manager curriculum offered by NM EDGE.

The specific classes address the history and philosophy of extension, demystifying the NMSU system, civil rights in extension work, extension program development and evaluation, effective delivery of extension programs, and excelling in extension performance documentation.

"The curriculum was created by looking at the extension service's need and determining what could be filled by certified public manager curriculum and what needed to be created," DeLorenzo said of the program development.

"After the first round of course delivery, we realized we could improve the program by making it progressive, so each class wasn't having to give the same background information," DeLorenzo said.



Brett Baker, The Power Center's general manager, and his family, along with the Power Center staff were on hand to present Jimmie Claridge with his new Ranger.

Couple picks up new Ranger

Bulletin report

In February 2016, Jimmie and Carla Claridge, of El Paso attended the American Rodeo at the AT&T Stadium in Dallas. Their tickets, along with their airfare was given to them as a Christmas present from their son and daughter in-law, Cash and Kirsten Claridge.

At the start of the rodeo, Jimmie registered with Polaris, which was giving away a couple free items to register. Later along

during the rodeo, Jimmie received a phone call saying that his name had been selected from those who had registered for a chance to win a new Polaris Ranger. Five people were selected for the chance to win, and each chose a single key from a hat. At some point in the rodeo, each contestant was taken down to the center of the arena and were all given a chance to start a Polaris Ranger with their chosen key. Jimmie

Claridge was fourth in line, and his key started the Ranger.

"I about passed out when it started," Claridge said.

Claridge won a new Polaris Ranger.

Of all the various Polaris dealerships in the El Paso and Dallas areas, The Power Center in Las Cruces at 2000 N. Telshor Blvd. was chosen to present Claridge's new Ranger to him. He and his wife came to Las Cruces to pick it up on March 31.

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Education Briefs

Founders Day picnic April 15

Founders Day will be celebrated Friday, April 15, featuring a picnic lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Traders Plaza, near the College of Business. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. In addition to commemorating our heritage and recognizing staff, we are proud to join celebrations across the country in honoring the Army ROTC for its 100th anniversary. Naturally, this is a fitting celebration, as NMSU was founded as a land-grant institution based on agriculture, military science and mechanic arts studies. Find out more at <http://foundersday.nmsu.edu>.

Free computer classes offered

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library holds free computer literacy classes in the Computer Training Lab, second floor, during the month of April. Registration is not required, however, only the first eight attendees will be guaranteed a computer. Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptops if space permits at 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Introduction to Computers: File Management

• Tuesday, April 12, 2 - 4 p.m.

A basic class where stu-

dents will learn to manage files by saving, attaching and storing information.

Introduction to the Internet

• Tuesday, April 19, 2 - 4 p.m.

A class to learn how to go online and move around the Internet. Students will learn to access websites, how to navigate, what web addresses are, basic searching skills and internet safety.

Windows 10

• Tuesday, April 26, 2 - 4 p.m.

This class describes the new features of Windows 10 and how to navigate the new operating system. Topics will be: the new Start Menu, Cortana and how to customize the desktop.

For more information, contact the Reference Desk at 528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org. Anyone who will require accommodation for a disability to attend this event, please notify the library 48 hours in advance at 528-4005.

'Celebration of Excellence' April 18

The Las Cruces Public School Foundation invites community members to join in celebrating excellence in the Las Cruces Public School District at its annual Celebration

of Excellence in Education awards dinner from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, April 18, at Hotel Encanto sponsored by Century Bank.

The dinner celebrates outstanding students, teachers and administrators who accomplished significant achievements over the past school year. Those individuals specifically recognized at the dinner are students who achieved National Merit status and National Hispanic Scholars, teachers who achieved National Board Certification, the recipient of the Sandra K. Nakamura Professional Development Award and the finalists for the Las Cruces Public School District Teacher of the Year. The recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award also will be announced.

The LCPS Foundation is a private 501(c)3 whose mission is to help enrich and strengthen the classroom experience for the students and teachers within LCPS.

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Mesilla Valley Kitchen, Batteries & Bulbs, Vigil & Associates Architectural Group, P.C., Spence Asset Management Foundation, Jay Kay Advertising, Mr. Gary Lenzo, Valley Cold Storage & Transportation, LLC, and Full Bloom Pediatrics.

Any individual or business that wishes to be part of this year's dinner is invited to contact the LCPS Foundation Executive Director, Betsy Geery at 527-5888. For ticket information contact Lupita Barrio at 527-6054 or lbarrio@lcps.net.

Student panelists sought

New Mexico State University's Domenici Institute for Public Policy is now accepting nominations from faculty and administrators of universities and community colleges across the state for student panelists to participate in the 2016 Domenici Public Policy Conference. The conference takes place Sept. 14 and 15 and nominations are due by April 28.

"The 20 students who are selected come from institutions all over New Mexico, and they get a rare opportunity to interact with our speakers," said Garrey Caruthers, chancellor of the NMSU system and director of the Domenici Institute. "We expect them to prepare well-re-

searched and thoughtful questions that help expand the dialogue for the whole audience. I continue to be impressed every year by how well they deliver on that expectation."

Thanks to conference sponsors, the Domenici Institute is able to provide each student panelist a two-night hotel stay in Las Cruces, a \$250 Visa gift card, and a group dinner during the evening orientation on Sept. 13.

DNP program receives honor

New Mexico State University's Doctor of Nursing Practice in the College of Health and Social Services has been recognized as one of the top 100 programs in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Schools 2017.

The DNP program, which is tied for 92, offers four specialties: psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, adult-gerontological nurse practitioner and community/public

health nurse practitioner.

"Our DNP program was the first one in New Mexico," said Pam Schultz, director of the School of Nursing and associate dean of the college. "This degree fulfills a desperate need for primary care and psychiatric care of patients in New Mexico. The School of Nursing is proud to be able to offer this higher education to nurses. We are gratified to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report."

President's Pass In Review April 28

New Mexico State University Departments of Aerospace Students and Military Science will host the 114th President's Pass In Review at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at Aggie Pride Field. An award ceremony will follow from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center, Room 125. RSVP by April 13 to Diana Gomez at 646-2136 or Patti Alarcon at 646-4030.

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Researcher eyes cloning of pecan rootstock

By **Kristie Garcia**
For the Bulletin

A newly developed method for cloning pecan rootstock may result in more successful yields for growers in the future.

Randall, a research associate professor in the New Mexico State University Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science, is thrilled with this breakthrough, as pecan can be challenging.

“Pecan can be difficult to work with, and before I started, I was told that pecan cloning was impossible,” Randall said. “I’m excited, especially with the potential that it can mean to the industry and for research.”

Pecan trees, grown in commercial orchards, have two main parts that are grafted together. The top part of the tree produces nuts and is genetically the same as other treetops in an orchard. The bottom part is called the rootstock, and each rootstock is genetically different. The research process, which began in late 2012, involves cloning rootstocks to make them genetically the same. The Randall Lab has cloned nearly 300 different pecan genotypes, or genetically different trees.

Randall, who has a doctorate in molecular biology from NMSU, said she and her team are trying to find the best genetic tree for specific environmental needs.

“When we find one, having everything genetically uniform



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NMSU Research Associate Professor Jennifer Randall and her team have cloned nearly 300 different genotypes of pecan.

can make a lot of differences in an orchard,” Randall said.

What that means for growers is that rootstock best suited for a specific orchard area could be cloned for ideal growing conditions. The challenge in the Southwest is that the soil contains a large amount of salt. Randall said determining

rootstocks that are able to grow in high salinity soils is advantageous, as the pecan tree can better survive and produce.

Identifying salinity tolerant and disease resistant rootstocks would be advantageous to pecan tree growers in the Southwest, as such trees may lead to more productive yields.

However, the process is still in the research stage, so rootstock cloning is not yet commercially available. The next step is to conduct field trials.

“Next, we’ll perform a field study to see how they do in a real world environment, not just a laboratory in a greenhouse,” Randall said. “And

now that we have this method, we can clone potentially any pecan.”

It takes seven to 30 years for a pecan tree to flower, but now that cloning is available, the flowering process can be expedited, as researchers are moving toward using genetic markers for pecan breeding.

NMSU Research Associate Professor Jennifer Randall and her team have cloned nearly 300 different genotypes of pecan. This image portrays micropropagation, a tissue culture technique in which tissue is taken from a plant and grown in a laboratory to produce plantlets that are genetically identical to the parent.



December snowstorm delayed New Mexico pecan harvest

By **Tiffany Acosta**
For the Bulletin

The rare December snowstorm in southern New Mexico not only covered the area in five inches of snow but it also hindered this season's pecan harvest. Fortunately for New Mexico producers, the unusual precipitation is not expected to have affected this year's crop.

New Mexico State University extension pecan specialist Richard Heerema said both the harvest season and growing season were wetter than recent years due to the El Niño phenomenon.

"The precipitation has slowed down growers somewhat in their harvest," Heerema said. "In particular right after Christmas, there was a snowstorm and then followed by some rainstorms, and that created very wet orchard conditions. It made it impossible for producers to take their harvest equipment into their orchards without creating problems in the orchard floor as well as possibly getting equipment stuck in the mud.

"Growers welcome precipitation in the region, but at the same time it does make things a bit frustrating for harvest."

Despite the harvest being interrupted by more than a week, the sunny and dry conditions in mid- and late January helped growers get back on track. This year's harvest concluded at the end of January. Mother Nature also had an effect on the growing season



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Richard Heerema, extension pecan specialist at New Mexico State University, displays pecans at a Mesilla Valley orchard. This season's pecan harvest is expected to have a \$100 million to \$150 million economic impact for New Mexico.

for producers.

"A few spotty hailstorms came through the Mesilla Valley and several orchards were hit, doing damage to the crop," Heerema said. "Overall, it was a very smooth growing season. The crop was strong in many orchards in the area."

Heerema said growers are pleased with the levels of crop this year and the number of pounds per acre is very good

in many parts of the state.

Typically, New Mexico produces 60 to 70 million pounds of in-shell pecans, which accounts for about 25 percent of the country's pecans annually. In the last three years, New Mexico has produced an average of 68 million pounds of pecans.

"The pecan industry in New Mexico is the third-largest state pecan industry in the United States following Georgia and

Texas," Heerema said.

"The past several years, New Mexico has produced more pecans than Texas, even though Texas has far more acres than New Mexico. New Mexico pecans have surpassed Texas the past few years, and we expect that to happen again this year.

"The overall dollar value of pecans in the state of New Mexico typically falls somewhere between \$100 million and \$150 million."

From 2012 to 2014, the value of pecans produced in New Mexico averaged nearly \$130 million.

In New Mexico, the vast majority of the pecan industry is concentrated in the southern counties. The Mesilla Valley in Doña Ana County is home to 70 percent of the pecan industry in the state, while the Pecos River Valley in Chaves and Eddy Counties ranks second in acreage with 20 percent.

Even though pecans are not a native crop to New Mexico, the nut has thrived in the state for more than 100 years. In 1913, Fabian Garcia planted some of the New Mexico's first pecan trees in the Mesilla Valley. More than 100 years later, a number of the original trees are still standing at NMSU's Fabian Garcia Horticulture Science Center in Las Cruces.

In the 1930s, commercial planting of pecans started in the state when Deane Stahmann planted 4,000 acres along the Rio Grande River just a few miles from Garcia's initial crop.

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Each class builds on the previous classes.

"This delivery method is better if the entire six classes are offered in a two- or three-day period," DeLorenzo said. "Taking all of the CES classes at one time makes a lot more sense and it is more effective."

NMSU Extension weed specialist Leslie Beck found the program very beneficial.

"I was in my second week at NMSU," said Beck, who came from Purdue University. "I found it to be extremely

helpful. It was a crash course in how things are done here. It also gave me an opportunity to meet other specialists and agents who I will be working with in the future."

Luther Dunlap, Curry County agricultural agent, had worked in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, so he knew how to be an agent. But he found the information about how NMSU's College of ACES is organized and what it expected of him very valuable.

"Sometimes we're a little different from other extension organizations, because of their state's values," said Jon Boren, NMSU assistant dean and ex-

ension service director. "When the agents take the certified public manager portion of the curriculum, they have an opportunity to meet their county's officials and begin developing a professional network."

Boren and the College of ACES leadership believe this professional training will improve the delivery of extension programming in the state.

"We believe this is so vital to reaching our land-grant mission of taking research-based information to the state's citizens that we are now requiring all new specialists and agents to take the classes," Boren said.

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NMSU College of Business to induct 2 to Hall of Fame

NMSU reports

The New Mexico State University College of Business will induct two new Hall of Fame members —



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Brenda Joy Baca Alvarez, co-owner of Las Cruces firm EMI Technologies and a 1981 graduate, and Jim Holder, senior vice president of sales for Cigna's Mountain States Region in Denver, a 1990 graduate. In addition, the college will present the Traders Award to generous NMSU supporters Bill and Sharon Sheriff.

Established in 1997 by the College of Business, the Hall of Fame honors outstanding alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and supporters who have made an impact with their commitment to the college and NMSU. The ceremony and banquet will take place at 6 p.m. Friday, April 8, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Alvarez, who was born in Denver but raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico, earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in managerial accounting. At NMSU, she met her future husband, Joe Alvarez, also an NMSU alum.

Their business, EMI Technologies, began as a small company but has grown to a \$22 million-a-year enterprise focused on the engineering fabrication and delivery of custom mobile instrumentation systems.

Holder earned his bachelor's degree in finance in 1990, and started his career

at Cigna, where he held numerous roles in sales and sales leadership. Prior to re-joining Cigna, Jim served as executive vice president for a leading West Coast employee benefits consultant, where he was responsible for overseeing all aspects of client deliverables. Before that, he held a variety of leadership positions at several early stage software and technology companies.

He currently serves on the board of directors for the Mile High United Way and Downtown Denver Partnership. Jim received the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Downtown Denver Partnership and was recently appointed by Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper to the eHealth commission board.

Bill and Sharon Sheriff will receive the Traders Award in recognition of their support and commitment to the College of Business and NMSU. In 2013, they established the Bill and Sharon Sheriff Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship, as well as endowed scholarships in the college.

Bill Sheriff's executive management career spans nearly five decades. He served most recently for six years as chief executive officer of Brookdale Senior Living, the nation's largest senior living company. He had served as chairman and CEO of American Retirement Corporation for 22 years prior to its 2006 merger with Brookdale.

Tickets are \$100 and table sponsorships are \$1,000. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit http://giving.nmsu.edu/COB_Hall_of_Fame.html or contact Anthony Casaus at 646-5817 or acasaus@nmsu.edu.

EDDIE GARCIA JR.

June 30, 1980 to April 1, 2016

EDDIE GARCIA, JR., 35 of Las Cruces passed away Friday, April 1, 2016. He was born June 30, 1980 in Orange, California to Eddie Sr. and Priscilla Garcia. Eddie was a tire technician, loved to play softball, and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

He is survived by his three children, Jestine Irene Garcia, Eddie Garcia III and Evan Robert Garcia; his father, Eddie Garcia Sr.; a sister, Sonia G. Castañeda and husband, Julio, who he considered a brother; niece, Aria Isabella Castañeda; the mother of his children, Vanessa Perez; his maternal grandparents, Ralph and Ra-

mona Flores as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Priscilla Flores Garcia; his paternal grandparents, Sam and Esther Garcia and his uncles, Ernesto Flores, Andy Garcia, and Sam Garcia, Jr.

Visitation for Eddie took place on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Prayer Vigil will follow. The Funeral Liturgy will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2016 in Our Lady of Purification Catholic Church in Dona Ana. The Rite of Committal and Inter-

ment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers will be Gabriel Flores, Chris Garcia, Josh Garcia, Tommy Mesa, Jason Rouse, and Raul Sotelo. Serving as honorary casket bearers will be Jestine Garcia, Eddie Garcia III, Evan Garcia, and Julio Castañeda.

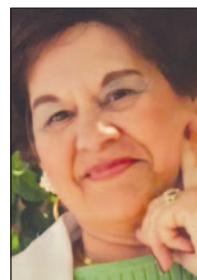
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MARY LOU "HONEY" CORDERO

April 1, 2016

MARY LOU "HONEY" CORDERO, beloved wife, loving mother, sister, aunt and friend passed away peacefully on Friday, April 1, 2016. Mary Lou was born in La Mesa, to Felipe and Leonides Medina, and later settled in La Union, where she supported her loving husband of 60 years, Larry Cordero. "Honey" as she was fondly known to family and friends worked as a homemaker helping Larry with the everyday functions of running a successful farm, as well as raising her two boys, Ernest and George.



CORDERO

After forty years of farming, Larry retired and they relocated to Santa Teresa, where they stayed happily for 12 years, making friends and more than anything playing lots of golf.

About three years ago, they moved to Las Cruces, to be closer to their family.

Mary Lou will be remembered fondly for her generosity, her beautiful smile, her love of family, joyful laugh, and her strong faith in God.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Larry Cordero of Las Cruces; loving sons, Ernest Cordero, and George Cordero and wife, Sookie all of Las Cruces; a brother, Francisco Medina of La Union; and her sisters, Lupe Ramos of Canutillo, TX, and Rosa Monks and husband Leonard also of Las Cruces. She was preceded in death by her parents, Felipe and Leonides Medina; three sisters Lita Valles, Esther Villalobos and Petra Delgado; and her loving brother, Carlos

Medina.

Mary Lou will be greatly missed by her immediate family as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and mostly by her two loving grandchildren Celia and Andrés Cordero.

A Memorial Service will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2016 in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road with Pastor Saul González from Emanuel Baptist Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to Emanuel Baptist Church, 1515 E. Mulberry Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001 in Mary Lou's memory.

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NANCY COLOSANTO

March 29, 2016

NANCY COLOSANTO, age 63, of Lordsburg and formerly of Las Cruces died Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Sunshine

Haven Nursing Home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



SABINO GUTIERREZ MARTINEZ

December 30, 1940 to March 23, 2016

SABINO GUTIERREZ MARTINEZ, age 75, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at La Posada — Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Sabino was born December 30, 1940 in Tortugas to Francisco G. and Maria Gutierrez Martinez.

He served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. Sabino enjoyed reading, fishing, and the outdoors. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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REMIGIO VARELA

October 1, 1917 to March 24, 2016

On March 24, 2016, the Lord called daddy home, REMIGIO VARELA, was born October 1, 1917 in Tortugas, NM to Juanita Serna and Santiago Barela.

His mother passed away at a young age and Remigio lived with several relatives. He had a brother, Felipe Barela; two half-brothers, Reyes Barela and Eduardo Misquez; a half-sister, Aurora Martinez.

He first saw the love of his life, Pauline Baraza in 1937 and began dating in 1940.

That year he decided to join the ranks like his brother, Felipe and enlisted in the United States Army in Phoenix, AZ.

While stationed in Australia in 1943 he served in the honor

guard for General MacArthur in the Capital, Zamar Island. In 1944, while in the Philippines he contracted malaria.

Remigio also served as an interpreter for a Spanish General and Colonel King.

On his way back home in 1945, they were in the middle of the Pacific Ocean when they received word that the Japanese had surrendered.

He was discharged in September 1945. Mama and Daddy were married November 19, 1945. Daddy and Mama worked hard at their business, a little grocery store named "Four Points Grocery."

They also established "La Mesilla Laundromat" in Old Mesilla.

Mama worked hard at the grocery store and raised three daughters while daddy worked at White Sands Missile Range.

They have reunited in heaven and will be put to rest together, as Mama's ashes will accompany Daddy for the burial.

