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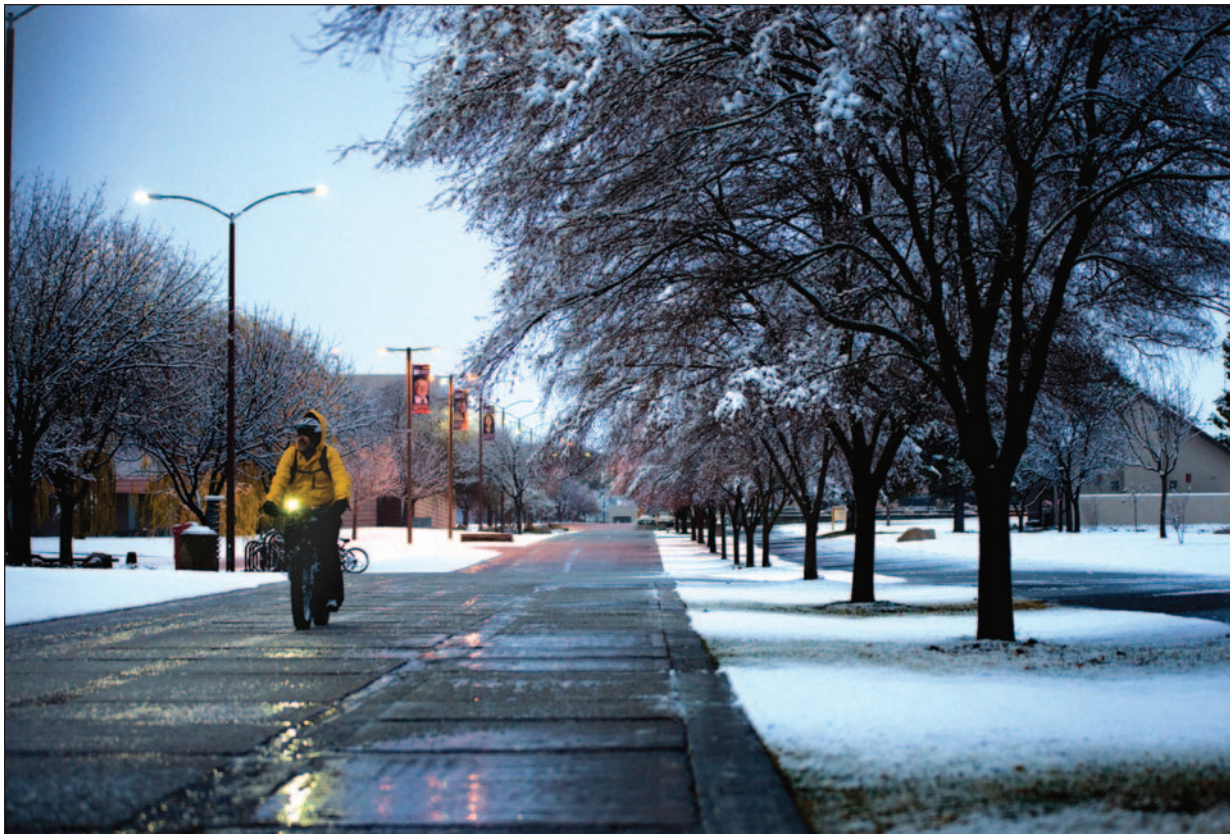


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A lone cyclist cruises through the uncharacteristic Las Cruces winter weather near the New Mexico State University campus Saturday, Dec. 26. See more Las Cruces snow photos on pages A12-13.

## Church bombings shake city in 2015

### Bulletin report

Sunday, Aug. 2 opened with a sunny, peaceful morning when celebrants of different stripes put on their nice clothes and headed to church.

Then the peace was shattered. Luckily no one was injured, but a pair of bombs detonated at two different churches. A little after 8 a.m., the first explosion destroyed a mailbox at Calvary Baptist

Church at 1800 S Locust St., and nearly a half-an-hour later an explosion took place across town at Holy Cross Catholic Church at

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## Politics loomed large in 2015

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

For a year with no statewide elections, 2015 was pretty busy politically for New Mexico and Las Cruces.

We got a new secretary of state, a new state representative and a new state senator. Here in Las Cruces, we re-elected our mayor and one city councilor, and elected two new city council members and a new presiding municipal judge.