A thank you to Maria and Lourdes, two very special angels that were sent by God, for all the love and care they gave our daddy.

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ISABEL P. HERNANDEZ

September 16, 1917 to March 30, 2016

Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, ISABEL P. HERNANDEZ, age 98, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at Casa de Oro Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born September 16, 1917 in Faywood, NM to Pedro and Dorotea Moreno Peña. Mrs. Hernandez was a housekeeper; a former member of LULAC and a commu-

nicant at Our Lady of Health Catholic Church.

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HERMAN R. GARCIA

April 2, 2016

Herman R. Garcia, 67, of Salem, NM passed away on April 2, 2016. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

He was retired from the Hatch Public Schools where he taught Mathematics, and coached basketball and volleyball.

He also served his country in the Vietnam War and was an active member of the Hatch VFW. Fishing, camp-

ing, carpentry, farming, traveling, hunting, playing guitar, and cheering on his grandkids were just a few of his many hobbies.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to the San Isidro Church designated to the music ministry, in which he sang and played guitar. Donations may be sent to San Isidro Catholic Church, HC 31 Box 43, Garfield, NM 87936.

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by Dr. Nicholas Natividad
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Wednesday, April 13
Race and Racism: Terms and Tools

by Dr. Dulcinea Lara
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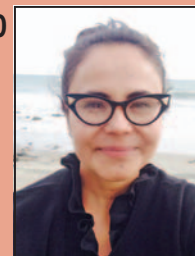
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CHRISTINA LOPEZ

November 24, 1963 to March 31, 2016

CHRISTINA LOPEZ, 52, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Thursday, March 31, 2016. She was born November 24, 1963 in Canutillo, Texas to Dolores Bernardino and Martha Lopez. Ms. Lopez was a homemaker.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kosher, Dr. Davis, Dr. Shet, Dr. Ossai, Dr. Reinhold, Dr. Wash; Nurses Jacob, Kali, Claudia, Gail, Paula, Melissa, Angelica,

Jane, Susan; a very special thanks to Kerry Biery for taking care of her until the very end and Martha and Terry at Memorial Medical Center.

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MARVIN EUGENE TESSNEER

Sept. 4, 1926 to March 29, 2016

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Marvin E. Tessneer, 89, who went back home with his Heavenly Father, Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Marvin

has reunited with his wife, Irma Maria Magdalena Tessneer who passed on February 22, 2012. Marvin was born to Ezra Eugene Tessneer and Wilhemina Emma Tessneer



TESSNEER

on September 4, 1926, in London, Arkansas. He graduated from Washington Park High School, Racine, Wisconsin, in 1945. He received his BA: English Literature from the University of Wisconsin in 1951. He served in the US Navy Reserve from 1946 - 1951.

Marvin was married to Irma Maria Magdalena Tessneer from 1956 until her passing, February 22, 2012.

He was a resident of Las Cruces, NM since 1965. He worked for Las Cruces Sun News 1965 - 1987, and late 1990's, The Courier early 1990's, and The Las Cruces Bulletin 2005 - 2015. Marvin began his journalism career at Publicaciones Rolland, S. De R. L. in 1951 in Mexico City, D. F., after graduating from the University of Wisconsin. While living in Mexico, he met his future wife, Irma. They were married in 1953 and moved to Wisconsin in 1956 where their two children were born. The Tessneer family moved to Farmington, NM in 1962 and eventually settled in Las Cruces in 1965.

In 2010, Marvin was the recipient of the Dona Ana Historical Society's prestigious Pasajero del Camino Real Award, given to writers of significant historical publications in the area. Marvin received numerous awards during his long career in journalism.

He was a wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was

never too tired to take someone for a walk, a hike, the park, or just toss a ball back and forth. He was always interested in his family. His favorite hobbies were learning new languages,

drawing, and reading. He loved drawing horses, birds, and characters from comic strips.

Marvin is survived by his sister; Shirley Woodward and her husband Jim, children; Deborah M. Reece, Kevin E. Tessneer, grandchildren; Joshua A. Reece, Natasha M. Gonzales and her husband Adrian, great grandchildren; Rhianna M. Reece, Israel A. Reece, and Ainsley Brooke Gonzales, and numerous nephews and nieces, and his canine buddy "Charlie." Besides his wife, Irma, of 56 years, his parents and one brother, Kenneth Tessneer, preceded him in death.

Marvin reported on numerous subjects, including sports and history, but was known for his long-term commitment to agriculture and agricultural related subjects. He wrote a weekly column for the Las Cruces Sun News called "Slim Pickins." He kept Las Cruces informed for a full half-century, 1965 - 2015. In 2015, Marvin Tessneer submitted his final story. Marvin will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services for Marvin are going to be held at the Masonic Cemetery on Friday April 15, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., where he will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife.

Our family would like to thank La Paz-Grahams Funeral Home for their assistance during this difficult time.

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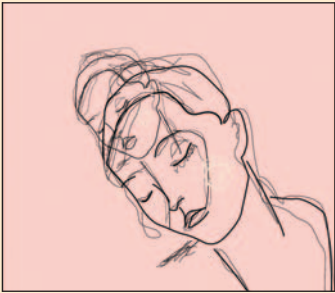
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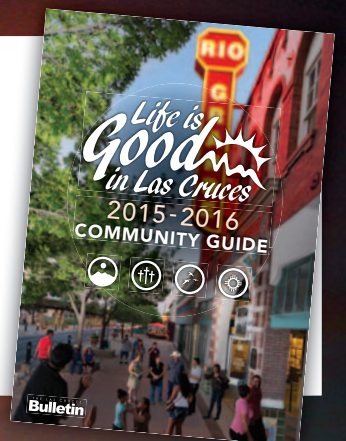
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Avenue Art is April 30 on the downtown mall

Artists' entry deadline is extended to April 15

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Chalk up another one for Las Cruces artist Bob Diven.

With support from the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP), he is hosting the fifth annual Avenue Art street painting competition on Saturday, April 30 on Main Street south of Griggs Avenue in front of School for the Americas on the downtown mall.

You can come and watch artists as they begin their artwork early in the morning and then come back throughout the day to watch their progress. There is no charge to attend.

There is also no charge to sign up as an artist and compete in the event.

"Avenue Art is an artist-friendly event," Diven said. "We supply the materials, hundreds of people get to see their work and they learn and grow from the experience." Participating artists are even fed during the event, he said.

The deadline for artists

to sign up has been extended to Friday, April 15, Diven said. Artists will receive notification of acceptance by Monday, April 18, he said. Avenue Art is a juried show, so artists must submit samples of their work and a sketch of what they plan to do for the festival.

Avenue Art has three categories: 1) young artists (elementary and middle school-age students); 2) high school and college students; and 3) professionals, for ages 24 and above. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in each category, and to an audience favorite.

Diven will offer a workshop for participating artists beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 at the corner of Main Street and Griggs Avenue. During the workshop, Diven said he will be teaching first-time street painters "the tricks I've learned over the years," including what makes a good street painting.

Diven came up with the



COURTESY PHOTO

Artists collaborate on street paintings at the 2015 Avenue Art event.

idea for Avenue Art after winning the grand prize (for his painting "Rex Awakes") in the El Paso Chalk the Block Downtown Art Festival in 2011.

He also won Best of Show and Best Original Painting for a cowgirl painting he did in Denver's first ever Chalk Art Festival in 2003.

In August 2014, Diven created "Wall Street," a 240-foot temporary "street art" installation at the Lore Degenstein Gallery at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

DLCP has been the perfect partner to bring the festival to life and keep it growing every year in Las Cruces, he said. "I needed an organization, and the DLCP stepped up and took it on."

An individual or business can sponsor an art-

ist at Avenue Art for \$150, can sponsor Diven's work (he's not competing in the festival, just creating) for \$500 or be a marquee sponsor for \$2,000.

Diven said artists will begin signing in at 6 a.m. and will start their paintings at 7 a.m. The work will continue until 2 p.m., with an awards ceremony beginning at 2:15 p.m.

He suggested visitors come early to watch the artists start their paintings, then wander the Farmers Market just north of the festival, have breakfast or lunch and come back several times to watch the paintings

progress.

"How many times do you get to watch a painting being created?" Diven asked. "It's almost as much performance as it is art."

Diven said artists can use chalk, pastels and tempura paint (a water-based paint that is often used to create a base coat) for their paintings, but no permanent materials are allowed.

Each participating artist or team of artists has a five-foot-by-five-foot or four-foot-by-six-foot section of asphalt to work with. Asphalt, he said, "turns out to be a delightful medium. It takes chalk and pastel really well."

Artists must also deal with whatever weather conditions are present on the day of the festival.

"The painting changes even while it's being painted," Diven said. "Small micro-breezes are moving the pastel and the chalk around. A painting is this kind of living thing."

Painting in a small space means artists can finish their work in the allotted time, but "they feel the pressure of the deadline," Diven said. "It just adds to the excitement of the day. It's just a great energy down there."

Depending on the weather and the traffic along Main Street, the paintings could linger for hours, days or even weeks. But, like Navajo sand paintings and Tibetan madalas, none of them is permanent.

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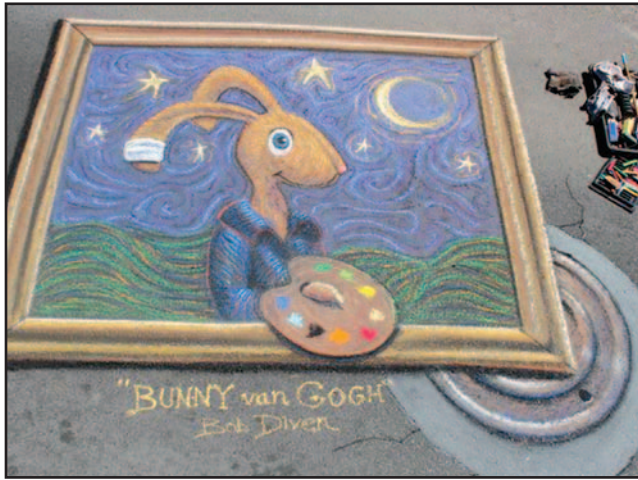
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something that won't last," Diven said. "You could just as well ask a stage actor, 'Why do all those weeks of rehearsing for a live performance that lasts two hours?' There's a certain extravagance in pouring so much of yourself into something that lasts for only moments." Like sand painting and mandala artists, street painters are "recognizing that everything is temporary," he said. "In a philosophical sense, life is short, why not make art?"

"It's just a cool thing," Diven said. "People get it. The artists get it. It's remarkable. It's a very unique experience for everybody."

Diven said there will be a special non-competition area for little kids to draw in during the festival. These "aspiring artists" see others creating art on the sidewalk, and, with special chalk supplied by Diven, they can join in.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/AvenueArtNewMexico>, <http://downtownlascruces.org/home/avenue-art/> and downtownlascruces.org.

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- FRI APRIL 15 • 6:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Branigan Cultural Center's International Day of Dance
- SAT APRIL 16 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Dichos de Mi Madre with Irene Oliver Lewis
- SUN APRIL 17 • 3:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Mesilla Valley's Got Talent/ Rotary Talent Show 3pm
- FRI APRIL 22 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Cirque Zuma Zuma
- SAT APRIL 23 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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FRI. 4/8

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

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

7:30 p.m. Fiction writers' reading: Paul Pedroza and Savannah Johnston, NMSU Health and Social Sciences auditorium. Fiction writers Paul Pedroza and Savannah Johnston will read from their work. Pedroza was born and raised in El Paso, received his BA in Creative Writing and Mass Communication from the University of Texas at El Paso and his MFA in fiction from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His work has appeared in "Rattle,"

"MAKE: A Chicago Literary Magazine" and "Palabra" and elsewhere, as well as in several anthologies. He currently teaches writing at NMSU. Johnston is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. She received her BA from Columbia University and will receive her MFA in fiction from NMSU in May. She is currently managing editor of "Puerto del Sol." Her work has appeared in "Portland Review," "Moon City Review" and is forthcoming on "Gulf Coast Online." Books will be available for purchase. Admission is free. Sponsored by La Sociedad para las Artes. Call 646-2027.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Tom Foster Morris, Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 680-6394.

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8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 10 Spot Comedy open-mic, Zia Pizza Company, 1605 S. Solano Drive. Live comedy open mic featuring local and regional comics. Come try being a comic! Free. Call 603-812-3797.

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

SAT. 4/9

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, Heritage Cooking Series, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. A new historical presentation called the Heritage Cooking Series begins April 9 and will take place one Saturday each month through July. Dave Harkness, Interpretive Ranger Emeritus at Fort Selden State Monument, will do outdoor cooking demonstrations from 9 a.m. to 11:30 each of these Saturdays, followed by an historical presentation and food tasting

from 11:30 to noon. The April 9 program focuses the Early Columbian period with bread baking in the horno. On May 14, the program features the American Colonial Period (1750), and on June 4, Westward expansion (1865) is featured. The program concludes on July 9 with the Modern Kitchen (1900). Admission to enjoy these programs is regular Museum admission: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children 4 to 17. Call 522-4100.

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. Join the museum in August as the museum hosts the BLM Groundworks crew, a nonprofit organization that partners with local businesses to provide local youth with opportunities for personal and professional development by learning new skill sets and participating in community projects. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

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

11 a.m. Tradiciones de Familia: Cooking, Culture and History in the Mesilla Valley, Moose Lodge, 514 S. Main St. Join the Branigan Cultural Center and La Semilla Food center for Tradiciones de Familia: Cooking, Culture, and History in the Mesilla Valley, a workshop and cooking demonstration in the "Crop & Cuisine" series. Members of the Benavides family, who run Chope's Bar and Café in La Mesa, will share memories, cooking tips, and family recipes in this hands-on demonstration. Free. Registration is required. Visit Branigan Cultural Center or call 541-2154 to register.

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

2 to 6 p.m. Live music with

Johanna Hongell-Darsee, 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 Caliente, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Tanner Huston, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. Toe-tappin' good times with Tanner. Americana comes to Las Cruces. No cover. Call 523-9463.

8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Athens, Ohio's Megan Bee, 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. 4/10

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

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

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Tea Party, Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Join us for a Sunday tea party. We offer a beautiful art-filled environment, organic loose-leaf teas by the pot and a variety of sweet, savory and spicy finger food accompaniments. Free. Call 652-7366 before, as seating is limited.

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

MON. 4/11

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.

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

TUE. 4/12

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

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

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

WED. 4/13

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown.

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2 p.m. Altered Book Workshop, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Give books new life filled with creative expression by turning old books into new works of art. Free. Call 528-4005 or email library.reference@las-cruces.org to register.

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

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

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

THU. 4/14

9 a.m. Planeteers, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to the museum the second Thursday of each month to learn about the Final Frontier. Free. Call 522-3120.

11 a.m. Mrs. Prickett's Story Time, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Join Mrs. Prickett and her delightful puppets as they read books and tell stories that are sure to engage children of all ages. A related activity appropriate for pre-school children will follow the story. Meet the whole gang at second Thursday of each month. Free. Call 647-4480.

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

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

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6 p.m. Created Equal: "Slavery by Another Name," Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Join the BCC for a screening of the film "Slavery by Another Name," part of the "Created Equal" series. Directed by Sam Pollard, produced by Catherine Allan and Douglas Blackmon, written by Sheila Curran Bernard, this National Productions project is based on the 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Blackmon. "Slavery by Another Name" challenges one of our country's most cherished assumptions: the belief that slavery ended with Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. The documentary recounts how in the years following the Civil War, insidious new forms of forced labor emerged in the American South, keeping hundreds of thousands of African Americans in bondage, trapping them in a brutal system that would persist until the onset of World War II. Based on Blackmon's research, "Slavery by Another Name" spans eight decades, from 1865 to 1945, revealing the interlocking forces in both the South and the North that enabled this "neo-slavery" to begin and persist. Free. 541-2154.

7 p.m. Culture Series: Here Come the Hummingbirds, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Learn about fascinating hummingbirds and what flowering plants are especially attractive to them. Author and birder Marcy Scott will give a look into the lives of the several species of hummingbirds that are regular visitors to the Las Cruces area, including what times of year they're most likely to be seen, and why our location is such a prime place to see and enjoy them. She will also share tips on how to make your yard more hummingbird-friendly. Marcy's book is called "Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest." Admission is a suggested donation of \$2. Call 522-4100.

7 p.m. Living with Snakes: Our Friends in the Desert, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Herpetologist and snake whisperer Frank Bryce will give a talk about the reptiles we share the desert with, how to identify the most common species of rattlesnakes and what to do if you find one on your porch. He'll even bring in a few "pets" — in cages — to help with identification. Free. Call 522-5552.

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

8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Texas country-folk singer-songwriter Keith Rea, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

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6 p.m. International Day of Dance, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Las Cruces Museums System, the International Day of Dance is a multicultural and multi-heritage dance event suitable for all ages. This popular event returns to Las Cruces in 2016, celebrating International Day of Dance with an extensive line-up of dancers of all varieties! From tap to tango, from ballet folklórico to belly dancing, we'll explore the world through movement. Join us for this free evening of dance! Free. Email bcc@las-cruces.org or call 541-2154.

7 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St.

No cover. Call 527-5310.

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

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

7:30 p.m. Emoji: A Dance Extravaganza, Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. The New Mexico State University DanceSport Company presents Emoji: A Dance Extravaganza featuring performances by the NMSU DanceSport Company, a dance party, live music from Derrick Harris Band, Steppin' Up and Salsa y Mas with DJ Vic, food, drinks and more. General admission tickets are \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Kids are \$5. VIP tickets are \$20 and include a VIP reception at 6 p.m., a meet and greet with the dancers,

nosh, cash bar, table seating, door prizes and a VIP after party. Call 646-4067 or visit www.facebook.com/nmsu-dancesport.

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 Cheap Shots, an exciting Albuquerque band. Lonnie Ludeman will call all dances. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Blue Gramas, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. Old-time Appalachian fiddle music, bluegrass and country favorites along with original songs about their New Mexico home. No cover. Call 523-9463.

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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

presents its 2016 Juried Student Show, juried by artist and current Border Artist Resident Alejandro Almanza Pereda, whose work can be found in collections including the Goetz Collection, Kadist Collection, Arizona State University Museum, Museo Del Barrio in New York, Colección Jumex in Mexico City and Museo de Arte de Lima, Peru. The exhibition features a wide range of artwork created by both undergraduate and graduate students from any major at the NMSU main campus. The Juried Student Show presents a wonderful opportunity for students to demonstrate their talent and skills while engaging with their community. The 2016 Juried Student Show remains on display through Saturday, April 9.

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.

OPENING

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 Wise-Surguy-Sophiliazo, curated by Michelle Lanteri. Said Lanteri, "The exhibition considers all realms of accumulating knowledge through movement. It explores

the experiential nature of movement in art practice, be it spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological or emotional. In this show, we are looking at the artist's journey of making a work, as both a way of being and a series of movements to understand his or her questions about life." "To Know through Movement" will remain on display through Saturday, 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://caminotattoos-tudio.com>.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

presents "Pushing the Edge," featuring more than 20 fiber artists from the Mesilla Valley Weavers. The theme, "Pushing the Edge" reflects the evolving nature of the group over recent years. The Mesilla Valley Weavers have changed from a traditional "weavers-only" group to a community which welcomes textile artists of all types and embraces non-traditional methods and designs. This exhibit is an opportunity to challenge our members to create new works and grow artistically, either by thought provoking designs or exploration of new techniques. "Pushing the Edge" opens with an evening reception on from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 8. Refreshments will be served. "Pushing the Edge" will remain on display through Friday, May 21.

One special feature of the exhibit will be a fashion show of colorful wearable art starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7. Mesilla Valley members will display fiber

arts of their creation. The fashion show items will be new and different from the art in the exhibit.

The gallery also continues "Another Brush with Color," an exhibit of new works from Las Cruces artists Marie Siegrist and Penny Simpson. Working primarily in realism, Siegrist creates watercolors as an expression of her observations of color, light and shadow. Since moving to New Mexico, the desert and mountains have become a recurring theme. Simpson studied graphic design at Prairie State College in Illinois, but her main interest was illustration. She paints primarily with acrylics and watercolors in a very realistic style. Still life, fruit and flowers are her primary subjects. "Another Brush with Color" will remain on display through Thursday, May 20.

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.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

presents an exhibit of new work from Las Cruces artists Jeanne Rundell, Cassandra Lockwood and Mary Robertson, which offers the viewer and opportunity to explore differences and similarities between the work of these three contemporary artists. At first glance, each artist is bold in her materials use. For Rundell, it is 3-D and color-color; Lockwood's brush strokes are boldly gestural; and Robertson's palette ranges from muted to pure color. Experience each artists' work at first glance and then delve more deeply into the artwork subtleties. The exhibit opens with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, and will remain on display through Saturday, April 30.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. For more information

visit www.unsettledgallery.com, email u@unsettledgallery.com or call 635-2285.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY

presents an exhibit created by owner Mel Stone. Said Stone, "A couple months ago, I joined the crowd - I produced a coloring book; a coloring book based on some of my horse photographs. But I took it one step further. I asked some Las Cruces artists to select a page from the coloring book and produce something ... about a dozen images will hang in my gallery during the month of April." Images aren't all in colored pencil or crayon - gelatin print and digital photograph, acrylics and watercolor and on everything from canvas to paper to silk. An artists' reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, and the exhibit will remain on display through the end of April.

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

ONGOING

COTTONWOOD GALLERY

presents "The Artistic Earth," featuring Doña Ana Community College students from all disciplines creating all kinds of art. Student artists are part of the Art, Creative Media Technology and Digital Graphics Technology (CMT/DGT) programs at DACC. The DACC art program supports students who have a broad interest in the arts, offering students a multi-cultural examination of the principles and philosophies of art. In addition, the Art program supports students seeking introductory skills in a range of studio classes including Ceramics, Printmaking, Drawing, and Painting. The CMT/DGT program trains specialists to design printed materials and web sites, produce videos and films and participate in game design. The two options for students in this major include a 2-year Associate of Science and a Certificate program. Both courses of study merge design and digital media. The program brings together

technologies, including print media, web design, multimedia, digital photography, animation and digital film. "This Artistic Earth" remains on display through April 29.

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

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY

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

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403.

GALLERY AT BIG PICTURE

presents "Desert Spirits" featuring fine artist and sculptor Lay Powell. Powell has explored and studied the archaeological wonders of the greater Southwest for decades. Prehistoric graphic imagery has inspired the metal sculpture exhibit of lost myths and ancient figures. One in particular may be the Mesoamerican image of their Rain God, "Tlaloc." Powell's sculptures can be enjoyed indoors or outdoors and will enhance any xeriscaping to the delight of all. "Desert Spirits" will remain on display through the end of April.

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.

ART ON EASELS GALLERY

located inside the Community Enterprise Center, presents the batik work of April featured artist Carrie Greer. Batik is an ongoing process of overlapping wax and dye to produce designs and effects on fabric. Greer has been a batik artist since 1976. Her early career was spawned in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. She learned from Diki Vanhesland, an inspired Batik artist, and immediately discovered she had a passion for the medium. With batik, you cannot expect an exact rendering of your original concept; the wax and dyes work their magic and it is a delight to see how they influences the original design. "Two years ago I discovered batik on paper, I have tried a variety of papers: rice paper and brown paper," Greer said. "I love allowing the object or the design to take me where it wants to go. I delight in embellishing the finished designed fabric by quilting it, beading it, trapunto-ing it resulting in bags, wall hangings, pillows and clothing."

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

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

presents the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter spring 2016 juried member show, "Our Living Culture." Comprised of watercolor paintings by more than 20 artists, "Our Living Culture" showcases the various styles of the talented members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter. The exhibit invites viewers to enjoy an assortment of realist and abstract paintings, which showcases the diversity of watercolor as a medium. The New Mexico Watercolor Society was founded in 1975 with the purpose of elevating the

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stature of this artistic medium, educating the public about the significance of watercolor and making New Mexico known nationally for its watercolorists. The Southern Chapter was founded in 2001 and makes up over one-fourth of the Society's statewide membership. Members offer and are invited to attend watercolor-themed exhibitions, workshops, demonstrations, and artist talks.

Also on display is "Barbara Hubbard: Bringing Nashville to Las Cruces," an exhibit celebrating the achievements of Las Cruces' own nationally recognized entertainment promoter, Barbara Hubbard. The exhibit will feature photographs that document Hubbard's achievements as a nationally-recognized music promoter and philanthropist. Also on display will be early photographs of some of the many country music stars with whom Hubbard worked with and developed relationships with over the years. "Our Living Culture" and "Bringing Nashville to Las Cruces" will remain on display through Saturday, May 21.

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.

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

"Doodles, Kaleidoscopes and Mandalas" will remain on display through the end of April.

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

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents emerging local artist Imelda Chacon's first solo art show, "Metamorphosis." "Metamorphosis" will remain on display through Saturday, April 30.

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

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM, located inside Kent Hall, presents "Itaa Katsi: Our Life," an exhibition of Hopi art. Featuring nearly 80 works from the permanent collection, this show includes art by Spencer Nutima (Hopi, Old Oraibi), Linda Lomahaftewa (Hopi (Shungopavi)-Choctaw), Ramson Lomatewama (Hopi, Hotevilla) and Jessica Lomatewama (Hopi, Hotevilla). In this exhibition, the museum is honored to share Hopi art with visitors in many forms: as gourd rattles, prints on paper, katsina dolls (katsin tihu), silverwork, wicker and coiled plaques (flat basket forms), headdresses (kopatsoki), clay ceramic vessels and hand-blown glass figures, among others. Curated by Michelle Lanteri with Spencer Nutima, Lead Advisor, and Anna Marie Strankman, Curator of Collections and Exhibits.

The New Mexico State University Museum is located inside Kent Hall on the NMSU campus, at 1280 E. University Ave. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-5161 or visit <http://univmuseum.nmsu.edu> for more information.

CUTTER GALLERY presents "Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes," an exhibit by artist Rosemary McLoughlin, "Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" will remain on display through Wednesday, April 20.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call

541-0658.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents "What's the Buzz? Why Honey Bees Matter," which explores the amazing history of humans keeping honey bees for food and other bee products and the critical role bees play in pollinating about a third of the plants we ultimately consume as our food. The interactive exhibit also takes a look at bees in culture and religion, migration history, the physiology and anatomy of bees, and the future of honey bees and their connection to agriculture. Puzzles on bee body types, pollination and the waggle dance are among the interactive activities that are part of the exhibit. "What's the Buzz?" will be on display through June 18, 2017.

The museum 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 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.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features two local artists for the month of April: Hetty Smith and Richard Spellenberg. Smith's love for stained glass started a long

time ago while growing up in Holland. Beautiful homes, churches and apartments in Europe were decorated with the unique windows. Spellenberg holds a Ph.D. in biology and was a faculty member at NMSU. His love of woodturning goes back to his teenage years wanting to follow in his father's footsteps. In addition, the 30 artists of the Gallery offer art in many media, which include original paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused glass art jewelry, unique one of a kind woodturning objects, stained glass, photography, mixed media, unusual decorated gourds, handmade textile weavings, art tile, affordable natural quality gems stone jewelry, prints, cards, miniature paintings and 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.

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 presents "The Artistic Earth," an exhibit features 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.

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LAS CRUCES RAILROAD MUSEUM is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information, call 547-4480.

LULU FINE ART GALLERY is located at 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11

a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 523-4747 or email luluelements@gmail.com.

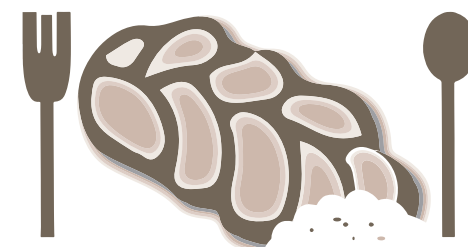
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'I, Custer' moves from Las Cruces to Webb Theatre in Silver City

After a successful run at Las Cruces Community Theatre, the new play, "I, Custer" travels to Silver City, New Mexico for a single performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 at the Webb Theatre, 1000 W. College Ave. on the campus of Western New Mexico University.

The play was written by Las Cruces playwright Neal Adelman and directed by Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff. It stars Marissa Bond as Col. George Armstrong Custer, a one-person show about the Civil War hero, United States Army officer, Indian fighter in buckskins with flowing hair and tragic

figure of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Suggested donation is \$10. For more information, contact Ann Marie Elder at 575-538-65403.

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.

Call to Artists

No Strings 'The Real Thing' auditions April 17

No Strings Theatre Company announces auditions for "The Real Thing," directed by Ceil Herman. A two-time Tony Award-winner, this intellectually engaging comedy is about love, marriage and fidelity.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script, which is on reserve at the Branigan Memorial Library Research Help Desk. Needed are: four men, ages 20s to 40s; and three

women, ages 17 to 40.

For more information, email the director at nstcbbt@zianet.com.

LCCT announces auditions for 'The Nerd' April 17-18

Las Cruces Community Theatre announces auditions for its upcoming production of "The Nerd," directed by Teddy Aspen-Sanchez.

Auditions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday, April 17-18, at the theater, 313 N. Main St.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Needed are: three men, age 30 to mid-40s; one man age 50 or older; one woman, age 30 to mid-40s; one woman, age 50 or older; one boy, age 7-13, girls are encouraged to audition for the role.

Performance dates of "The Nerd" are June 10-26. For more information, contact Aspen-Sanchez at theoaspen@hotmail.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 Me-

silla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

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Tularosa MERC seeks member artists

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

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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.

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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 Lawyers' org.
- 4 Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 11 Hit hard
- 13 KFC founder's rank
- 14 Medic or normal start
- 15 Masters locale
- 16 Fastener
- 18 Curry side
- 19 Kept alone
- 23 Cleanse
- 24 Suggest strongly
- 28 Skirt fold
- 29 Drags
- 31 Pakistani language
- 34 Overhangs
- 36 Visited
- 37 Iron, for one
- 39 Flawed
- 41 Alarm sound
- 43 Check record
- 45 Burmese people
- 46 Office interactions
- 48 Non-committal
- 51 Yogurt salad
- 53 Philippine palm
- 54 Bell sound
- 56 Fall
- 57 Trig. ratios
- 59 Kinds
- 63 Valley
- 64 Blue Celtic war paint
- 65 Pub
- 68 Defraud
- 69 Nominate
- 73 Enthusiastic expression of approval
- 77 Super___ (star)
- 79 Reproduction
- 80 Bledsoe or Barrymore
- 81 Continue longer than
- 82 Ethyl or benz follower

DOWN

- 1 Cleopatra's nemesis
- 2 Boring!
- 3 Pervasive quality
- 4 Sweet potato kin

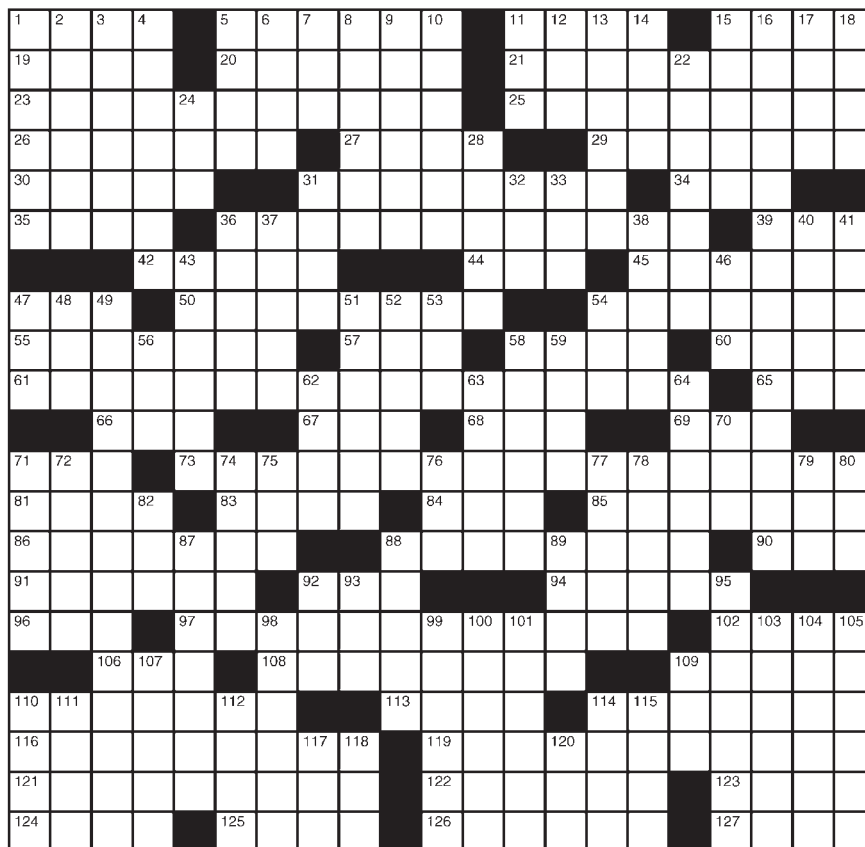
CASTING RE-CALLS

ACROSS

- 1 Sets an upper limit on
- 5 Early warning devices
- 11 Classroom favorites
- 15 Product package info.
- 19 Aid in a criminal act
- 20 Win back
- 21 Soap Box Derby site
- 23 Movie not starring Queen Latifah?
- 25 In an unhurried manner
- 26 Greenhorns
- 27 Makes public
- 29 Struts
- 30 Rugged mountain ridge
- 31 Disconnected, musically
- 34 Writer LeShan
- 35 Sibillant signal
- 36 Movie not starring Sid Caesar?
- 39 ___ out (be a couch potato)
- 42 Goggle
- 44 Stan of Marvel Comics
- 45 Resolve
- 47 What the weasel goes
- 50 When asked for
- 54 Payback
- 55 At no cost
- 57 Colony member
- 58 Mil. truant
- 60 Andean tubers
- 61 Movie not starring Vincent Price?
- 65 Pique
- 66 Thai's neighbor
- 67 Chou En-___
- 68 Author of "The Hundred Secret Senses"
- 69 Trajectory
- 71 Grippe
- 73 Movie not starring Billy Crystal?
- 81 Queen of Sparta
- 83 Deli heroes
- 84 Figure skater Babilonia
- 85 Backed off
- 86 Folded dishes
- 88 Bleak
- 90 Hellenic vowel
- 91 Pasta choice
- 92 Lanka lead-in
- 94 In the open
- 96 Year in the Yucatan
- 97 Movie not starring

DOWN

- 1 Refreshing rest
- 2 Shudders at
- 3 Irks
- 4 Nevis partner
- 5 "Judith" composer
- 6 Journey stretches
- 7 Nabokov novel
- 8 Diva Scotto
- 9 Highway divider
- 10 Dishonor
- 11 Sidekick
- 12 Barely make (out)
- 13 Camera adjunct
- 14 Homer-hitter Sammy
- 15 ICBM attack watchdog
- 16 Movie not starring Robert Morse?
- 17 ___ E. Coyote
- 18 Santa's sackful
- 22 Rudolf of ballet
- 24 Saloon rocks?
- 28 Upbraid
- 31 Neverland pirate
- 32 Schooner fill
- 33 Make fast
- 36 Hindu aristocrat
- 37 Harmony
- 38 Fashionable Simpson
- 40 Mystery award



- 41 Silly skein?
- 43 Lethargy
- 46 Bus. bigwig
- 47 Platoon mem.
- 48 Sound of delight
- 49 Movie not starring Gregory Peck?
- 51 Yucatan dwellers
- 52 Lark
- 53 Highest degree
- 54 Peri on "Frasier"
- 56 CAB successor
- 58 Slow musical passage
- 59 Refuses to
- 62 Reveal secrets
- 63 Old lab burners
- 64 Egyptian leader
- 70 AAA suggestion
- 71 Botanist's study
- 72 Pop flavoring
- 74 Port city of Rome
- 75 Lambda followers
- 76 Inhabitant of (suff.)
- 77 Throw with effort
- 78 Muncher
- 79 Bolt companion
- 80 MPG monitor
- 82 Larter of "Heroes"
- 87 Wikipedia alternative
- 88 Data storage units
- 89 Depressions
- 92 Fr. title
- 93 Scamper
- 95 Direction giver's phrase
- 98 Serendipity
- 99 Quirk
- 100 Brightly colored parrots
- 101 Bizet creations
- 103 Kept for future reference
- 104 Add, as a liquid
- 105 Coastal recesses
- 107 Rash
- 109 Dixie, initially
- 110 "Star Wars" group
- 111 Chart line
- 112 Look after
- 114 Nickelodeon's "___ 101"
- 115 Ceases
- 117 So-so mark
- 118 Uncommon sense
- 120 Strand of evidence

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

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

Diagramless

A S S I K E D I E T
O F T G R O K Y O N
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
Ponder these very grave words of wisdom for the compulsively opinionated: A closed mouth gathers no foot.



Courtney Wright, AKA Mosaic Mountains, prepares her personal designs for a show.

Musician Mosaic Mountains releases her new demo CD

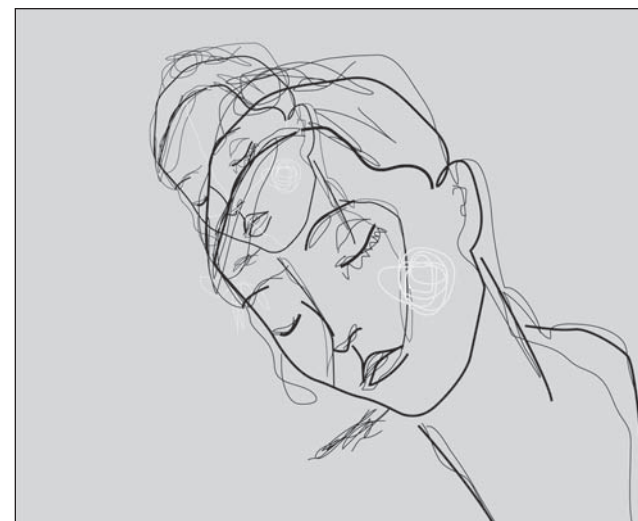
Local artist creates heartfelt folk reminiscent of personal growth with a natural southwest influence

By Dawn Franco

Courtney Wright, 22, isn't just a musician who plays shows in the three crosses area and El Paso with musicians like KT Neely and Simeon Beardsley, she's also an illustrator and graphic artist and has a passion for fashion. She previously opened up for Los Angeles artist Justin Proffit at a show at the local gallery Art Obscura, and frequently plays at Bowie Feathers in El Paso. She currently has 2 EPs: "The Skin I'm Growing In" and "Primitive Heart Tales" as well as two demos.

Q: When did Mosaic Mountains first start?