Also, Las Cruces Pub-

lic Schools elected two new board members in February.

Former New Mexico Secretary of State Diana Duran, first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014 – and the first Republican to hold the office since 1930 – resigned in October after pleading guilty to embezzlement, money laundering and identity theft in connection with the illegal use of campaign donations

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Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and his wife, Rosie, check out the results of the city's municipal election Tuesday, Nov. 3 at Los Compas restaurant on Compress Drive where he gathered with supporters. Miyagishima was re-elected.



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## DASO Academy still accepting apps

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To date, more than 120 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was re-introduced in 2011.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older to be considered for the program, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on all applicants. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through educa-



tion and awareness. Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office; it is not the cadet

academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb squad, and Animal Control. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The 2016 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through Feb. 27, 2016.

Applications can be downloaded online at goDASO.org and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, which is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. The deadline to apply is Jan. 5, 2016, and class size is limited to 25 people.

## ETZ applicants sought

Due to a resignation, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for an open position on the Extra Territorial Zoning Commission.

The term of appointment will be until Oct. 22, 2016. The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners will make the appointment at their Jan. 26 regular meeting.

The ETZ Commission meets regularly on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center.

The ETZ Commission oversees development in a five-mile area that rings the city limits of Las Cruces. The Commission regularly reviews development sketch plans, subdivision plats, zone changes and special-use permit applications within the ETZ zone.

Each applicant should submit a letter of interest, a resume and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007. Deadline for receipt of all applications is 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 8, 2016.

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# Las Cruces woman, 44, goes missing in June

A 44-year-old Las Cruces woman went missing Friday, June 19 from Rustler Park Campground in Coronado National Forest, located in Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains, while hiking with her parents for a Father's Day outing.



CASTREJON

30-year-old automotive accident, and according to her family has the

fers from partial blindness and short-term memory loss, the result of a

mental capacity of a 5- to 7-year-old child.

Given Castrejon's disabilities, her family believes it is impossible that she ventured far from the trail; instead, they believe, all signs indicate she was taken from the campground.

The story was reported

across the country in 2015.

The Castrejon family has set up a website, [www.findjanet.org](http://www.findjanet.org) which contains the family's story, more information about Janet Castrejon, links to her story in the media, contact information and ways to spread the word - handing out

flyers, sharing links on social media, etc.

The family has also started a GoFundMe account, [www.gofundme.com/findjanet](http://www.gofundme.com/findjanet), to raise money to bring her home. As of Dec. 29, the account had reached more than \$13,200 of its \$25,000 goal.

Her father, Dr. Eduardo

A. Castrejon, arranged follow-up trips to Arizona to search with volunteers.

"We are eternally grateful for all the help, especially from the media and the community - there's just been so many people helping, it's been really powerful. We just want our daughter back," he said.



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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

# Looking back, looking ahead What are your predictions?

Typical New Year's newspaper columns veer toward one of three directions: the year in review, resolutions and hopes for the coming year, predictions of what will happen.

Well, this column certainly wouldn't stoop to such trite clichés.

In fact, I predict after you read this column and review what happened in 2015, you'll join me in resolving to have a hopeful 2016.

The year 2015 was an eventful year after all with many events memorable for negative reasons.

All you need to hear are the place names and you can recall the grim days: Charleston, Paris, San Bernardino.

Thankfully, here in Las Cruces, we didn't have such horrific events as those.

Terrorism, though, reached its dark tentacles into our fair city with bombs that went off at local churches in August. We were fortunate no one was injured that Sunday.

However, car-wreck fatalities, violent crimes and other tragedies negatively altered the lives of many families. The still-unsolved disappearance of Janet Castrejon comes to mind ([www.findjanet.org](http://www.findjanet.org)).

Other big national news centered on politics and the upcoming presidential

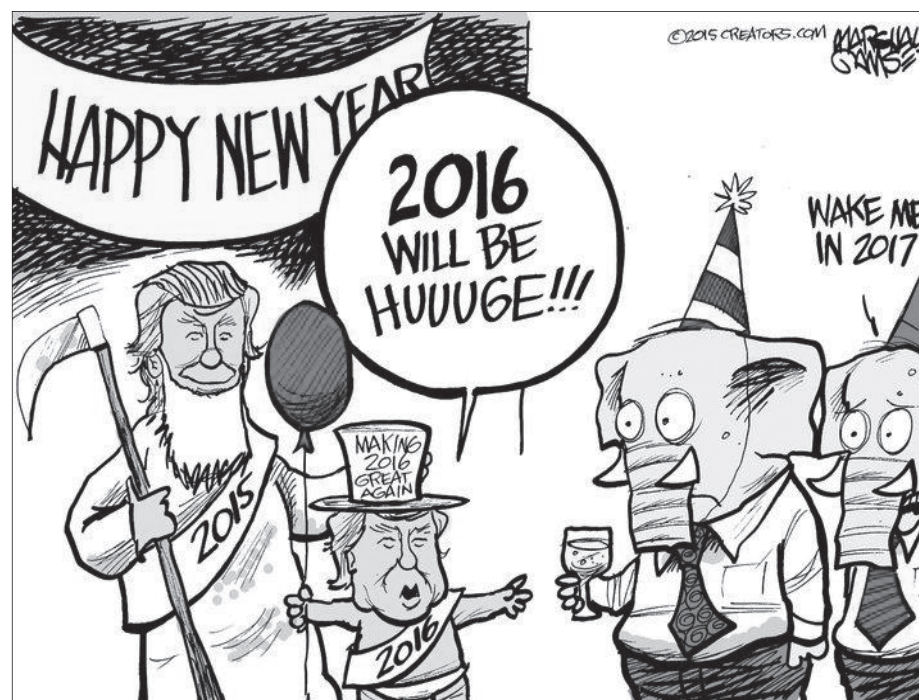
elections. Candidates Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders have had success in the polls no one could have predicted a year ago. For each of them, I believe, part of their appeal is they're not afraid to say exactly what's on their minds, regardless of how crazy people think they are. Neither of them act like politicians we're used to seeing, and they don't seem to care what people think.

Locally, politics were a hot topic as well.

In the city's municipal elections, Mayor Ken Miyagishima earned victory for his third term over former city councillor Miguel Silva. Kasandra Gandara and Jack Eakman each won by very narrow margins to earn seats on the council. While there were no Trump-like characters, some candidates received financial support from out-of-region individuals and organizations, which drew criticism.

As far as predictions go, I predict when the primary elections move from theoretical polling to actual voting, Trump will fade, even as he becomes an important footnote in U.S. campaign history. I think the Republican race will mimic the 1992 Democratic race, when Bill Clinton finally and unexpectedly broke through a crowded

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



field. A less bombastic voice, probably Marco Rubio or maybe Jeb Bush, will emerge on the Republican side. And if voters truly do prefer someone more iconoclastic, I suspect Rand Paul would gather more primary votes than Trump.

On the Democratic side, it looks like Sanders can give Hillary Clinton a solid run deep into the campaign. It will be fun to watch.

I won't venture a guess in the general election, but regardless of which party wins, I think the next president will be a one-termer, a la Jimmy Carter. Our economy is poised for the type of inflation and other problems America faced in 1977-80. I hope I'm wrong on the economy part, but we're overdue for a one-termer anyway.

Speaking of economy, New Mexico is

still mired in its slothful recovery from the recession. While the low oil and gas prices are good for consumers and some businesses, they create a real burden on our state, which relies so heavily on the taxes from that industry.

This January's 30-day state legislative session, which deals primarily with the budget, will require some creativity and forward thinking from our legislators. My best to all of them.

However, as cliché as it is, the new year indeed brings new hope and promise.

I will resume my once-annual resolution of trying to learn the words to Elton John's "Bennie and the Jets," and I wish you success with your resolutions. Most of all, I wish you peace and prosperity.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## It's the law, but will the sheep understand?



There is a state law on the books in Colorado that makes it illegal for a sheepherder to abandon his sheep without notice.

A good law, really. Since herders are often

left alone on isolated ranges with their entrusted band. The owner or boss checks on him once a week or so and brings him supplies. So, it would certainly create

serious consequences were the sheep to be deserted and untended for any length of time.

But, to the uninformed, non-sheep people, that is, this law seems a little unclear.

It could be interpreted to mean that the herder must notify his sheep before leaving them. To prevent emotional trauma, possibly, social breakdown or obscure ovine behavioral disor-

ders. To comply with the law, he might line them up and give a sort-of "going away" speech:

"My fellow ewes, lambs and bucks. I have called you together to make an announcement. At approximately noon today, I intend to abandon you.