A: Mosaic Mountains is a solo project that formed around 2013 in Las Cruces. I had been writing song fragments for a long, long



Mosaic Mountain's latest demo cover, 'The Skin I'm In,' features three tracks of original music.

while (first on piano, then switched to guitar), and singing only in secret by myself. I started playing music for fun with a friend, and he really encouraged me to write and pursue music. At first I could only sing and play when no one was watching, so he would have to hide under a blanket. Then I wrote my first full song, and played a few open mics. I'm an extremely shy person and didn't want to perform music under my name, Courtney Wright, because I didn't want a spotlight on myself. I came up with the name Mosaic Mountains because I have always loved and found comfort/inspiration in southwest landscapes. The Organ Mountains in Las Cruces are always the mountains I visualize in my name. It is also symbolic of my fragmented songwriting process and parallels the way that I arrange small moments in my life to form a song. Also, the visual idea of literal mosaic mountains seems beautiful to me, and brings a folk influence into my music.

corded/written recently?

A: I released a little demo last month named "The Skin I'm Growing In." It was my first time self-recording/producing so it was a really personal learning experience. The hard part about working by yourself is staying motivated. I was really enthusiastic at first and was planning an album, but I just lost motivation along the way, and I don't have much patience to make it perfect. Eventually I just didn't like the recordings so much, but I posted them up as a demo anyway. The songs on this demo are a lot about growing as a person and personal reflection, hence the name. I wrote these songs when I used to live by myself and would stay up 'til 3 in the morning just playing guitar. I'm planning on re-recording these and some more songs with the help of someone else.

Q: What are you currently pursuing in fashion and music?

A: Right now in fashion, I'm working on freelancing

Q: What have you re-

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NMSU Museum features 20th century Hopi art

By Zak Hansen
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Nearly 100 pieces of Hopi artwork culled from the permanent collection of New Mexico State University is the subject of a new exhibit, "Itaa Katsi: Our Life," now on long-term display at the NMSU Museum.

According to exhibit curator Michelle Lanteri, a master's degree candidate in NMSU's art history program, "Itaa Katsi" demonstrates "the continuum and diversity of Hopi artworks, in examples mainly from the mid- to late-20th century to the present."

Though their baskets and katsina dolls (katsin tihu) may be best known, the breadth and depth of work on display in "Itaa Katsi" shows just how varied Hopi artwork can be in its contemporary forms — and the surprising similarities pieces share.

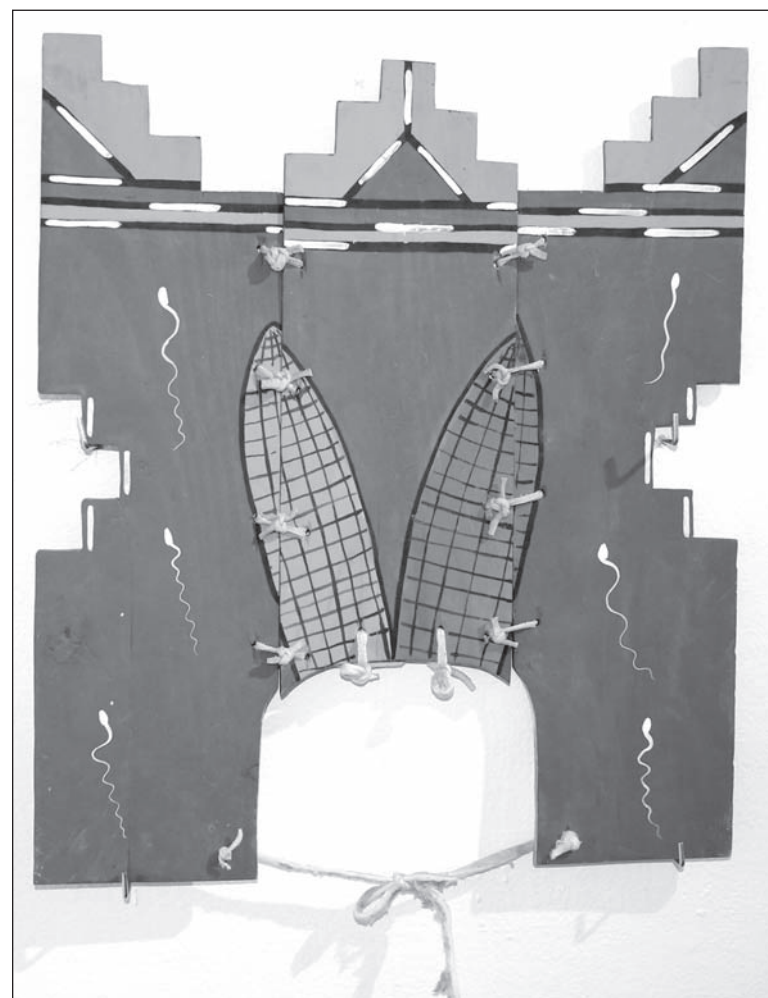
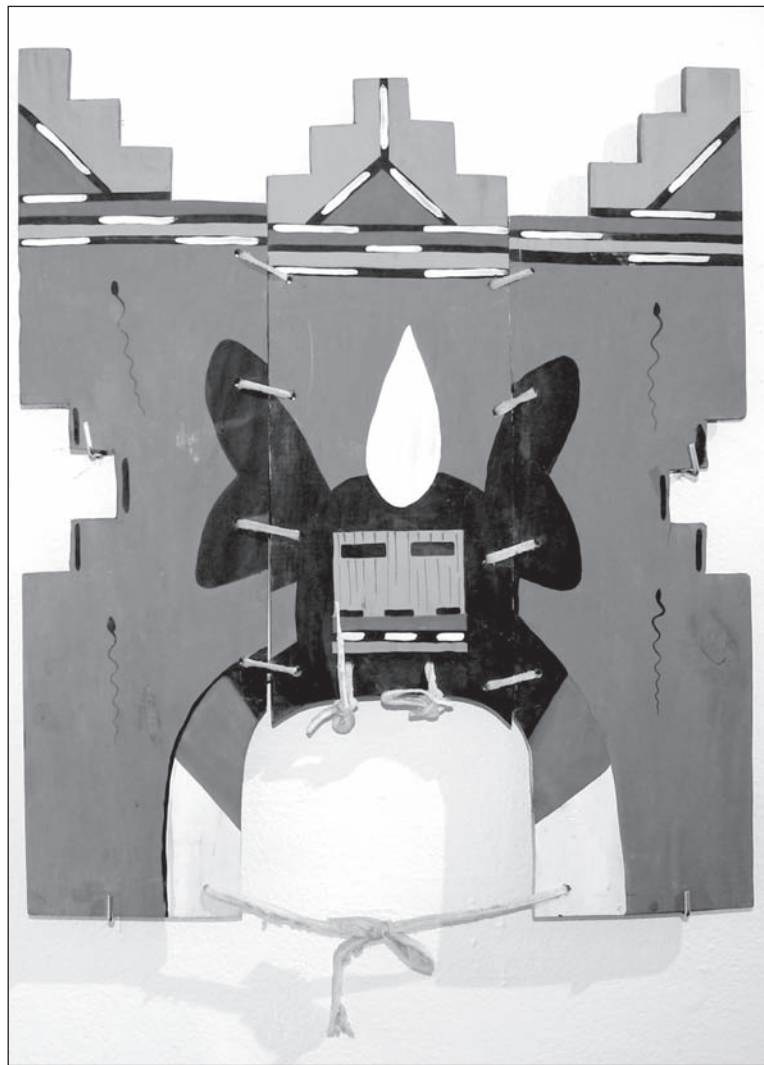
Hopi art forms on display include gourd rattles, silverwork, wicker and coiled plaques (flat basket forms), prints on paper, headdresses (kopatsoki), clay ceramic vessels and hand-blown glass figures.

"Itaa Katsi" includes some new acquisitions from Spencer Nutima (Hopi, Old Oraibi), Linda Lomahaftewa (Hopi (Shungopavi)-Choctaw), Ramson Lomatewama (Hopi, Hotevilla), and Jessica Lomatewama (Hopi, Hotevilla), among others.

While dovetailing from traditional forms, the artists' work making up "Itaa Katsi" relates thematically, historically and through the use of repeated visual motifs — a valuable way to keep traditions alive as materials and techniques evolve.

"While the objects reveal changes in materials and styles, the constant is the artists' employment of visual motifs that reflect places of home: the Hopi villages on First, Second and Third Mesas in northeastern Arizona," Lanteri said.

"The Hopi artworks in this



Kopatsoki (Headdress) with Katsin Mana (Katsina Maiden) and Corn. Hopi, circa 1980. Wood, paint, hide.

exhibition portray themes such as migration, gratitude for sustenance, social dances, spirits of Hopi ancestors (katsinam), the community ceremonial cycle and the six directions (north/south, east/west, above/below)."

With dialects, ceremonial practices and symbolic beliefs varying across the 12 Hopi villages, the pieces here are connected by the process itself, which Lanteri said holds great significance in practice.

Making their home in northeastern Arizona, the Hopi nearly always incorporate supplications for rain, growth and abundance into their art. These appear in a variety of forms; as animals, including dragonflies, birds, tadpoles, butterflies and turtles; as symbols, among them the cross, lightning bolt and cloud, the latter of which often appears as a "terrace" design.

It is in the act of creation, then, that the power of Hopi

art appears.

"For many Hopi people, the process of making an artwork is, in essence, a prayer for a healthy life, sustained primarily by the earth's gifts of water and corn," Lanteri said.

Another recurring motif is the Hopi's use of color to represent direction. In this visual language, north is yellow, south is red, east is white, west is blue-green, above is black and below is all colors, signaling in the work itself the directions from which it originated.

"Itaa Katsi" also features a large selection of ceramics made by the descendants of Nampeyo (1859-1942), perhaps the most renowned Tewa-Hopi potter. Displayed works by the Nampeyo family — the most celebrated pottery family from First Mesa — are just a small portion of the nearly 500 fine American Indian ceramics gifted to the university in 2015 by collector Larry

Boucher.

Also displayed is a monoprint by Linda Lomahaftewa, Assistant Studio Arts Professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts. "Four Rivers #3," one of a four-part series, visualizes a part of her ancestors' history.

"The 'Four Rivers' series tells a story about the Hopi migration path," Lomahaftewa said. "There were four rivers that the Hopi people crossed in their migration journey to get to where they are today, as told to me by my grandfather, Viets Lomahaftewa. This is my visual interpretation of that part of the migration story."

Other cases are filled with the familiar katsina dolls, made by the Hopi to represent the spirits of their ancestors, or katsinam.

The katsinam live in the San Francisco Peaks in north-central Arizona and other places — from July, after the Home (Niman) cere-

mony, until December, when they visit the Hopi villages in Black Mesa during the Winter Solstice season (Kyaamuya). During the remainder of each year, the katsinam live in the Hopi villages' kivas (sacred spaces of initiated males), visit the homes of the people and dance in plaza ceremonies.

"For the Hopi people — whose ancestors emerged from the migration portal (sipapuni) in the Grand Canyon to the current era, the Fourth World — art is life," Lanteri said.

The NMSU Museum is located inside Kent Hall, 1280 E. University Ave. Regular hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-5161 or visit <http://univmuseum.nmsu.edu>.

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LaBute's post-9/11 drama 'The Mercy Seat' opens April 8

By Zak Hansen
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Where were you when ...?"

It's a question generations use for self-definition; to place themselves in history.

The Dec. 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The Nov. 22, 1963 assassination of John Kennedy.

The April 4, 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

For the current generation, this moment is the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center, which provide the backdrop of playwright Neil LaBute's 2002 "The Mercy Seat," opening Friday, April 8, at Las Cruces Community Theatre.

As the grim dawn rises on Sept. 12, 2001, the Twin Towers' shadows pointedly absent in the soot-covered streets, Ben (Darin Robert Cabot) stands alone in the downtown apartment of Abby (Erin Wendorf), his boss and mistress. One day earlier, on his way to work, Ben suddenly opts to skip work for a noon-time tryst with Abby. The pair are in flagrante when the first plane hits, inadvertently saving his life.

Ben, AWOL and assumed dead, sees the tragedy as the perfect opportunity for reinvention, a chance to leave his stag-



Darin Robert Cabot and Erin Wendorf star in Neil LaBute's post-9/11 drama "The Mercy Seat," opening Friday, April 8, at Las Cruces Community Theatre directed by Patrick Payne.

nant job and stale family life to run away and start anew with his lover.

Abby, however, sees this not as an escape, but as the impetus to take a cold, hard look at her relationship with Ben — and what a possible future, started this way, could mean.

Director Patrick Payne, who proposed "The Mercy Seat" for the current LCCT season, said, "The Mercy Seat is a play about people — just people being people amid an extraordinary day.

Given the circumstances of 9/11/2001, we all, who are able remember that day minutely, reflected on who we were and what we were doing in our lives, and judged ourselves accordingly."

Payne said he first came to LaBute's play in 2006, but was already familiar with the playwright's unflinching style, having performed "Iphigenia in Orem" from his 2001 "Bash."

"The truth is often rude," Payne said. "LaBute's writing shocks, but leaves itself open to interpretation, more so than his contemporaries. It creates for the actors and partners so many choices to be had — in the moment."

Payne, giving "The Mercy Seat" some perspective, said, "Pearl Harbor, the assassination of JFK, the terror attacks of September 11th, 2001 — all American tragedies. Every generation shares a pivotal moment in history. Every American knows precisely where they were and what they were doing when they became aware of these earmarks in American history."

Payne — and LaBute's play — asks a question: "What were you doing? Are you proud, ashamed or indifferent about it?

Regardless, 9/11 gave us all a moment of pause and reflection upon our own lives. What did you do next? Did you stay on the same path or did you change?"

"The Mercy Seat," then, deals with individual responses to tragedy, and the ways we manage to accommodate even the most horrific events.

Why now?

Said Payne, "LCCT is attempting to present a wider range of plays and perspectives. 'The Mercy Seat' is unique, as those of who can remember 9/11 minutely, bond over the question 'Where were you?' It does not matter one's station in life. It is the universal question of my generation, as it was when our President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 for my parent's generation.

"American moments. History. 'The Mercy Seat' is a reminder of a historic day 15 years later, as relevant now as the United States is still entangled in military conflicts in Iraq. 9/11 is the beginning of our status quo."

Though LaBute's characters are deeply flawed and bound by self-interest, Payne said he hopes the audience takes something different away from the play — mercy, perhaps.

"I hope the audience will iden-

tify with any aspect of Ben and Abby's conundrum," he said. "I hope they do not judge them, but forgive themselves."

Las Cruces Community Theatre is located at 313 N. Main St. "The Mercy Seat" opens Friday, April 8, running for nine performances through Sunday, April 24. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for students, seniors and military and \$10 each for groups of 10 people or more.

Las Cruces Community Theatre now offers student rush tickets, available for \$5 beginning 15 minutes before show time with a valid student ID. Tickets are available at lcctnm.org or by phone at 523-1200. The theatre box office opens 15 minutes before show time, as well as 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays during the Las Cruces Farmers' & Crafts Market.

Due to strong language and mature subject matter, "The Mercy Seat" is not appropriate for children, and may be emotionally difficult for some in the audience.

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MOSAIC

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for a vintage/local business named Nuhda Bou-

tique located in downtown El Paso. This project is in the planning stage at the moment; nothing in the works yet. I'm helping put a look-book together, and

will be doing some hand painted t-shirt designs.

In music, I've just been playing local shows in El Paso or Las Cruces whenever they come up. Whenever I don't have anything lined up, I focus on writing lyrics and letting ideas build up inside of me. If I am not particularly inspired by anything, I work on being a better guitarist.

I haven't figured out if this is a good or bad thing, but I don't tend to pursue things very aggressively. I let projects/shows come up naturally, and have a very organic method of being involved. I sort of let things come to me, then see where that takes me. It has worked wonderfully so far, but I'm going to work

on forming a set of plans in fashion and music and following that.

Q: What do you see for the future of your designing/musician-ship?

A: Design-wise I'm still figuring it out. I enjoy free-lancing and it's a good thing to do on the side. But I know deep down I've always wanted to start my own thing. I'm just not sure what it is yet and what outlet I will use for it. It may be a series of t-shirt graphics, or a small handmade collection to be sold on Etsy.

Music-wise I really want to get into electronic music. I've been mess-

ing around making sort of like ambient songs on GarageBand and want to get a synthesizer eventually. There's just a lot I need to learn there and for Mosaic Mountains I want to keep doing what I am doing, and play a lot more shows and record professionally in the future.

Q: Any touring?

A: Hopefully this summer. This is one of my main goals. I have never played in another city before and I'm really curious to what that's like.

Q: As well as music and fashion, you participate in other arts? Tell me about that.

A: I like to illustrate and do little "graphic doodles." This is mainly just another expressive outlet for fun, and I'm not pursuing it very much. I just love all artistic mediums, but I find it hard to focus on one or two things and do those extremely well. So I'm working on that. Currently my focus is music and fashion.

Q: Where can people listen to your music/view your designs?

A: I'm still working on a website for design, but I post a lot on my Instagram which is @cortny-cats.

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Playwrights visit NMSU for readings

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Two nationally recognized playwrights were in Las Cruces in late March and early April, as readings of their plays were presented on the stage of the Mark and Stephanie Medoff stage at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts.

Adam Kraar's "In Loco Parentis" was performed Friday night, April 1. It was directed by NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy. "Truth/Dare," by Tori Keenan-Zelt, was performed Saturday night, April 2. It was directed by NMSU Theatre Professor Larissa Lury.

Kraar grew up in India, Thailand, Singapore and the United States.

He earned an MFA at Columbia University, has taught at the University of Rochester, Adelphi University, Hampshire College and NY Insti-



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Nationally known playwrights Tori Keenan-Zelt, far left, and Adam Kraar, far right, were at New Mexico State University in late March and early April for readings of plays they have written. Shown with them are the directors of those readings, NMSU Theatre Arts Professor Larissa Lury, second from left, who directed Keenan-Zelt's play, "Truth/Dare," and NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy, who directed Kraar's play, "In Loco Parentis."

tute of Technology, and lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Karen.

Keenan-Zelt is a native of Pittsburgh who now lives on the East Coast. She has a BA from Harvard and an MFA from NYU Tisch School of the Arts Asia in Singapore. She is co-artistic director at Panglossian Productions, Inc. in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The plays were presented as part

of the American Southwest Theatre Company's High Desert Play Development program. Both included casts made up mostly of NMSU theatre arts students. One of the plays read as part of the High Desert Play Development program will be produced and performed at NMSU next season. For more information, call 646-4515 or visit <http://www.nmsutheatre.com/highdesert.php>.

NMSU music student has piano recital on April 23

New Mexico State University music student Christopher James Andrews will have his sophomore music recital on piano beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 in the NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall. There is no charge to attend.

Andrews' performance will include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Grieg, Chopin, Poulenc and others. He also will be performing the first movement of the Griego Piano Concert in A Minor, accompanied by Laura Spitzer, who is his music teacher. Andrews will be joined for a piano duet by Joseph Seth Zamora and by Caitlin Scott for a piano-violin duet.

A native of Santa Fe, Andrews has been playing the piano since age four. Andrews took a break from playing the piano when he was in middle school, and said it was during this break "when I truly fell in love with piano and began to



take it seriously."

During his senior year in high school, Andrews led a project to bring music to the downtown Santa Fe area "by getting donated pianos decorated by local artists and placing them around the rail yard as 'interactive art,'" he said.

In January, Andrews placed third in the 2016 University of Texas at El Paso Piano Competition. He currently plays in the NMSU Windy Symphony and Jazz 1 ensemble. He will graduate with a bachelor's degree in music with an emphasis in piano performance in the spring of 2018.