"It has not been an easy decision. I lay in my camp pondering the effect it would have on the

herd. I agonized over leaving something we've both worked so hard to establish. The caring and sincere bond we've formed that has made my job such a pleasure. The chuckles we've had and the times we've cried.

"I've asked a lot of you. At lambing, marking and shearing, not to mention the time you all got foot rot. Tough times.

But you all gave it your best effort and survived. And, I think, y'all are better sheep for the experience.

"But people, just like sheep, grow and change. My needs are different, my horizons have expanded. I hope to enroll in a welding course at community college and follow my star.

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"I'm leaving you in good hands, or hooves, as it were. Paulita, I expect you to take over. You've been a strong example to the other ewes. Always first to water, first to new grass, and always willing to listen to the baa's and bleatings of others.

"Leadership is not an easy mantle to wear. And followers, you, too, must blindly trust your leader and follow her like...well, sheep.

"You must work as a cohesive unit, sticking to the instinctive survival traits of prey, always remembering, just like in any bureaucracy, that the group is more important than the individual. It is your strength and will prevent you from becoming another fractionated, dysfunctional herd.

"In conclusion, it was just my job. To protect you from predators; coyotes, the BLM, deer hunters and the like. But your gratitude is humbling. That gratitude is what I will carry with me from this day forward. Word cannot express my thanks for your overwhelming display of affection. After all, how many of us can claim to have six hundred ram lambs named Juan, in their honor."

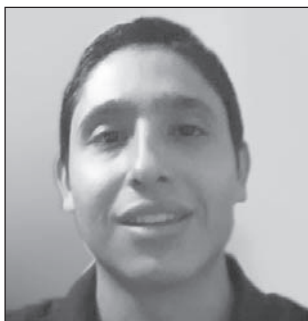
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# 2015 had some rhyme, some reason

**Ross M. Burkhardt**  
Poetical Review

As we sing Auld Lang Syne to 2015,  
And transition to another New Mexican scene,  
In this era of Hillary, Trump and The Force,  
A year-end review seems in order, of course.

From Adobehenge and the Aggies all the way to Zia,  
It's been a busy year for Las Cruces and Mesilla.  
Let's look back to reflect and remember  
Some major moments, January to December.

The initial event that occurred last Jan.,  
As the clock struck twelve and the New Year began,  
Was the 1st Chile Drop – were you at the scene,  
Wondering would the lights be red or green?

Up on the campus at NMSU,  
A new set of structures is rising in view.  
Arrowhead Park Medical Academy's now open;  
Soon, Burrell College of Osteo Medicine – we're hopin'.

Centennial went big on the basketball court;  
Some fans feared that they might come up short.  
But Gallup fell and watched the Hawks celebrate,  
Winning their first State hoops title, 52-38.

Ken Miyagishima was re-elected again;  
He's been the city's mayor since way back when.  
The municipal elections saw a battle royal  
With charges that all was not according to Hoyle.

A humongous hail storm caught the Valley by surprise –  
People couldn't believe what came down from the skies.  
Car dents all over, yet though it was bad,  
At least some local roofers were glad.

We lost a few giants along the way –  
No longer will Jim Bradley send in the play.  
David Steinborn is gone from the realtor domain,  
And aleichem shalom, Rabbi Jerry Kane.

In truth, all good things come to an end,  
And so it happened, and thus we commend  
That super festival, the Whole Enchilada  
Which, *desa fortunadamente*, has come to nada.

After years of hosting a water-based rodeo,  
To honor our grande, the mighty Rio,  
The Southwest Environmental Center did disengage  
From their annual Raft the Rio flotilla parade.

The Centennial football Hawks made it to State,  
But saw the Artesia Bulldogs dominate;  
The Hawks showed courage, and though they were ablaze,  
They lost a leader, Coach Roger Grays.

In January the Rio Grande Vision Support Group first met  
Up at Good Samaritan – blind vet helping blind vet.  
That's one example of how we care for each other,  
Volunteering to assist every sister or brother.

Yes, here in the Valley, volunteers do many things  
At the Munson Center, the Soup Kitchen, or Dripping Springs;  
Community members assist at Rotary's Dress the Child events,  
And Literacy Volunteers help kids make reading sense.

Folks serve on non-profit boards and the Las Cruces Symphony Guild;  
We donate sufficient monies to keep scholarship coffers filled;  
Some work with Search and Rescue, some dance folklorico –  
Mesilla Valley citizens are always on the go.