To see article on the Santa Fe railyard pianos project, visit <http://www.sfreporter.com/santafe/article-8474-on-key.html>. To see an article about the UTEP piano competition, visit <http://music.nmsu.edu/index.php/en/blog/11/nmsu-students-win-piano-competition>.

Convoy of Hope hosts event in Las Cruces

Convoy of Hope will partner with local businesses, churches, government agencies and nonprofits during a community event in Las Cruces on Saturday, April 30 at the New Mexico State University Intramural Field on South Locust Street.

During the event, Convoy of Hope and the Las Cruces community will provide free groceries, health services, haircuts, family portraits, job services, a kids zone, a hot meal, veteran services and more. Identification is not required to attend and participate in the event. Everyone is welcome.

In 2015, more than 82,000 guests of honor

were served by Convoy of Hope Community Events around the country. Convoy of Hope partners the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) and Plum Organics will also be at the event. The NBCF provides education, support and early detection services to underserved women in the community.

Plum Organics will distribute organic food specifically created for babies, toddlers and school-aged children.

Learn more about the event by visiting convoyofhope.org/lascruces or contact Nufie Hernandez at 202-5793 or at nufie47@gmail.com.

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AtTheMovies

Coming soon on DVD April 5

Mojave

Rated: R
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Garrett Hedlund
Director: William Monahan

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Science fiction
Starring: Daisy Ridley, John Boyega
Director: J.J. Abrams

Stealing Cars

Rated: R
Starring: Drama
Starring: William H. Macy, John Leguizamo
Director: Bradley Kaplan

Tumbledown

Rated: R
Genre: Romantic comedy
Starring: Rebecca Hall, Jason Sudekis
Director: Sean Mewshaw

Top-grossing April 1-3

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| 1 Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice (Week No. 2) \$51,335,254 | 6 The Divergent Series: Allegiant (Week No. 3) \$5,763,227 |
| 2 Zootopia (Week No. 5) \$19,325,291 | 7 10 Cloverfield Lane (Week No. 4) \$4,564,126 |
| 3 My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (Week No. 2) \$11,218,055 | 8 Meet the Blacks (Week No. 1) \$4,055,940 |
| 4 God's Not Dead (Week No. 1) \$7,623,662 | 9 Eye in the Sky (Week No. 4) \$3,961,556 |
| 5 Miracles from Heaven (Week No. 3) \$7,255,566 | 10 Deadpool (Week No. 8) \$3,456,595 |

Picking the Flicks



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

Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice

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



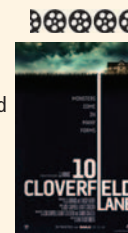
Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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



10 Cloverfield Lane

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After an accident, a woman awakens, held in an underground cellar by a survivalist who claims a worldwide chemical attack has left the outside world uninhabitable.
Starring: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Goodman
Director: Dan Gilroy



My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2

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



Deadpool

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



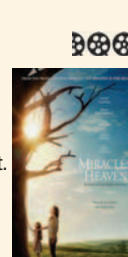
God's Not Dead 2

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: When asked a question about Jesus, a high school teacher's reasoned response lands her in trouble – and may expel God from the public square once and for all.
Starring: Jesse Metcalfe, David A.R. White
Director: Harold Cronk



Miracles from Heaven

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



Zootopia

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



London Has Fallen

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



Hello, My Name is Doris

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



The Divergent Series: Allegiant

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Tris must escape with Four beyond the wall surrounding Chicago to discover the shocking truth about what lies beyond.
Starring: Shailene Woodley, Zoë Kravitz
Director: Robert Schwentke



Meet the Blacks

Rated: R
Plot Overview: The Black family leaves Chicago in search of a better life; landing in Beverly Hills, their timing couldn't be worse as the annual Purge – when all crime is legal – is underway.
Starring: Mike Epps, Zulay Henao
Director: Deon Taylor



The Boss

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Sent to prison for insider trading, a titan of industry attempts to rebrand herself as America's sweetheart.
Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Bell
Director: Ben Falcone



Hardcore Henry

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A first-person action film from the eyes of Henry, brought back to life and having no memory, who must discover who he is before taking on the warlord who kidnapped his wife.
Starring: Sharlto Copley, Tim Roth
Director: Ilya Naishuller



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'Rams': Don't be sheepish about seeing this Icelandic drama

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Are brothers Gummi and Kiddi, who live on adjoining farms in rural Iceland, which looks to me like parts of Wyoming, representative of a modern day Cain and Abel?

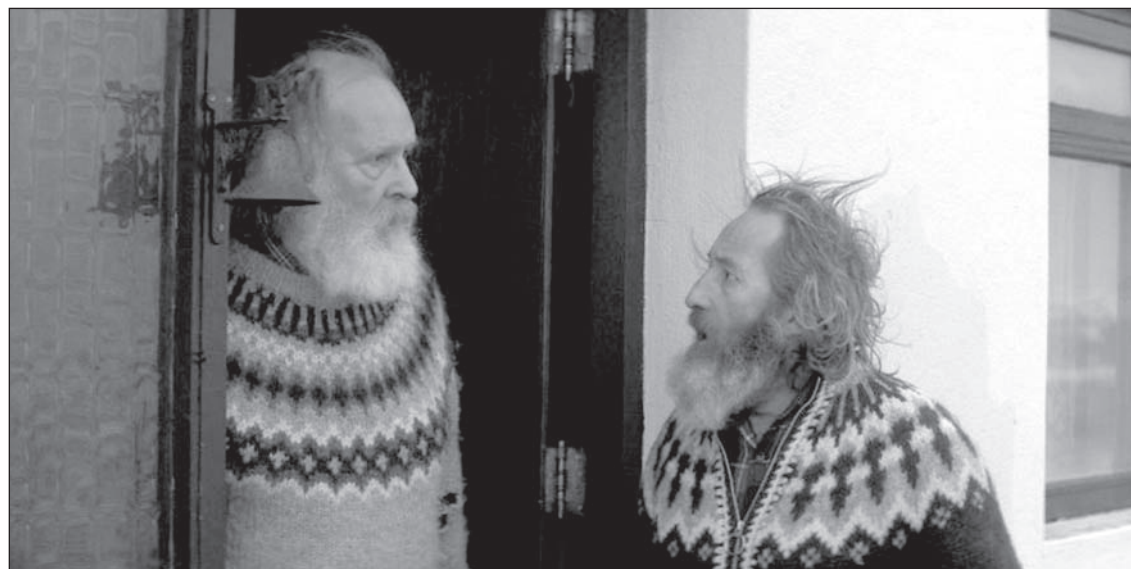
Could be, at least at first, in this many-award winning/nominated film "Rams" that is a strong drama, laced on occasion with stripes of dark humor.

Both operate sheep operations, with Kiddi being the bigger and more boisterous of the two, accented on occasion by his bouts with the bottle. Gummi might be better at raising his sheep, but he is a bit quieter, but also is not one to share his emotions other than disdain or anger.

There do not seem to be any other family members, and each man lives in his own small stone house, mostly living to work.

A competition takes place where Gummi's best comes in second to Kiddi's, adding further fuel to the fire between the two, which flares for reasons unknown. This is probably not the first time this has happened, and soon Gummi is planning revenge.

At times, one might



Theodor Juliusson (left) Sigurour Sigurjónsson play Icelandic sheep herders in "Rams."

wonder if the humor is intentional. It comes at short intervals for brief scenes and it might just be the way of life these two misanthropic brothers have adapted over the years. Most are sight gags and I had to look hard to find a few.

But life changes for the entire community when a sheep malady called scrapie is discovered by Gummi on Kiddi's prize winning animal. Scrapie is similar to 'mad cow' disease or chronic wasting which afflicts deer- an always fatal nervous system issue that causes degenerative issues in the animals. All of the animals in the valley must be put down, which of course effects the livelihood of everyone. This is a dark and sad

scene, as the government inspectors and veterinarians arrive to monitor the process and the cleaning of the barns and stalls that the innocent creatures once inhabited. Their presence only increases the feeling of hopelessness and helplessness that overtake Gummi, Kiddi, and the rest of the farmers.

However, Gummi has other plans and hides about a dozen sheep in his home, encouraging the one ram to enjoy himself with his newly found harem. It is a bit hard to tell if this is Nordic humor or just an effort in futility, but it does have its moments.

It is not long before Kiddi discovers his brother's deception, with his

wrath turning to sympathy and later empathy as the word gets out about Gummi's deception.

The film becomes entirely serious not long after the one easily identifiable comic scene in which, we find one brother picking up the other with a front end loader,

after the 'cargo' has passed out in the snow, and driving to town to deposit him rudely at the front of the medical clinic.

"Rams" is a primeval story of family and surviving. Gummi and Kiddi are not bad people, but they aren't terribly likable either ... until the power-

ful ending of the film, which brings us back to reality with its poignancy and tenderness.

A beautiful story in a stark and beautiful land makes for one fine picture.

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Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope, a faith based organization founded in 1994, has a driving passion to feed the world. With a long history as an early responder in times of natural disasters, Convoy of Hope has been a Four Star Charity as recognized by Charity Navigator for 13 consecutive years. In the last 22 years, Convoy of Hope has served more than 77 million people.

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City museums debut five exhibits in April — no fooling

By Zak Hansen

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

April is a big month for Las Cruces city museums.

As spring dawns and the wind (hopefully) subsides, Branigan Cultural Center and the Las Cruces Museum of Art at the heart of Downtown Las Cruces feature five new exhibits at the center of a special evening of art, food, music and more.

No fooling, the cultural center's first two exhibits of the month, "Our Living Culture" and "Bringing Nashville to Las Cruces" opened with a dual reception during the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble on April Fools' Day, with healthy crowds in attendance.

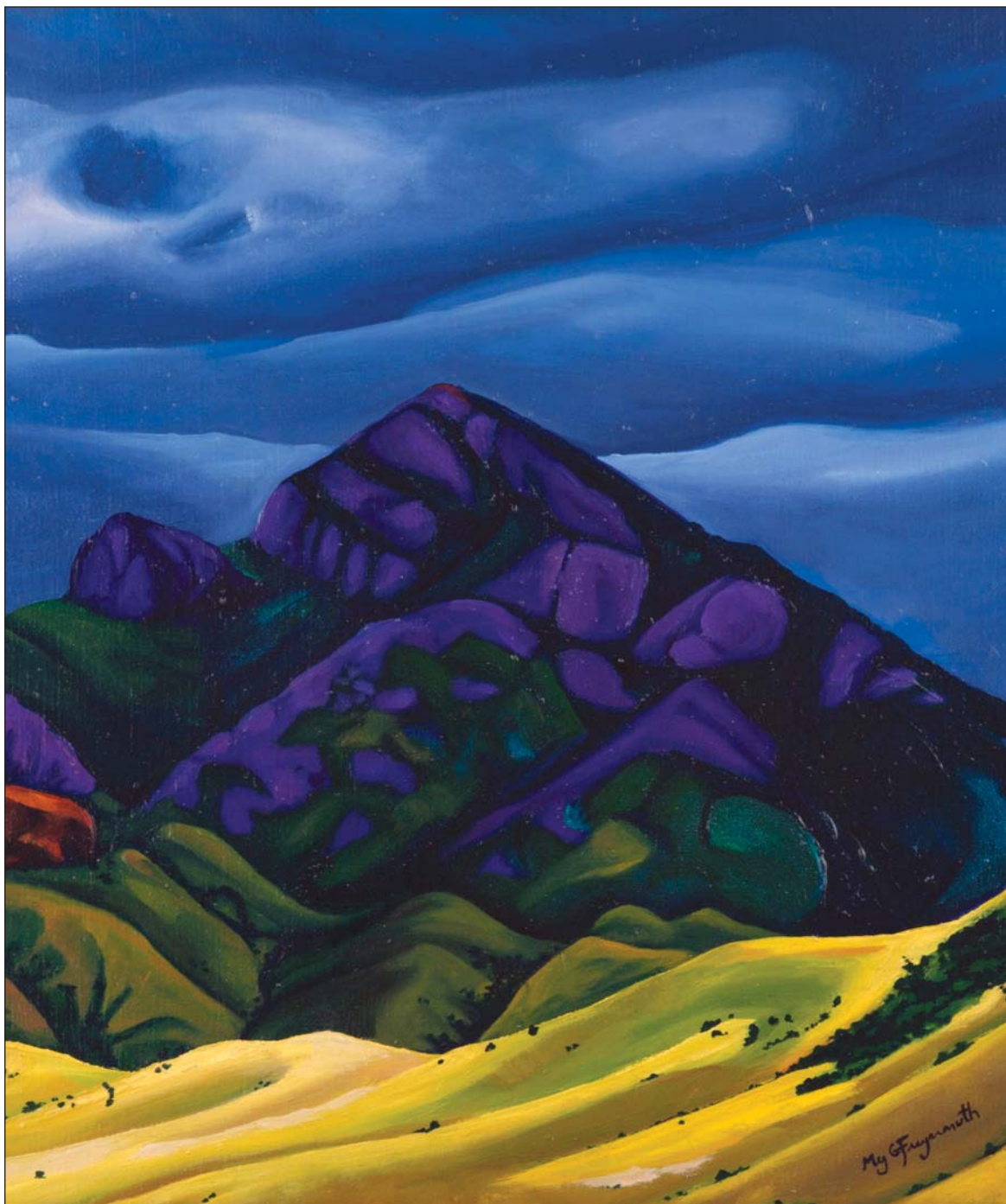
The former is the annual juried member show of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter, featuring watercolor paintings from more than 20 NMWS members found in and around the Las Cruces area, inviting "viewers to enjoy an assortment of realist and abstract paintings, which showcases the diversity of watercolor as a medium."

NMWS has been around for more than 40 years, aimed to elevate the stature of watercolor as a medium, promoting its significance and putting the Land of Enchantment on the map for its talented watercolorists. The Southern Chapter was formed in 2001, making up a full quarter of the NMWS' statewide membership.

The latter exhibition, "Bringing Nashville to Las Cruces," focuses on one of Las Cruces' local legends, nationally recognized entertainment promoter and philanthropist Barbara "Mother" Hubbard.

Hubbard's career with NMSU began in 1969, and saw her bring the likes of Bill Cosby, Bob Hope, George Strait and U2 to the Pan American Center during her tenure as director of special events until 1998.

"Bringing Nashville to Las Cruces" features photo-



Las Cruces artist Meg G. Freyermuth's paintings and drawings inspired by her time as the first Artist-in-Residence of the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument are the focus of "Visions of Our Monument," opening at Branigan Cultural Center during a special evening of art and music Downtown from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 15.

graphs from Hubbard's many years working with the stars of the country music world, along with her time spent encouraging young and emerging musicians to pursue their dreams.

Hubbard has since 1978 held the position of executive director of the American Collegiate Talent Showcase (ACTS), which raises scholarships for performing arts college students.

Along with her late husband Pierce, Barbara Hubbard also created the Barba-

ra and Pierce Hubbard Scholarship Endowment — just one of the 14 she's established at NMSU.

Next week, Branigan Cultural Center will open its second two exhibits, and the Las Cruces Museum of Art unveils one of its most popular annual shows, during a special evening of art and food Downtown from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 15.

At the cultural center, "Visions of Our Monument: Portraits of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National

Monument" features the paintings and drawings of Las Cruces artist Meg G. Freyermuth from and inspired by her time as the first Artist-in-Residence for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (OMDP) National Monument.

Freyermuth, a Las Cruces native, honed her artistic skills locally, earning a BFA in painting from NMSU in 2009.

Her lifelong passion for the southern New Mexico environment and landscape —

particularly our iconic mountain skyline — is evident in her lush works, and contributed to her selection as the monument's first Artist-in-Residence.

The work in "Visions of Our Monument" explores the importance of our local ecosystem, the cultural significance of the land for the people who live here and the complex personal relationship each individual has to the land around them.

Freyermuth's portraits evoke the connections of people and place within the surreal desert landscapes around the Organ Mountains.

That same night, the cultural center also unveils "Pictograff: The Art of War Prayer," with artwork from aerosol artists iLash, Release, Woar2, Dwayno Insano and Saba.

Across the museums' brickwork patio, the Las Cruces Museum of Art is ready to open its annual All-City High Schools' Senior Show, with artwork from graduating seniors at Las Cruces' five area high schools — Mayfield, Las Cruces, Oñate, Centennial and Alma d'Arte — in a wide variety of media, along with edible creations from the schools' culinary arts students.

This annual show is brief — closing after one week on Saturday, April 23 — so don't miss a chance to see spectacular work from a few of the city's upcoming best and brightest.

Branigan Cultural Center and the Las Cruces Museum of Art are located at 501 and 491 N. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or the Museum of Art at 541-2137, or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

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Drenched in Baptism

We are in awe of magnificent sunrises. We cherish crisp spring mornings, fragrant purple jonquils swaying in breezes, effervescent dew trickling, tickling velvet-like petals. We sense vibrance in buzzing bees and fluttering humming birds – indescribably magnificent things. But equally glorious are sunsets that are looked upon with a certain hope of a coming tomorrow.

However, sunsets, though beautiful, remind us of the “end of things.” Dusk reminds us of the inevitability of our lives’ own sunsets. Our repetitive circular-like existence finally ends. No more sunrises. We live “from the rising of the sun to its setting” (Psalm 113:3) in a solar system of predictability, of rotations and revolutions, of the law of entropy. The death of things is a calculation of the second law of thermodynamics. Civilizations have called this wheel of time the circle of life.

But, what if life is not really a closed circle, but rather more like an open spiral? What if life is really a dynamic upward movement, more akin to that of a spiral or a double helix? What if this Jacob’s ladder (Gen 28:10-17) is meant to take us into an existence with eternal sunrises, but, as beautiful as they are, no sunsets?

Before Jesus’ incarnation, human life could be compared to a bird-of-paradise within the yolk of an egg. Wet and dripping, it breaks out of the yolk. Like so, Jesus cracks the rock-shell tomb of time and space. He bursts forth in “resurrection wetness,” to allow upward passage to a dwelling place (John 14:2) of non-time. Eternity! Jesus keeps His human form, and yet, while



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transfigured and translucent, He is not a wispy airy ghost. He retains all of his broad muscularity, even bearing the now-eternal wounds on His glorified body. His sunset on Calvary is the last sunset. His rising is the eternal freedom-sunrise for those who believe and hope in Him. (John 8:32)

Follow His life. Jesus is baptized in the Jordan; He changes water into wine. His cup of wine turns bitter. Before He drinks the bitter wine of death, Jesus gives us Himself in the bloodless sacrifice of the Mass like ancient Melchizedek. (Heb 7:1) Jesus transforms bread into His flesh, and wine to His blood. The lentils of our Passover souls are sprinkled with it, saving us from the false power of death, and for eternal life. St. Paul boldly writes, “Death, where is your victory? Where is your sting?” (1 Cor. 15:15) From this, we spiral upwards — ultimately, to our own bodily resurrection.

Eternal morning began when Jesus defied Roman strength, pharisaic jealousy and fear of pain and death. He rose. There begins our pilgrimage to a land of eternal sunrises; a land where God “will wipe every tear,” where the “old order of things will have passed away.” (Rev 21:4) For those drenched in Baptism, Easter is not a season; it is truth — eternal moment. We, dripping with “resurrection wetness,” look upwards — and break for freedom. (Mark 1:8) (John 3:5)

New attractions added to Jewish Food and Folk Festival

The area’s only Jewish Food & Folk Festival is having a baby – Baby Babka! The gender is of the chocolate variety. Babka, featured previously on an episode of the hit TV show Seinfeld, is a brioche-like, twisted yeast cake. The festival will have baby loaves filled with layers of chocolate and topped with streusel.