Jardin de Los Niños was named Non-Profit of the Year;  
The minimum wage was debated; a raise could cause a cheer.  
The Detention Center issue made the front page recently;  
The Sheriff and some County Commissioners saw fit to disagree.

NMSU's Sim Bhullar made history last April when he  
Entered a Timberwolves-Kings game and experienced victory.  
He became the very first player of Indian descent  
To play in an NBA game – his time here was well spent.

Hooray for local boxer Austin "No Doubt" Trout –  
He fought twice this year and won each bout.  
Uber came to town, as did Apple's new iPhone 6;  
And the biggest rivalry? Las Cruces 27, Mayfield 56.

The J. Paul Taylor Academy got new digs – a great advance;  
The Aggies – men and women hoopsters – went to the NCAA dance.  
Marilee and Baby Lamb is the latest play in Mark Medoff's career,  
And Oñate High School cheerleaders are best in New Mexico this year.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Holloman shouldn't house immigrant children

In Aug. 2012, when President Obama, by executive order, unilaterally implemented his version of the stalled "Dream Act" on immigration, did he stop to think, "What happens when hundreds of thousands of children leave their parents to come to the U.S.?"

After he opened the border to unaccompanied children, he created an immigration crisis that peaked in 2014, when tens of thousands of children overwhelmed border patrols.

Now we need to address the unintended consequences of the President's action. On Dec. 26, the Department of Defense announced that Holloman AFB in Alamogordo will provide "temporary" housing to 400 of these undocumented children beginning in January.

Is housing 400 immigrant children good for our military and their families stationed at Holloman? The federal government has provided immunizations and screened the immigrant children for diseases, but did not ensure that these children are not affiliated with gangs or drug cartels.

It is our responsibility to ensure that our military men and women, and their families, are safe while living at Holloman - no exceptions.

We need to send these children back to their families, not warehouse them in a vacant building once used for space surveillance.

Mark Rich  
Albuquerque

# Each year has a lesson to teach

In a small unscientific study looking only at myself, I find that the years go by quickly. They are packed with victories and losses. If we have a loss, at least we should get the lesson. Getting lemons doesn't help unless you have sugar and water for lemonade.

Let's look at 2015 as we think about 2016. We must remember the mistakes that were made this year so we don't repeat them. We also need to remember our victories so we have some chance to repeat them.

George Santayana in 1906 wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Our society doesn't seem to learn. Let's make 2016 the year we learn from a previous year's mistakes.

If there was an organization to remember society's wins and losses each year, it would

Michael Swickard  
In My Opinion



say you must acknowledge both the wins and losses. Losses are difficult because people gloss over them while fixating on wins.

The biggest loss in the last few years is the loss of the truth. Truth has become the new hate speech. George Orwell wrote, "During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act."

Many people are afraid of the truth because an expedient political power play has emerged in our society. It is to label as racist or worse anyone who opposes the wishes of the political parties; 2015 was a name-calling year with most of the name-calling being done for political gain.

A friend runs a political blog and has a hard

time with the inclination of some posters to name-call and act ugly. I am glad he is fighting that fight because we can never have truth in our society if the name-calling brigands are allowed to take over public dialogs.

The year 2015 will be re-

membered as the year everything offended someone. David Bednar wrote, "To be offended is a choice we make; it is not a condition inflicted or imposed upon us by someone or something else."

This year I found I could concurrently offend

both Republicans and Democrats. I got hate emails from both the same week. I have written a weekly column for more than 30 years so I am used to offending people. It happens. But this year it

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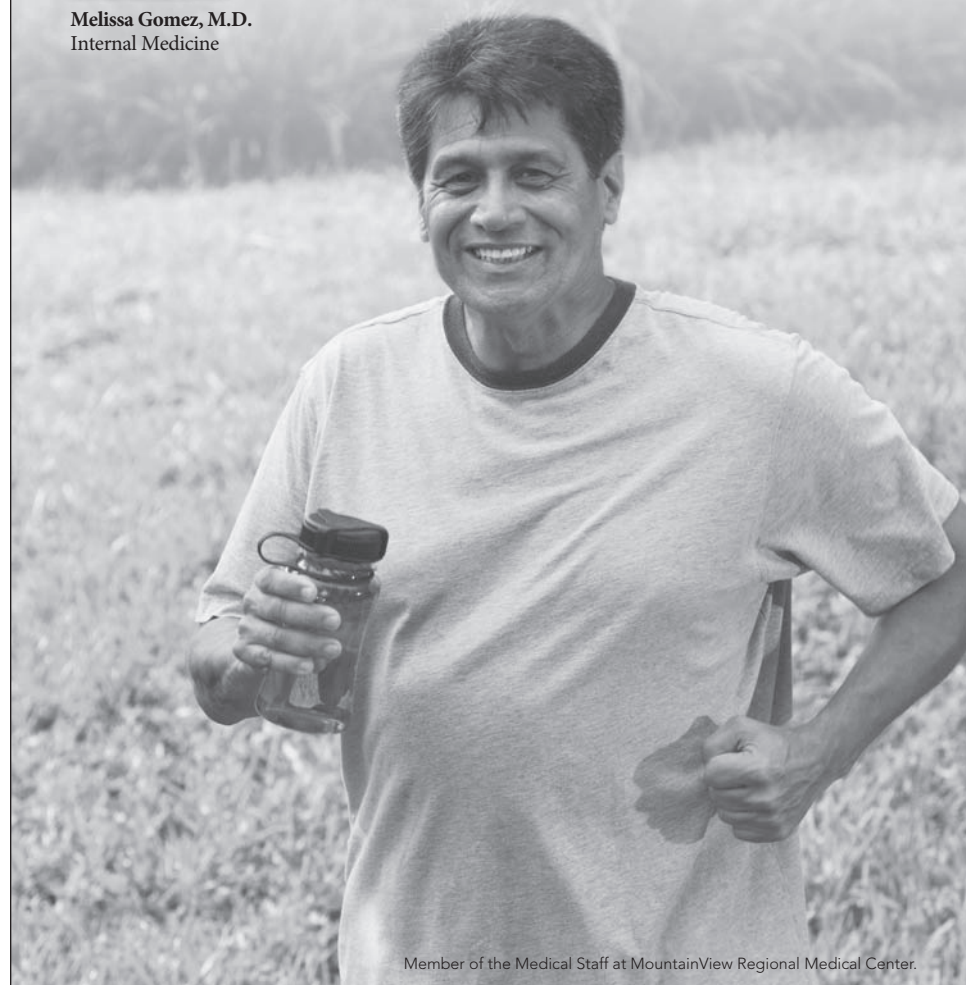
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## POEM FROM PAGE A6

The validity of our driver's licenses created a small uproar;  
The lines to see Star Wars: The Force Awakens were out the door;  
At RenFaire, Magellan the Dragon didn't acquire aquatic traction;  
And Film Las Cruces is now ready for "Lights, camera, action!"

We had some awful scares – the bombings in August  
Of two local churches caused alarm and much disgust.  
The Mesilla Valley Mall had to be evacuated;  
Such senseless anti-social acts leave one infuriated.

The talented Kenny Rogers plus our own Miss Bri Bagwell  
Headlined the Las Cruces Country Music Festival – they were swell.  
Country superstar Jason Aldean also came to town,  
To the Pan Am Center, in short, to Burn It Down.

Frustrated drivers endured seemingly endless obstruction,  
But Main Street's fully open after years of road construction.  
Work on the new downtown plaza is well underway,  
And the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market is here to stay.

Camp Hope was written up in The New York Times in January;  
Soon toilets and showers will be added – thanks, Project:  
Dignity.  
In August, local mental health services welcomed a new provider  
La Clinica de Familia took over from La Frontera.

To conclude this year, Mother Nature – the Giver –  
Lowered the temp – Boom! – and caused us to shiver.  
A post-Christmas snowstorm – our desert turned white!  
And cold below freezing each waning December night.

From Main Street to the Plaza, from campus to steeple,

We're in a good place, good times and good people.  
We help one another and look to tomorrow;  
We live well together and put joy before sorrow.

No doubt there are a few events this poet didn't mention;  
Mea culpa – I'm no psychic, but to forestall contention,  
If you recall something worth noting, don't curse –  
Notify the Bulletin – we might print additional verse.

What lies ahead now? Only time will tell –  
Adventure, misfortune and high points as well.  
But whatever occurs, we'll be part of the scene  
Of the coming New Year. Welcome, 2016!