The 3rd Annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival will showcase several New York deli-style dishes and klezmer music from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, April 17 at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., rain or shine!

Another new addition includes the Klezmer group from Albuquerque, Di Kavene Kapelye, featuring performances on the clarinet, accordion and fiddle. Guests can also watch or participate in dances performed by the Mesilla Valley International Folk Dancers, and listen to performances from Kolot Bamidbar (Voices of the Desert, the Temple Beth-El choir), and Kolot Noar (Voices of the Youth, the Temple Children’s Chorus).

Admission to the festival is \$3, kids under 12 are free, and food will be sold at the event. More information may be found at LCJewishFestival.weebly.com.

Available for purchase at the festival will be exceptional pastrami sandwiches on rye, knishes, kosher hot dogs, challah, falafel, matzo ball soup, bagels with whitefish salad, Israeli salad, kugel, chocolate babka, macaroons, hamantaschen cookies, and many more delicacies.

Also at the festival will be a kids’ area with a variety of games and crafts. Festival-goers can listen to live music performed by the temple’s musicians and



COURTESY PHOTO

Chocolate Baby Babkas are a new treat at the Jewish Food and Folk Festival April 17.

singers, make bids on silent auction items, and spin a giant bagel for prizes.

This year’s folk festival promises to provide delicious food, fun and an enjoyable time for everyone. For information contact Aggie Saltman at 649-4356 or lcjewishfestival@gmail.com.

RELIGION LISTINGS

Movie Night at Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church invites you to join us for a Movie Night at 6 p.m., Friday, April 8. Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket, and join us to watch “The Prince of Egypt” at 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Contact the church office for more information at 522-7119.

Give it up for the Pastor at BSB

Bethel Second Baptist Church presents the Second Pastor Anniversary and Pastor’s Appreciation at 3 p.m.,

Sunday, April 10 at 405 E. Hadley Ave. Speakers are Reverend Leonard Jackson from Fellowship Baptist Church in Albuquerque and Reverend James Forney of the Corinth Baptist Church in Alamogordo. For information, call 523-7850.

Ladies of Luther potluck with speaker

Men and women are invited from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 14 in the fellowship hall of Trinity Luther-

an Church, 2900 Elks Drive as the Ladies of Luther present Julie K. Corrales, PREA Coordinator for La Pinon Sexual Assault Recovery Services. All are welcome. For information, call 523-4232.

St. Paul’s Spring Enchilada Supper

The Music Ministry Spring Enchilada supper is from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Friday, April 15 in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Enjoy red enchiladas or chicken pot pie, beans, slaw, bolillos, dessert and drink.

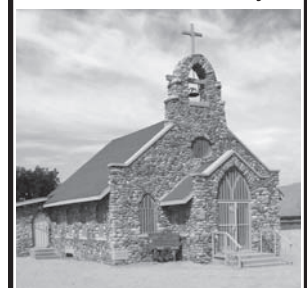
Tickets available through members of St. Paul’s of at the church office. Free delivery is available for tax preparers and accountants by request.

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Local designer creates one-of-a-kind spiral art

By **Susie Ouderkirk**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“For everything, turn, turn, turn, there is a season, turn, turn, turn.”

The Byrd’s hit from 1962, written by Pete Seeger and pulled directly from the Bible, could be the soundtrack to Sidney Williamson’s life. The former diesel mechanic, design engineer and plant manager spends a lot of hours turning wood, and what he creates is heavenly.

Williamson and his wife of 29 years, Mary, own a very unique company called Spirals by Design, which creates hand-made, one-of-a-kind spiral columns, corbels, beams and arches, as well as engravings. He even

designed and built the machine he uses for the turning process.

“In 1999, I designed and built a small hand crank machine that included a plunge-router, some gears, a chain and a gear-box,” Williamson said. “I basically built a hand crank, slow r.p.m wood lathe that used a router to cut the wood instead of different shaped chisels.” As he turned the crank on the machine, the wood would turn and the router would slowly move down a rail to the far end of the machine, “nibbling wood as it moved.”

When the router got to the far end, Williamson would stop cranking, raise the router and reverse it to return to the

starting position. “I would lower the router slightly lower than the first cut and start cranking again,” he said, and he’d continue the process over and over until the wood was the desired diameter. The machine could cut wood up to about 28” long and up to 6’ in diameter, and by changing gears on the machine, he could change the grooves and cut all the way through the wood. The results looked like wooden springs.

“I called these spring-looking wood spirals ‘hollow spirals.’ I still have the first one I made with the hand crank machine,” he said. Over the next few months Williamson dabbled with his hand crank machine, making plant stands, balusters, wood chains and candlesticks that he gifted to friends and family. But the unusually beautiful and unique spirals were destined for mainstream popularity. A local lumber company approached him to cut a couple of eight-foot hollow wood spirals for a builder to use in the front entrance of a new home. He took on the project, “as more of a quest” rather than as a money-maker, to see if he could create larger spirals.

With a determined fire, Williamson cleaned out his garage to make more space, bought a longer steel I-beam and lengthened the original hand crank. After some drilling, welding and assembly, the machine was ready. Hour after hour, Williamson cranked the



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A shelter offers eye candy as well as protection from the sun.

machine back and forth, slightly lowering the router with each pass. After about 10 hours, “I was covered in sawdust; I was exhausted, my arms were sore, my back and legs hurt,” but the column was finished (except for the sanding, which alone took an additional two hours.)

“Needless to say, the second ‘hollow spiral’ was even less fun than cutting the first column,” he said. Upon delivery of the two hard-gotten spirals, the customer asked for two more for the fireplace. Williamson reluctantly agreed. His fireplace spirals were so well received the homeowner wanted three more for the bar countertop and even more for the entrance area. By this time, Williamson should have been enjoying the rich spoils of his hard work. But alas, “I probably made about \$1 per hour on that first job,” he said.

But the spirals seemed to be calling to him, and he knew if he wanted to continue to make them, he would need to automate the process “for my own health.”

Over the next eight months, Williamson put his engineering background to good use (he currently holds four patents on mechanical and electronic bathroom scales) and designed a fully automatic, computer-controlled “Spiral Machine,” which is seven feet wide, 15 feet long and

about seven feet tall. It can hold up to six routers at a time and weighs approximately 2000 lbs. He can put a table on top of the machine and cut flat designs and shapes and engravings. In November 2001, Williamson and his wife rented a forklift and

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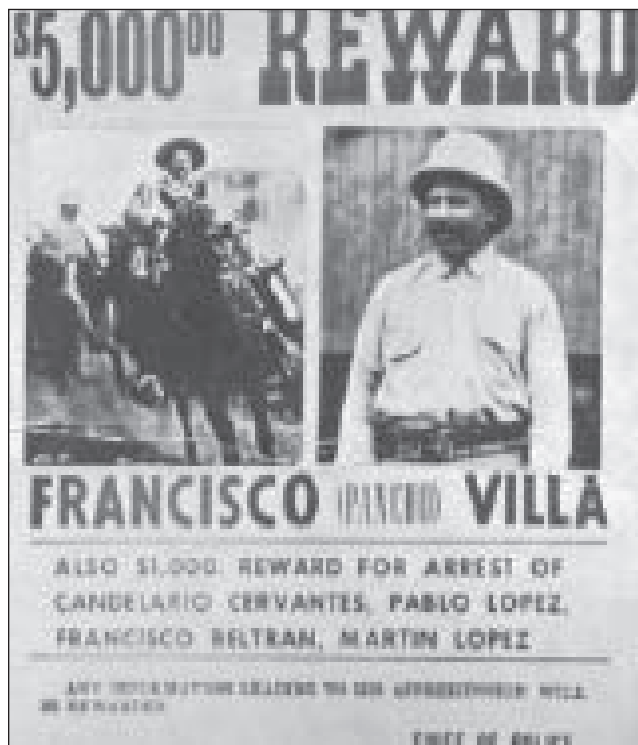
Mary and Sid Williamson stand in front of some of their designs at the recent Home and Garden Show.

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A reward poster for Pancho Villa is one of many artifacts on display in the new exhibit from the Archives and Special Collections Department at the NMSU Library.

NMSU Library hosts exhibit on 1916 Columbus Raid

The New Mexico State University Library hosts a new exhibit from its Archives and Special Collections Department called “Guerrillas and Guardsmen: Pancho Villa, the National Guard, and the 1916 Columbus Raid.”

The exhibit contains documents and photographs related to Pancho Villa’s 1916 raid on Columbus, New Mexico, and the ensuing national and international events.

It includes scans from local and campus newspapers, photographs of Villa and his troops, the American army and National Guardsmen who pursued him, and letters and other documents describing the raid.

“The Columbus raid was an important event in southern New Mexico history,” said Caitlin

Wells, archivist of the Rio Grande Historical Collections.

She noted that on display is a report of the raid as it appeared in the NMSU Roundup, listing the death of a former student.

A talk titled “Passage to the American Century: Pancho Villa, The National Defense Act and National Guard Mexican Border Service” by William Boehm, historian at the National Guard Bureau, will be Monday, May 2, time to be announced.

The exhibit is in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor of Branson Library.

Free parking is available on the NMSU campus after 4:30 p.m.

For questions or further information, contact Caitlin Wells at cwells@ad.nmsu.edu or 646-6323.

New Event at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park

This spring join the Asombro staff and local scientists for a look into flight.

Taking Flight is a 3-part series focusing on bats, birds, and insects and pollinators.

Each two-hour event

will feature an introduction, a walk with expert scientists, and a hands-on activity about the day’s theme and how it relates to flight.

Sessions are: “Bats,” 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday,

April 23. “Birds,” 7 to 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7. “Pollinators and Plants,” 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

Win a fantastic raffle prize. Attend all three events for more chances to win.

This event is family friendly and free!

Directions to the Nature Park. From Highway 70 west, take Jornada Road north 6.5 miles; park is on the left. Call for information at: 524-3334.

Gardening classes continue at Mountain View Market Co-op

Whether you’ve gardened in the Southwest for life or are a newcomer, there always is more to learn to succeed in the garden.

Jackye Meinecke (former owner of Enchanted Gardens and local gardening expert) will

be conducting gardening classes on Saturdays through May at 2 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Community Room of Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road.

The cost for each class is \$10 cash per person; \$8 for co-op members. Res-

ervations preferred; e-mail gardens@zianet.com or call 323-0903 to sign up. Here is the schedule for April/May classes:

April 16: Succulents for Landscapes & Pots — Select hardy varieties of succulents that sur-

vive in the landscape. Also discover more tender succulents for decorative pots.

April 30: Native and Xeriscape Gardening — From water collection to native plants, discover the beauties of Southwest gardening.

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moved the machine out of the garage and into a 5,000-square-foot shop and started their business, Spirals by Design, LLC.

After 15 years of running the machine, the only improvement he has made is upgrading the routers from 3.25 horsepower to 5 horsepower.

Williamson uses many tools of the common word worker, including a large band saw and a thickness planer, but he’s made several tools from scratch that allow him to do what other woodworkers can’t. He also works with metal, mostly to fabricate his own equipment, and he made the spiral wood molds used to cast the cement spirals around the old Downtown mall area.

For most of his spirals, Williamson prefers Western Cedar, which lasts longer and cracks less than fir or pine here in the southwest. The work he cre-

ates for indoor design can be stained or finished with any type of woodworking product, but outdoor wood should be treated with some sort of water sealer every few years rather than a clear finish due to the strong ultraviolet rays, he said.

Williamson’s work speaks for itself with its elegance and striking beauty. The cost of his spirals depends on the amount of time involved. To cut a typical 8 inch column runs from \$80 to \$200, and the cost to cut a standard corbel is from \$12 to \$18.

Sid and Mary Williamson want each customer’s experience to be “easy, fun and gratifying,” the Spirals By Design brochure says. “We hope to inspire your imagination.” See more of the unique work at the website. The shop is located at 1212 S. Espanola St. and the Williamsons can be reached at 496-5831 or by email at spirals-bydesign@gmail.com.



ABOVE: Decorative corbels show off Williamson’s skill with details. LEFT: Williamson’s spirals add a touch of elegance to what would be plain columns.

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Community radio station presents Speak Easy literature event

Nascent community radio station KTAL-FM 101.5 is presenting the first Las Cruces Speak Easy, an afternoon of simultaneous spoken-word events from 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 9 at four different locations.

The Speak Easy/Literature Crawl format, first created in San Francisco, features the talents of local writers and performers

sharing a mixture of poetry and stories, with a side of commentary and humor, in several venues all at the same time. The locations are close enough that folks can stroll between them to sample different offerings.

The festivities kick off at 1 p.m. with readings at Casa Camino Real, 314 S. Tornillo Street, hosted by store owner, writer and perform-

er Denise Chavez. At 2:30 p.m., Downtown Main St. at the Center for Spiritual Living, MVS Studios, and the Southwest Environmental Center, the public will be able to enjoy the following: Storytellers of Las Cruces; Poets of Las Cruces; Young Adult Writers from all four Las Cruces high schools; DACC Writing Students; Muralist and Artist Saba

on Graffiti Artists as Storytellers; NMSU student improvisation comedy group Home Improvements performing two shows with audience participation; The community organizing group CAFé (Comunidades en Accion y de Fè) demonstrating how to connect personal stories to larger social themes; Shakti Rising, a women's em-

powerment and community health group, hosting a gratitude circle based on stories we tell ourselves about our own lives.

A suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family gains access to all activities.

The afternoon of events is designed to attest to the power of writing and the spoken word, the vitality of

storytelling and the rich talent in Las Cruces, and the aim is to share with the community a taste of what KTAL Radio plans to be: dynamic, egalitarian and fun.

For a detailed schedule or more information, email KTAL Radio at LasCrucesCommunityRadio@gmail.com or visit Las Cruces Community Radio on Facebook.



NMSU PHOTO BY ADRIANA M. CHÁVEZ
Jessica Llewellyn, a student at Santa Teresa High School and the TRiO and Upward Bound programs at NMSU, helped clean up the community garden at University United Methodist Church.

NMSU, DACC students, volunteers join forces to nourish garden

Katherine Mendoza, an early childhood education major at New Mexico State University, needed community services hours in order to be admitted into the Teacher Education Program, so she signed up for the Service Learning in Education Distinction (SLED) program in the College of Education.

She knew whatever community service project she completed would have an impact, but she didn't expect that helping with the Know, Grow and Show Community Garden at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust, would make such a big difference in the lives of children and residents in the area.

"It's amazing. It's my community," Mendoza said on a recent Saturday at the garden, where she joined more than 100 volunteers representing NMSU,

Doña Ana Community College, the church, a nearby school and the neighborhood. "It has a really big impact on everybody. We're really planting our own seed all together and one day we'll see this garden all put together."

On March 5, SLED students joined students from area high schools and middle schools involved in the TRiO Upward Bound and TRiO Talent Search programs, and a few students and faculty from University Hills Elementary School. Volunteers from University United Methodist Church were also involved. The group tackled weeds, helped move portions of the garden to a new space nearby and spread mulch around the keyhole garden areas.

Tammy Sprague, a lay leader with

Workshops for writers at Branigan Library

As part of the events planned for National Library Week April 10 through April 16, and in keeping with April as National Poetry Writing Month, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library announces three free workshops for writers interested in self-publishing. These workshops feature a new product that the

Library is providing: FastPencil, which is a self-publishing platform designed for new and/or established authors to use to develop and edit their works. FastPencil's cloud-based writing tools and online interface make it easy to write, organize and edit. Writers can also share progress with and get feedback from other

FastPencil users, friends, and relatives.

The workshops will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 9 in the Computer Classroom and at 11 a.m. and again at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 in the Roadrunner Room. Both rooms are located on the Library's second floor. For information, call 528-4000.

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Blazing Hot Wok Wings (Serves 3-4)

12-15 chicken wings, separated at the joint

1 bunch green onions cut into 2-inch segments, white and greens separated
Oil for wok

SAUCE:

2 tablespoons hot chili paste with garlic
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice

Fish sauce to taste

In a bowl, mix together chili paste, brown sugar and lime juice. Add fish sauce to taste. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Season the wings well with salt and pepper. Put wings in one layer on a baking sheet and cook for about 20 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside.

Heat wok over high heat. Add a small amount of oil. Add chicken wings with white of onions and stir-fry until the onions soften and brown a little, approx-

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



imately 2-3 minutes. Add about 2/3 of the sauce mix to the wok. Add greens of onion and toss briskly to prevent burning. Turn down the heat if necessary. Add more sauce as needed to get a nice coating. Use any leftover sauce for dipping. Enjoy!

Enchanting Chicken Wings (Serves 3-4 as an appetizer)

½ cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
¼ teaspoon salt
10 chicken wings
Oil for deep-frying
¼ cup butter
¼ cup hot sauce
1 dash ground black pepper
1 dash garlic powder

In a small bowl, mix together flour, paprika, cayenne pepper and salt. Put chicken wings in a large glass dish or bowl. Sprinkle the flour mixture over the wings until they are evenly coated. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour.

Heat oil in a deep fryer to 375 degrees F. (Or substitute a wok or a deep pot.) The oil should be just enough to cover wings entirely, an inch or so deep. Combine the butter, hot sauce, pepper, and garlic powder in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir together and heat until butter is melted and mixture is well blended. Remove from heat and reserve for serving.

Fry coated wings in hot oil for 10 to 15 minutes, or until parts of wings begin to turn brown. Remove from heat, place wings in serving bowl, add hot sauce mixture, and stir together. Serve.

Sweet Thai Chicken Wings (Yield: 48 pieces)

24 chicken wings, separated into flats and drums

1 cup sweet chili sauce
1 cup soy sauce
¼ cup rice vinegar
1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
2 tablespoons fresh grated garlic
1 tablespoon spicy mustard
Freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Place the wings in a large zip lock bag. In a medium bowl, combine the sweet chili sauce, soy sauce, vinegar, ginger, garlic, and mustard. Season to taste with pepper. Mix completely and pour into the bag with the wings. Refrigerate 30 minutes, turning the bag once during the marinating time.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray.

Drain the wings in a colander and place in a bowl. Add the vegetable oil and toss to coat the wings. Spread the wings on the baking sheet in a single layer.

Bake until the wings are cooked through, about 40 minutes. Turn the oven to broil and let cook for another minute to crisp up the tops.

Hawaiian Style Buffalo Wings (Serves 4-6)

3 pounds chicken wings (if whole, cut into sections; discard the wing tips)

1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
Vegetable oil, for grill

Heat the grill to medium-high. Season the wings with salt and pepper. Using tongs, dip a small bundle of paper towels in oil, and then carefully rub the grill grate until glossy and well coated. Grill the wings, covered, flipping occasionally, until they are golden brown, crispy and completely cooked through, about 20 minutes. While wings grill, prepare sauce. (Adapted from onceuponachef.com.)

Sweet Habanero Wing Sauce

1 large mango, peeled and pitted
1 small fresh peach, halved and pitted
2 habanero peppers, stemmed
¼ cup unsalted butter
4 cloves garlic, minced
½ cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger root
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Blend mango, peach, and habanero peppers in a food processor or blender until smooth.

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat; cook and stir garlic until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add mango mixture, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, ginger, salt, and pepper; reduce heat to low and simmer until sauce is smooth and slightly thickened, about 8 minutes.

Note: Making the sauce a day or two in advance helps meld flavors. Refrigerate until ready to use. Let sauce reach room temperature before serving with wings.

GARDEN FROM PAGE B21

University United Methodist Church, said the work day helped complete phase two of the garden's three phases. The project started three years ago with a dream and networking efforts beginning with Julia Kirton, an architecture instructor at DACC who had taught Sprague's daughter in the pre-architecture program.

"Three years ago, we were dreaming about what we wanted to happen with this property back here, and we decided we'd like to see a

community garden," Sprague said. "I said (to Kirton), 'We would like to have your students help us design a garden,' and they came up with designs to help us get our congregation excited. It took us a couple of years and now we're on the go."

The garden helped create a garden club at University Hills Elementary School. Students from that school now work on the garden once a week alongside a church volunteer. Meanwhile, Kirton began looking for service learning projects to get her students into, and met SLED program director Denise Rodriguez-Strawn at a

teaching academy training. The two scheduled a meeting where Kirton asked Rodriguez-Strawn to help her get the garden off the ground. NMSU Upward Bound director Clifton McNish also became involved and committed TRiO students to the project.

Rodriguez-Strawn said SLED students will continue helping with the garden throughout this semester. By the summer or fall, Rodriguez-Strawn said she hopes to get students and faculty with the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences involved to help the garden blossom.

Chile Pepper Institute plant sale continues

The New Mexico State University Chile Pepper Institute's annual plant sale continues on Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9 at the Fabian Garcia Science Center, 113 W. University Ave.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 8 and 9 a.m. to 5

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
WANDA TAYLOR
SILVERTHORN
a/k/a WANDA T.
SILVERTHORN
DECEASED

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT WILLIAM T.
BURNS 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: March 30, 2016.

WILLIAM T. BURNS
12308 S. Crest Drive
Olathe, Kansas 66061-9724

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

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

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

No. 16-0065

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
GESINA BERENDINA
VANDER LINDE
THRELKELD, a/k/a
GESINA B. THRELKELD
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NOTICE IS HEREBY
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L. ANDERSON has been appointed personal represen-

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DATED: March 14, 2016.

JEFF ANDERSON,
a/k/a JEFFREY L.
ANDERSON
641 West May Avenue
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88005

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Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 2016

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

All Purpose Appliance
Repair
5610 Pettes
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 332 at Stull Storage Units #2, will be SOLD AT AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$425.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:
Appliance boxes, parts &
Misc.

Date of Auction:
April 19, 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

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 17, 2016, Kit Carson Enterprises, LLC (c/o: Rena Carson), PO Box 101, Rincon, NM 87940, filed application numbered LRG-5135-POD8, OSE File Nos. LRG-4750-3 & LRG-4750-4, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing well LRG-5135-POD8 located within the NE¼ NW¼ of Section 35, Township 19S, Range 02W (NMPM) &

more specifically located at or near where X & Y intersect at 1,403,176 ft. & 589,987 ft. (NMSP Central NAD 83), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing wells L R G - 4 7 5 0 t h r u L R G - 4 7 5 0 - S - 6 , L R G - 4 7 5 0 - S - 1 1 , & L R G - 4 7 5 0 - P O D 2 6 t h r u L R G - 4 7 5 0 - P O D 3 0 located on property owned by the applicant within the N½ of said Section 35 & the SE¼ of said Section 35 (NMPM), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 476.46 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the N½ of said Section 35, the SE¼ of said Section 35, the W½ of Section 36, Township 19S, Range 2W, the E½ of Section 2, Township 20S, Range 2W & the NW¼ of Section 1, Township 20S, Range 2W (NMPM) as described in Subfile Order No: LRR-28-011-0001 Rights A & B of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of existing well LRG-5135-POD8 is located southeast of Rincon, NM & may be found approximately 1,593 feet northeast of the intersection of Farm View Rd & Edgewater Ct.

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: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 2, 2016, Jorge M. & Heidy Valdez filed application numbered LRG-13788-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-692-6, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing domestic well LRG-13788-POD1, located within the NE¼ NW¼ of projected Section 27, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) & more specifically located where X & Y intersect at 1,461,606 ft. & 499,160 ft. (NMSP Central), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-692, located on land owned by Heriberto & Antonia Hernandez, located within the NE¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 27 (NMPM) and more specifically described where X & Y intersect at 1,461,377 ft. & 499,427 ft. 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LEGAL NOTICES

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Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 29 day of March 2016.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 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 the **May 1, 2016 @ 01:00 pm**, the event location is 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN # DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

JA4LX41F54U026718
2004 MITSUBISHI SILVER SUV
FREDDY SAIZ

1C3EL46X85N686201
2005 CHRYSLER BLK SEBRING
GEORGE MENDOZA

2GBEC19K0S1137166
1995 CHEVROLET GRN PK
RIGOBERTO BARRON

JHMEH6160PS006737
1993 HONDA BLK CIVIC
DAVID SHANKLE

JF1SG65673G765809
2003 SUBARU RED 4DOOR
JAMES COULTER

JNKCA31A11T007802
2001 INFINITI GRAY 4DOOR
JENNARAE CHAVEZ

1FMZU62K03ZB04688
2003 FORD SILVER SUV
HECTOR LOPEZ

3C8FY68B12T231232
2002 CHRYSLER RED 4DOOR
ILLIA LUJAN

1P3EJ46C3VN553019
1997 PLYMOUTH RED 4DOOR
MANUELA GARCIA

KNABF1212X5772865
1999 KIA GREEN
SEPHIA MARIA PEREZ

JT2EL32D9K0354013
1989 TOYOTA WHITE 2DOOR
CRISTELA RAMIREZ

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: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

To

Diana A. Rodriguez 4250 Moose Court Las Cruces NM 88007

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #H24 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$305.93**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Dresser, Chest of Drawers, Fish Tank, Christmas Decorations & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

To

Jared Medina 855 Brook Circle Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #232 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$ 540.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Dragon's Lair Arcade Machine, Generator, Speaker & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Telshor

Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

To

Leticia Rodriguez 1845 Foster Rd. Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #H37 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$320.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Love Seat, Mattress & Box Spring, Headboard, Card Table, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Date:04/08, 04/15, 2016

Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

To

Luis Arana 3130 Old Picacho Rd. Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #214 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$244.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Large Stuffed Bear, Desk, Stuffed Chair Fax/Copy Machine, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Telshor

Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

To

Luis Arana 3130 Old Picacho Rd. Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #214 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$244.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Large Stuffed Bear, Desk, Stuffed Chair Fax/Copy Machine, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

To

Samuel J. Romo 567 Canyon Point Dr. Las Cruces NM 88011

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #302 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$280.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Several Boxes, Box of Record Albums, Trunks, Tool Box, Suitcase, Misc. Tools & Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Telshor

Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

To

Doug Deason P.O. Box 663 Mancos CO 81328

C/O Bruce Bell 3500 Comanche NE Bldg E, Ste 11 Albuquerque NM 87101

C/O James Parker for Bruce Bell P.O. Box 2168 Albuquerque NM 87103-2168

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #G53 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$658.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Camping Equipment, Old Refrigerator, Chairs, Mattress, Several Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Telshor Self Storage 560 N. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

Roadrunner Self Storage 170 Roadrunner Parkway Las Cruces NM 88011

To

Ashley Montano Alan Amador 451 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. #505 Las Cruces NM 88011

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #A1027 at Roadrunner Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$714.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Couch, Twin Mattress & Headboard

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: Roadrunner Self Storage 170 Roadrunner Parkway Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Las Cruces, NM 88005

To

Alfredo Urdialdez 1404 Esperanza Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #E06 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$260.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Office Chair, Ice Chest, Tire, Box of DVD Movies, Misc. Paint & Drywall Tools and Material

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Rd. Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Las Cruces, NM 88005

To

Delila Melendrez 2114 Vista Lejano Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #K01 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$530.40**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Big Screen T.V., Entertainment Center, Tires, Boxes & Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: South Main Self Storage

1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Las Cruces, NM 88005

To

Delila Melendrez 2114 Vista Lejano Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #K29 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$298.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Baby Stroller, Headboard, Footboard, T.V., Car Seat, Boxes & Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Las Cruces, NM 88005

To

Michael Chavez P.O. Box 901 Mesilla NM 88046

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #H29 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$542.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

TV Stand, (2) TV's, Bakers Rack, Sofa, Mattress & Box Spring, Kids Toys, Boxes & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: South Main Self Storage

1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Las Cruces, NM 88005

To

Oscar Escobedo 4801 S. Main St. Sp 126 Mesilla Park NM 88047

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #G38 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$736.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Desk, Beer Keg, Coffee Table, End Table, Mattress, Vacuum, Crib, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC. Carol Peña (575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

South Main Self Storage 1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Las Cruces, NM 88005

To

Dieter Guell 164 Mule Deer Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #166 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$500.00**. The contents of the unit consist of:

Sectional Couch, End Table, Desk, Filing Cabinet, Tools & Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 2, 2016

AUCTION STARTING AT: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: South Main Self Storage

Friday, April 8, 2016

1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES,
INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

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

No. CV-2016-00004

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

vs.

JORGE ESPINOSA VEGA, 1997 CHRYSLER CONCORD, GRAY; VIN: 2C3HD56F3VH514402; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NKD814, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To. Respondent Jorge Espinosa Vega:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1997 Chrysler Concord, Gray; VIN: 2C3HD56F3VH514402; New Mexico License Plate No. NKD814.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/Robert A. Cabello
Robert A. Cabello
Assistant City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
(575) 541-2148
(575) 5412017 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 23 day of March, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: Paloma Nava

Date: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 2016

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

No. CV-2016-00644

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

CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

PATRICIA DELGADO, COSME DELGADO, AND 1975 CHEVY PICKUP, BLACK VIN: CKY145S126615; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NPR291, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondents Patricia Delgado and Cosme Delgado:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1975 Chevy Pickup, Black VIN: CKY145S126615; New Mexico License Plate No. NPR291.

2. You are the named Respondents 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

/s/Robert A. Cabello
Robert A. Cabello
Assistant City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
(575) 541-2148
(575) 541-2017 Fax
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., 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 24 day of March, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUSE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By: Paloma Nava

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No: 16-0079

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OSCAR GONZALEZ, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Irma G. Gonzalez has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the attorney for the undersigned personal repre-

sentative at the address listed below, or filed with the Doña Ana Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/Irma G. Gonzalez
Personal Representative

Jacqueline Bennett
Attorney for
Personal Representative
PO Box 849
Las Cruces, NM 88004
(575) 527-0225

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02206

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL S. BARSNESS, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL S. BARSNESS, (true name unknown); DEBRA A. RATHBUN, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA A. RATHBUN, (true name unknown) Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 13, 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 1375 Fountain Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 42, Block J, of LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on May 19, 2006 in Plat Book 21, at Page(s) 208-209 as Plat No. 4152, records of Doña Ana County.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 8, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$131,452.08 and the same bears interest at 4.250% per annum from January 16, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER

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

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.

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

Dates: 03/18, 03/25, 04/01, 04/08, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01893

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2006-EQ1, Plaintiff,

vs.

ALEXANDER P. GUERRERO; MARIA GUERRERO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; and NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 27, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1417 Thomas Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 5 in Block numbered 13 of Dale Bellamah Annex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Dale Bellamah Annex, filed in the Office of

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the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 29, 1954 in Plat Book 7 at Page 56.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 4, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$110,325.22 and the same bears interest at 4.625% per annum from December 15, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 04/22, 2016

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

Cause No.
D-307-CV-2016-00731
Judge Darren M. Kugler

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
ANASTASIYA ANDREYEVNA OSIPOVA,
Petitioner,

FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANASTASIYA ANDREYEVNA OSIPOVA, a resident of the

City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of 14 years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from ANASTASIYA ANDREYEVNA OSIPOVA to ANASTASIYA JOYNER, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Darren M. Kugler, on the 12 Day of May, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Courtroom, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

DATED: April 5, 2016.

(Seal)

THE PICKETT
LAW FIRM,
LLC Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 1239
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1239
Telephone: (575) 526-3338
Facsimile: (575) 526-6791

/s/Lawrence M. Pickett
LAWRENCE M. PICKETT
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01708

BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MOSIAH TELLES, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF MOSIAH TELLES, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MOSIAH TELLES, DECEASED; CARRIE ORTEGA-TELLES, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARRIE ORTEGA-TELLES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 4, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1408 San Andres Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 26, Block C, SAN ANDRES ESTATES, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 23, 1960, in Book 8 Page(s) 56 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 29, 2016, being an

action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$201,712.37 and the same bears interest at 5.250% per annum from February 1, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 04/22, 04/29, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02350

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A, Plaintiff,

vs.

VICKY L. CALLOWAY,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 9125 Clovis Road, Mesilla Park, New Mexico

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88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 27, BLOCK A, BRAZITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 12, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGES 204-205 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on April 29, 2016, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, NA.

BOKF, NA was awarded an in rem Judgment on March 14, 2016, in the principal sum of \$104,888.67, plus interest due on the Note through March 1, 2016, in the amount of \$5,681.50, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.50% per annum (\$18.68 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$193.87, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,167.49, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$653.73, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.50% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

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

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 04/22, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No. 16-0094
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
PATRICIA AILEEN
HALL, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY

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GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 123 W. Ojito De Madrid, Anthony, NM 88021, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2016.

/s/ Richard Hudson Hall, Jr. RICHARD HUDSON HALL, JR. Personal Representative 123 W. Ojito De Madrid Anthony, NM 88021

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC SHANE A. ENGLISH Attorney for Personal Representative Post Office Drawer 1329 Anthony, NM 88021 (575) 882-4500 (575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Dates: 04/08, 04/15, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-00044

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

EVELYN M. RAMIREZ A/K/A EVELYN M. RAMIREZ-CHAVEZ AND METAL CRAFT CO. DBA AIRE SERV 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 2121 Windsor Place, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 79 IN BLOCK NUMBERED OF AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION - CORRECTED PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION - CORRECTED PLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 28, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO

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The sale is to begin at **11:00 a.m. on April 11, 2016**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial District, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on March 4, 2016, in the principal sum of \$133,579.12, plus outstanding interest due on the Note and Modification from July 1, 2015 through May 1, 2016, in the amount of \$3,562.08 and accruing thereafter at the rate of 4.000% per annum (\$14.63 per diem), plus late charges of \$141.75, plus the balance due on the Mortgage's required escrow for property taxes of \$308.15 and insurance of \$179.28, plus a balance due of \$121.51 for the FHA monthly premiums due on the subject HUD guaranteed loan, plus currently assessed fees in the amount of \$1,046.28, less an unapplied credit of (\$501.38), plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$2,050.00 and costs in the amount of \$498.95, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 4.000% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ John A. Darden, III John A. Darden, III, Special Master The Darden Law Firm, P.A. P.O. Box 578 Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578 Telephone: (575) 541-6655

Dates: 03/18, 03/25, 04/01, 04/08, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-01601 Judge: MARTIN

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

vs.

MAGDALENA T. CALDERON, BRIANA ENRIQUEZ, CORONADO FINANCE INC., AND 1993

CHEVY CAPRICE, RED; VIN: 1G1BN53E1PR106714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. LZJ 993, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Briana Enriquez:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 Chevy Caprice, Red; VIN: 1G1BN53E1PR106714; New Mexico License Plate No. LZJ 993.

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 JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 4TH day of March, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: Joe M. Martinez Deputy - Joe M Martinez

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-02431 Judge: Rosner

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

vs.

JANE KIEHNE, 1993 HONDA CIVIC, WHITE; VIN: JHMEG8559PS057797; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MRY580, Respondents.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Jane Kiehne:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 Honda Civic, White; YIN: JHMEG8559PS057797; New Mexico License Plate

Las Cruces Bulletin

No. MRY580.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By:/s/Robert A. Cabello Robert A. Cabello Assistant City Attorney P.O. Box 20000 (575) 541-2128 (575) 541-2017 Fax Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Rosner, Mary, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 28 day of March, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: Paloma Nava

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01861

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to Countrywide Bank, National Association, fka Countrywide Bank FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

ORLANDO FLORES SR.; and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ORLANDO FLORES SR., (true name unknown); NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **April 20, 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 3173 Emilia Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Description of a 0.503 Acre Tract

Beginning at a ½" iron rod found on the South line of 20 foot wide driveway as shown of filed plat of The Town of San Juan for the Northeast corner of this tract, whence a right of way rail found on the West frontage road right of way line of I-10 (N.M.P. 1-010-2(28)136) Station 337+15.62 bears the following two courses and distances, N.74°15'05"E., 452.48 feet; Thence N.10°24'12"W., 451.80 feet;

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Miscellaneous Document filed September 10, 1990, in Miscellaneous Book 255, Pages 722-723 Doña Ana County Records. Field notes by Moy Surveying Inc., License #5939.

Tract 1

A tract of land situate in the Town of Tortugas, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Block 8, of the Town of San Juan, filed May 1920, in Book 4, Page 37, Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a ½" iron rod found on the South line of 20 foot wide driveway as shown of filed plat of The Town of San Juan for the Northeast corner of this tract, whence a right of way rail found on the West frontage road right of way line of I-10 (N.M.P. 1-010-2(28)136) Station 337+15.62 bears the following two courses and distances, N.74°15'05"E., 300.83 feet; Thence N.10°24'12"W., 451.80 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the South line of said 20 foot wide driveway, S.13°58'57"E., 148.00 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.73°25'46"W., 142.57 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.17°28'34"W., 150.04 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the South line of said 20 foot wide platted driveway for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the South line of said 20 foot wide platted driveway, N.74°15'05"E., 151.65 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.503 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Miscellaneous Document filed September 10, 1990, in Miscellaneous Book 255, Pages 722-723 Doña Ana County Records. Field notes by Moy Surveying Inc., License #5939.

AND

Description of a 0.270 Acre Tract

Tract 2

A tract of land situate in the Town of Tortugas, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Block 8, of the Town of San Juan, filed May 1920, in Book 4, Page 37, Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a ½" iron rod found on the South line of 20 foot wide driveway as shown of filed plat of The Town of San Juan for the Northeast corner of this tract, whence a right of way rail found on the West frontage road right of way line of I-10 (N.M.P. 1-010-2(28)136) Station 337+15.62 bears the following two courses and distances, N.74°15'05"E., 452.48 feet; Thence N.10°24'12"W., 451.80 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the South line of said 20 foot wide driveway, S.17°28'34"E., 150.04 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.73°25'46"W., 80.00 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.17°28'07"W., 151.16 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the South line of said 20 foot wide platted driveway for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the South line of said 20 foot wide platted driveway, N.74°15'05"E., 78.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.270 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record. Information in the preparation of this description derives from Miscellaneous Document filed September 10, 1990, in Miscellaneous Book 255, Pages 722-723 Doña Ana County Records. Field notes by Moy Surveying Inc., License #5939.

AND

Description of a 0.180 Acre Tract

Tract 3

A tract of land situate in the Town of Tortugas, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Emilia Street a platted road not in public use and part of Block 8, of the Town of San Juan, filed May 1920, in Book 4, Page 37, Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a ½" iron rod found on the South line of 20 foot wide driveway as shown of filed plat of The Town of San Juan for the Northeast corner of this tract, whence a right of way rail found on the West frontage road right of way line of I-10 (N.M.P. 1-010-2(28)136) Station 337+15.62 bears the following two courses and distances, N.74°15'05"E., 530.48 feet; Thence N.10°24'12"W., 451.80 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the South line of said 20 foot wide driveway, S.17°28'07"E., 151.16 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.73°25'46"W., 54.48 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.15°15'36"W., 151.88 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the South line of said 20 foot wide platted driveway for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the South line of said 20 foot platted driveway, N.74°15'05"E., 48.64 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.180 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Miscellaneous Document filed September 10, 1990, in Miscellaneous Book 255, Pages 722-723 Doña Ana County Records. Field notes by Moy Surveying Inc., License #5939.