Ross Burkhardt, a former English and social studies teacher in New York state and inductee into the National Teachers Hall of Fame, moved to Las Cruces after retirement. He has written several books on middle level education and now writes poetry for fun.

## SWICKARD

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seemed there was a virulent practiced response to opposing ideas and that was name-calling and ignoring the truth.

One person was very offended when I wrote about something that happened in the 2015 New Mexico Legislature. The problem for me was that I did not witness this situation myself. But I found four people who confirmed to me what happened along with two others in law enforcement who witnessed it. I would not retract my column.

This last year the two major political parties were nationally very similar. The only thing they disagree on was which person should be elected, not the will of the people and how Congress should protect the Constitution.

The emphasis of 2015 for the national leaders of both parties was to make government bigger. This has been covered extensively by the national press that can be identified by their political editorial leanings. Both the liberal press and the less liberal press have

their agendas. If it wasn't for the Internet they would succeed.

Many years ago Bob Hope quipped, "No one party can fool all of the people all of the time; that's why we have two parties."

A friend said to one politician, "Please act as if you actually talk to citizens and not just consultants and fixers."

That didn't go over well.

Comedian George Burns was asked, "How's your wife?" He answered, "Compared to what?"

That is what we have to realize each year. When we do a year in review in some ways we are often comparing to other years.

Can we learn from 2015? Yes, but we must want to learn. We may have to change some of our elected politicians if we want real change. Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1789, "Whenever people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government."

We have many well-informed citizens but everyone loses when truth is politically inconvenient and so is absent from our society.

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## COMING UP

### Channel Sizing class registration

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will provide Channel Sizing classes during the month of January at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. The class will offer cardio-based channel walking exercises that are low impact and fun. The class will consist of nine sessions beginning Jan. 11 and ending Jan. 29. Classes will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; cost is \$20 per person for the nine sessions.

Registration extends through Jan. 8 at the Regional Aquatic Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. For more information contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

### First Day Hike at Leasburg State Park

Join a park ranger on a moderate walking tour of the Mogollon trail and visit geothermal springs along the riverbed at Leasburg Dam on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. Tours start at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Located 15 miles north of Las Cruces, exit 19 at Radium Springs. For information, call 524-4068.

### Branigan Library announces Reading Bingo program

Beginning Jan. 1, Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will begin a new reading challenge for adults. Reading Bingo will give participants more flexibility in their reading choices. Adults are encouraged to sign up now for a bingo card. Participants will read books to receive chances in a prize drawing. Game ends April 30, 2016. This program is free of charge. For more information contact Lori Batchelor at 528-4012 or [lbachelor@las-cruces.org](mailto:lbachelor@las-cruces.org).

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### City cancels all 2016 Aqua Strength Fitness Classes

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will be removing the Aqua Strength fitness class indefinitely from our fitness schedule. For more information, call 541-2782.

### Gym closure at Meerscheidt Recreation Center

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will close the League Basketball Gymnasium at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., Jan. 4, through Jan. 9, 2016, for floor maintenance. The gymnasiums will be open for normal recreational play beginning on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016.

### Diabetes classes at MountainView

Applications are being accepted for Diabetes classes at MountainView Senior Circle Association, 3948 E. Lohman Ave, Ste. 1, (behind Walgreens on Lohman.)

Session 1 - Tuesday, Jan. 5 from 2 - 5 p.m.; Evening Support Group meeting at MountainView's Senior Circle,



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## COMING UP

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Type 2, 6-7:30 p.m.

Session 2 - Thursday, Jan. 7 from 2-5 p.m.

Session 3 - Tuesday, Jan. 12 from 2-5 p.m.

Class size will be limited to 12 and support persons are invited and encouraged to be present with each attendee. There is a one-time \$10.00 registration fee for these intense classes. Scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance. Classes will be taught in English and Spanish by Diabetes Educator, T. J. Jasso, RN, BS. For additional information or to register, please call 522-0289.

### Spring 2016 Afterschool Program registration

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will accept current Afterschool Program participants' payments for the 2016 spring session at the Parks & Recreation administrative office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave. through Friday, Jan. 8. Any slots not paid for by Jan. 8, will be opened to the public on Monday, Jan. 11 and remain open until the site is at capacity.

The following schools participate in the Afterschool Program for children kindergarten through 5th grade: Alameda Elementary, Cesar Chavez/Sunrise Elementary, Fairacres Elementary, Hermosa Heights Elementary, Highland Elementary, Mesilla Park Elementary, Monte Vista Elementary and Valley View Elementary.