Including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto, a 1994 SPIR, VIN SCAR93286535434AB, title

The Friday, April 8, 2016

to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 3, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$131,609.54 and the same bears interest at 5.540% per annum from October 16, 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: 03/25, 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 16-0068

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALE L. RUSSELL, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DENISE M. RUSSELL has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must

be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: March 15, 2016.

DENISE M. RUSSELL 3108 S. 7th Street Tacoma, Washington 98405

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

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 2016

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

Rafih Jandali 3012 Buena Vida Las Cruces, NM 88011

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage **unit(s) 228** at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$380.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Oven/microwave combo, composter lamp, chair, boxes

Date of Auction: April 19, 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

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 2016

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT WELLS

No. D-307-CV-2014-01533

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

DANTE A. DOZIER AKA DANTE ANTHONY DOZIER, 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 4732 ZENO PLACE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 2 IN BLOCK NUMBERED M OF DEL REY ESTATES, PHASE 1, LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY,

NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DEL REY ESTATES, PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 14, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 363-365.

The sale is to begin at **11:45am on April 26, 2016**, on the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Wells Fargo Bank, NA. Wells Fargo Bank, NA was awarded a Judgment on October 14, 2015, in the total amount of \$165,922.71, with interest at the rate of 4.250% per annum from August 28, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$4,675.38.

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

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

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: Margaret Lake, Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank NE, Suite A3
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(505)715-3711

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00818

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANNE C. HALLETT AND JOHN DOE HALLETT, WIFE AND HUSBAND; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5207 Comanche Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 34G IN BLOCK 11 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 6, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGES 97, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on May 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA . FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was awarded a Judgment on December 31, 2015, in the total amount of \$61,599.03, with interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum from August 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of **\$3,607.34**.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted MGC MORTGAGE, INC. . MGC MORTGAGE, INC. was awarded a Judgment on December 21, 2015, in the total amount of \$82,804.27, with interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum from July 2, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$4,795.84 .

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

QUIRINO A. VEJAR and JANE DOE VEJAR, husband and wife; EVANGELINA VEJAR aka EVANGELINA M. VEJAR and JOHN DOE VEJAR, wife and husband; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John D O ES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with

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sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 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-2014-02063

MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

QUIRINO A. VEJAR and JANE DOE VEJAR, husband and wife; EVANGELINA VEJAR aka EVANGELINA M. VEJAR and JOHN DOE VEJAR, wife and husband; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John D O ES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master
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the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5820 Sanderling Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 6 OF DESERT SHADOW SUBDIVISION - PHASE I, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 21, 1998 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19 AT PAGES 143-144, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on April 28, 2016**, at the front 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 MGC MORTGAGE, INC. . MGC MORTGAGE, INC. was awarded a Judgment on December 21, 2015, in the total amount of \$82,804.27, with interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum from July 2, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$4,795.84 .

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 . MGC MORTGAGE, INC., 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.

By: Robert A. Doyle,

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-01957

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

RAFAEL G. AGUIRRE AND CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

THIRD AMENDED PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1225 Akers Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 109 OF COUNTRY CLUB MANOR NO. 3, REPLAT NO. 1, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 18, 1976 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAGE 47, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 pm on May 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, NA . WELLS FARGO BANK, NA was awarded a Judgment on September 12, 2014 , in the total amount of \$106,945.92 with interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum fro m March 12, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$11,602.90.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for,

and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master
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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02237

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2002-NC6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-NC6, Plaintiff,

vs.

GERARDO ORTEGA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERARDO ORTEGA; PATRICIA ORTEGA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA ORTEGA; DOÑA ANA COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Patricia Ortega and The Unknown Spouse of Patricia Ortega:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2002-NC6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-NC6 has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property

located at 414 Luna Azul Drive, Chaparral, NM 88021. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

THE WEST HALF OF LOT 30 BLOCK H, CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 15, 1971, IN BOOK 10, PAGE 72 THROUGH 74 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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Organ donation is in need of support

Local Donate Life group celebrates at Mt. View

By **Susie Ouderkirk**
Las Cruces bulletin

Every year during certain months, various organizations reach out nationally to promote their causes. For example, January is National Mentoring Month, February is Black History Month and March is Women's History Month among many others.

For those thirty days, organizations escalate promotion of their causes and increase contact by mail and social media, some even receiving national endorsement from the President.

April hosts five presidentially-recognized causes, one of which is National Donate Life Month (NDLM), a promotion by Donate Life America, which brings awareness to the often uncomfortable subject of organ donation. According to the NDLM website, in April of every year, the organization "features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of donation." The campaign naturally causes consternation on both sides of the issue.

"Though signing up to be a donor is an individual choice, community awareness is essential to ensure the public has knowledge to make an informed decision," reads the Midwest Transplant Network newsletter, *Serenity*, for April, 2016.

NDLM is devoted to registering organ donors and matching them up with needy recipients. This is a painful subject on sev-



eral levels: first, if a person is in need of an organ transplant, he or she is suffering from some sort of disease that is most likely fatal. The website claims that, "122,000 men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants...and more than 1,000 of them are 10 years old or younger."

It is estimated that in 2015, nearly 30,000 patients began new lives thanks to organ transplants from 6,000 living donors and 8,500 deceased donors. Therein lies the second painful subject: many organ transplants come from the bodies of donors who have died, the vast majority of which have passed on unexpectedly, leaving grief-stricken families and friends stunned and overwhelmed. Having the foresight to become a donor is uncommon, especially for young people, and families suffering through the death of a loved one are never in the frame of mind to make such a decision by proxy, but the need for organ transplants is crucial. "Only one percent of all deaths qualify to be donors," said Maria Sanders, public education manager of Donate Life New Mexico.

Another uncomfortable aspect of organ donation is the knowledge, by the survivors, of

the process required, and that their deceased loved one will have his or her organs harvested, leaving bodies that often are not appropriate for open casket funeral services. Frequently, the idea of violating a family member's body after death is unthinkable.

Sadly, 8,000 people die nationwide each year because the organs they need are not donated in time, according to the website. Sanders said, "In New Mexico, about 750 people die each year while on the waiting list."

So during the month of April, Donate Life America reaches out to educate the general public about organ donation, emphasizing the positive outcomes of such a selfless posthumous act.

Organs that can be donated include: the heart, the liver, kidneys, lungs, pancreas, intestines, corneas, skin, bone, heart valves, tendons and veins, which is a much larger list than most people are aware of.

There are a handful of myths surrounding organ donation, and dispensing information is the best way to tackle those misconceptions, said Sanders. For example, potential donors worry that by signing up, personal

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Mountain View Medical Center is sponsoring a balloon release on April 14 to honor organ donors from Las Cruces in conjunction with a ceremony to introduce the new 'Wall of Heroes.'

Police support committee inaugural meeting attracts new members

A new committee devoted to supporting the local police is revving up for meetings and events in Las Cruces. The first meeting of the Las Cruces Support Your Local Police committee, held March 1, attracted 26 people. School Resource Officer Chris Carrillo spoke to the group which was spearheaded by Las Cruces Donna O'Daniel. In addition to Carrillo, officers Kiri Daines and Marise Hernandez spoke and answered questions from the audience. Chapter 10 of the Boy Scouts presented the colors to begin the meeting.

Donna O'Daniel founded the committee in November, 2015 and serves as the chairman. "Our full motto is 'Support Your Local Police and Keep Them Independent'" O'Daniel said via email. "Our local police are under increasing threats all the time," she wrote.

The group hosted a table at the recent Spring Fest March 26 and "talked almost nonstop for four hours to the families and children at the festival," said O'Daniel,

Stickers like this one are available at committee meetings.



iel, "and quite a few people signed up to get more information."

The present nationwide network of SYLP committees began in the 1960s, O'Daniel said, "in response to the violence, rioting, looting, arson,

death and destruction witnessed during the riots in Harlem in 1964 and in Watts in 1965. We have again recently suffered through riots — in Ferguson, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland — in response to so-called police brutality and misconduct."

The committee is "a good idea" she said, because our local police are under increasing threats all the time. For information about the Las Cruces Support Your Local Police committee, call Donna O'Daniel at 520-7938.

Parents and the P.E.D.

Last month I wrote about what I believe is the missing puzzle piece for addressing New Mexico's educational crisis. Parents, too often, are unaware of what their children need beyond food, shelter, clothing and love as their busy brains develop.

Play is the work of childhood and what a small child learns during play will be the foundation for all future learning.

Positive experiences and conversations with their main caregivers suit young brains best. But parents need to know how that translates into daily interactions with their children and what to look for when choosing a childcare setting.

An inspection of the Public Education Department of New Mexico (PED) website www.ped.state.nm.us reveals many pages of performance standards for every grade in school as well as for early child-



hood caregivers and preschool educators.

There is not room for me to address all of these in one column but I would like to share with you an informal and incomplete peek at what kindergarten teachers tell me are the skills necessary to succeed during the first months of school.

At the beginning of kindergarten, students are expected to be able to hold a pencil, use scissors, take turns and share, say "Please" and "Thank you," wait to speak without interrupting, stay focused on a task for five to ten minutes, stay engaged and cooperate for at least 10 minutes when listening to a story or participating in a group activity.

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medical care may be affected. However, according to the Donate Life New Mexico website, "Your commitment to donation will not interfere with your medical care. Donation is only an option after all life-saving efforts have been made and death has been declared."

Another common question about the process addressed on the website is how the recipients are chosen, and if organs are sold to the highest bidder. "Organs are not for sale. It is illegal to buy or sell human organs and tissue for transplant in the United States (Public Law 98-507). To ensure that organs are given to the neediest recipients, federal agencies enforce strict guidelines that regulate the process through a fair distribution system. Organs are allocated to waiting recipients on the national organ transplant list maintained by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) based on medical factors such as blood type, size, medical urgency and tissue match. Tissue is allocated to patients based on need, medical criteria and availability. A person's wealth or celebrity status

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In New Mexico, the donate life website, www.nmdonor.com, has information, FAQs and donor registration, as well as opportunities to support the registry in our state. New Mexicans now have 2 ways to register their decision to Donate Life: At the time you obtain or renew your New Mexico driver's license or ID card or anytime, anywhere on the Donate Life New Mexico website Donor Registry, which allows you to:

- Register to be an organ and tissue donor.
- Choose organs and tissue you DO NOT wish to donate.
- Choose how your donation will be used.
- Make changes or updates to your donor registration
- Take your name off the registry.

Nationally, events scheduled for this month run the gamut from recognition ceremonies to awareness walks to talks and storytelling events. Locally, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Mountain View Hospital is having a ceremony to honor their "wall of heroes" which is getting

a technological update to a digital display. The event, which includes a balloon release in remembrance of organ donors who came through the hospital, takes place under the outdoor pavilion.

On the following day, Friday, April 15, which is National Blue and Green Day, the Departments of Motor Vehicles in Las Cruces will begin a one-week promotion by decorating their offices in blue and green, the Donate Life colors. There also is a national photo contest on the Donate Life America Facebook page calling for photographs in six categories. The contest starts Friday,

April 15 and continues through Tuesday, April 19. After all photos are uploaded, the one with the most likes in each category will be awarded a \$100 Amazon gift card. Check out the contest at [Facebook.com/DonateLife](https://www.facebook.com/DonateLife).

April, revered as the month of new beginnings and new life, is the perfect time to become an organ donor. By simply registering to be an organ donor, everyone can take a step toward being a hero and saving a life. For information and volunteer opportunities, visit <http://donatelifenm.org/> or www.nmdonor.com.



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Voyager's Travel participants Diana Billman and Linda Miller pause for a picture during a trip to Pike's Peak.

Voyagers heading to Albuquerque, Palomas

Trips scheduled for April and May with Voyagers include: Gathering of Nations April 28-30, in Albuquerque.

Cost is \$310 per person double; \$360 per person single. Palomas/Deming with lunch at Pink Store Friday, May 6.

Cost is \$38 per person for this day trip. St. Clair Vineyard and Winery Tour Tuesday, May 10. Cost is \$75 per person for this day trip.

For more information, call Helen Glover at Voyagers Travel Center, 523-1152 or las-crucesvoyagerstravelcenter.com.

Dance your way to better health

By Penney McClarin
Submitted

Walking into the Good Samaritan Social Center in the morning, the laughter and music can quickly put a smile on ones' face. Peeking into the Creative Arts Room one can see where those joyful sounds are coming from: a Zumba class currently in session shows a room full of people having a wonderful time.

The Zumba class is clearly not what comes to mind when speaking about "having to work out." Well Being Coordinator Pam Rodgers is very creative and turns the already-fun Zumba dance class into an exercise class that is something to be excited about. One of the routines includes silk roses which the exercise-goers place

in their teeth to make the dance even more fun.

Speaking of dance, there is a group of women who practice at Good Samaritan several days a week.

This group is known as Las Perlitas and they are dedicated to the stories they tell through their dance.

Anyone who has seen them perform knows just what a wonderful experience it is to see them dance. Their costumes are beautiful and these elegant women are true artists.

We all know the importance of exercise as well as physical activity, especially as we age. However, exercise needn't be drudgery or something we dread doing. Dancing is a very good way to get moving and stay physi-



COURTESY PHOTO

Good Samaritan dancers enjoy a Zumba class.

cally fit. According to AARP, dancing can have a positive impact on ones' heart and legs.

Additionally, according to Cara Murray of Demand Media, dancing can improve cognitive fitness, balance and fall prevention, physical fitness, and psychological

wellness. Plus, it can be just plain, downright fun. So as you continue on your journey to live a healthy and fulfilling life, make sure to take a step in the right direction.

I would encourage you to consider the health benefits and enjoyment of dancing.

NMSU alumna working to develop technology for seniors

For Tiara Grant, relocating from Albuquerque to Las Cruces for an intensive 12-week pre-incubation program at Arrowhead Technology Incubator (ATI) was an easy move.

"I knew that New Mexico State University had a strong engineering program," said Grant. "After researching numerous incubators, I decided ATI could best help me achieve my goals."

Grant is an NMSU alumna and has worked in the information technology field since 2008, studying areas in information security, secure coding practices and object oriented programming languages, database and network design, IT project management and

unified modeling language, or UML. While earning her master's in computer science, Grant knew she wanted to develop a technology that would focus on senior care.

Her company, Omnius Technologies, will allow her to focus on the development of a technology that will help senior citizens stay independent at home through the use of a personal emergency alert system.

"While at ATI, I hope to explore the market potential of my technology, create a white paper and market/communications plan, and explore SBIR/STTR (Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer) funding op-

portunities," said Grant. "I have an intense desire to help senior citizens while reducing the costs associated with hospital stays."

Grant's technology is comprised of a personal emergency alert system that will work with wireless sensors to transmit information to a secure cloud server and monitor for potential emergencies 24/7. If an emergency should occur, a trained call representative will first assess the situation through video or a phone call, then contact emergency services if the emergency is deemed critical.

"As the older adult transitions through the

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Pets and People



'Yappy Hour' at St. Clair Winery

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Food and drink available from the menu, free goodie bags for the pooches, music, games and prizes.

This month's theme is Pet First Aid Aware-

ness and the Red Cross will be on hand for a pet CPR demonstration.

Be sure to dress up Fido for the "superheroes" pet contest.

Minimum \$5 donation at the door benefits the Doña Ana County Humane Society and the Spay/Neuter Action Program.

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PET OF THE WEEK



XANDER

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Dog adoptions are located at the Far North End of the Farmers Market and cat adoptions are located at The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. and at Petco on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the ASCMV at 382-0018.

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personas, the application will promote a higher quality of life in an independent living setting, reduce trips to the ER, and take a more proactive approach than the current personal emergency alert devices in fall detection,

dementia and Alzheimer location management, treatment management and health and wellness management," Grant said.

The application will collect data including bathroom usage, wakeful-

ness, food preparation (in case an oven or stove is left on), home temperature, medication adherence and the monitoring of vital signs such heart rate, weight scale, body temperature, blood pressure, respiration and glucose levels, as well as the sensors built into the

home to administer and monitor prescription usage.

Grant is also working with Arrowhead Center's NM FAST program to submit a Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) proposal to fund the development of this technology.

Healthy Happenings



Mountain View Market Co-op wellness event

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 join the Co-op for Eat Smart, Live Well: Essential Oils. Learn about the benefits of and uses for essential oils. Sample some recipes in the class and go home with recipes to try on your own. Event takes place at 1300 El Paseo Road. For information, call 523-0436 or visit www.mountainviewmarket.coop.

CJ Honor Society hosts juvenile rehabilitation conference

The NMSU Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, hosts a conference on juvenile rehabilitation

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 15 at Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. More than 15 speakers from community organizations, law enforcement agencies and the court will present. NMSU students with valid ID are free. Register online at <https://swrtc.nmsu.edu/alphaphisigma>.

ONGOING

Department hosting Saturday Zumba class

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department new Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. takes place every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. Zumba combines traditional Latin dance styles, including salsa, mambo, cha-cha, cumbia and

merengue, as well as hip-hop, belly dancing moves and may include traditional group fitness moves, such as pushups, bicep curls, crunches and hi-low aerobic combinations. For more information, contact the Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

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Expectations for communication skills include taking turns in conversation, speaking in complete sentences, organizing thoughts to tell about events in the order they occurred, and speaking intelligently using conventional words and grammar.

They will be expected to dictate and write about events, look at a picture in a book and use it to tell part of the story, recognize that groups of letters separated by spaces are words, explain what authors and illustrators do, identify the characters, setting, and main events of a story, and differentiate between fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.

When it comes to numbers, they need to be ready to count aloud and recognize number words in speech, write numbers from 0-20, use a number to identify a set of objects, compare numbers to sets of objects, recognize triangles, circles, and squares and sort them into groups, recognize similarities in sizes, shapes and colors, sort and classify objects into different categories and count the members of each group.

Beginning Reading skills include recognizing many upper and lowercase letters, printing some of them including their own names, identifying sounds at the beginning of words, generating rhyming words, and sounding-out words into syllables.

By Thanksgiving, in some schools, teachers are required to have collected enough data on a child's performance to inform parents that their child is at risk for repeating

kindergarten.

The sad truth is that this encounter with the teacher is likely to be the first time that parent has heard of these expectations.

As a reader of this column your response may very well be, "My child/grandchild/niece can do all those things and more." But, the response of most parents in NM is more likely to be surprise and dismay, "How am I supposed to prepare my child to do all that?"

The answer is as simple as playing, singing and reading with children from the very start. Ninety percent of human brain development occurs during the first five years of life.

All the neural connections for future learning are in place long before a child enters school.

The foundation for all learning comes from the kind of experiences parents provide. First Teacher/Primero Maestro classes provide the opportunity for parents of three to five year olds to become proactive.

Parents learn how they can play easily and joyously with their young children to set them up for success.

Thanks to support from the Stocker Foundation and Daniel's Fund these classes are currently being offered free in Las Cruces, Hatch and Sunland Park.

Alejandra Ortega is coordinating new classes; she can help you find a class near you, or organize a class for parents in your neighborhood. Contact her by email at: sanchezortega2013@gmail.com.