Cost per child is \$360 for the spring session. The Afterschool Program offers a payment schedule of four monthly payments of \$90 due the 7th of each month. Initial payment is due at time of registration. Payments may be made at the following locations: Administrative office, Meer-

scheidt Recreation Center, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center and Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center during their regular business hours. A 10% discount will be offered if paid in full for the spring semester before Jan. 8, 2016. Acceptable payments include cash, check, money orders, and major credit cards (VISA, Discover or MasterCard). For more information call the Parks & Recreation administrative office at (575) 541-2550.

### Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents musical guest

On Friday, Jan. 8, Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents Sage Gentlewing from 7-9 p.m. at 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Info: 680-6394.

### Republican Women to meet

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley will hold the 1st meeting of 2016 at La Posta de Mesilla, 2410 Calle De San Albino, Mesilla on Jan. 9 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ben Rawson, commissioner of Doña Ana County. Lunch is selected from the menu, pay individually, and reservations are required for seating arrangements. Please reserve before Thursday, Jan. 7, by email or call: 527-5574 or 524-4565. Visiting Republican Women welcome.

### Las Cruces hosts free Alzheimer's course

Families facing Alzhei-

mer's disease will have access to a free, seven-week education course in Las Cruces offered by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter beginning Thursday, Jan. 7 and running through Feb. 25.

Dementia affects not only the person living with it, but the family members and friends of that person as well. Having the best information and advice from our experts can help the caregivers provide the best care and support for their loved one.

"The Savvy Caregiver" a free seven-session course presented by the Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter will be held each Thursday from Jan. 7-Feb. 25 from 1-3 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association Southwestern Regional Office, 125 N. Main St. To register or for more information contact: Maia Sideris-Dorame at 647-3868.

Class size is limited and they do fill up quickly. Participants may be reimbursed for the cost of having others tend to their loved one while they attend the classes.

In our own state, 36,000 New Mexicans are suffering from Alzheimer's. They are cared for by 106,000 unpaid caregivers, many of whom are members of their own families. The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter offers free classes to caregivers and families facing the disease. Call 1-800-272-3900 for

more information.

### NMSU's 52nd Quality Concrete School set for January

New Mexico State University's Engineering New Mexico Resource Network announces the 52nd annual Samuel P. Maggard Quality Concrete School that includes workshops and lectures covering various concrete-related topics. The Concrete School will be held Jan. 8-9 for professional engineers and others involved in the construction industry to provide the latest technologies and information used in concrete applications.

The course will be held on the NMSU main campus in Las Cruces. For information or to register, visit <https://nmsuquality-concrete.eventbrite.com>.

### El Paso Pro-Musica Chamber Music Festival, special acts coming to Las Cruces

The Tempest Trio, one of the most exciting trios in the world featuring Cellist Amit Peled playing the cello that belonged to the Great Pablo Casals will perform in Las Cruces on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall.

World Renowned cellist and artistic director of El Paso Pro-Musica Zuill Bailey, will be featured in a special performance on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theater. "Back to Bach,"

will highlight the amazing Bach Cello Suites from Bailey's #1 Billboard topping CD.

Don't Miss the Quintet featuring Multi-Grammy nominated violinist Philippe Quint and a special Evening of Tango on Friday, Jan. 29th at 7:30 p.m. at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Every concert is preceded by a talk led by Zuill Bailey and the Performing Artists at 7:00 p.m.

For tickets log on to [www.eppm.org](http://www.eppm.org) or call 915-833-9400. Tickets are also available at the door. There are special Las Cruces Packages as well.

### Why So Many Telescopes?

"Why So Many Telescopes?" a seminar conducted by Dave Dooling of the New Mexico Museum of Space History, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the Roadrunner Room at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Find out why astronomers need so many different telescopes, and why they have FITS? See how the universe is a symphony of electromagnetic radiation and peek at and through the many eyes and ears that let us enjoy the composition.

### Free Course in Spanish for Alzheimer's Families & Caregivers

"Cuidando con Respeto" is a free course presented in Spanish for caregivers

of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It provides much of the same helpful information as the popular "Savvy Caregiver" Program. It will be presented as a two day course in two, 4-hour sessions. The following options are available: Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 19, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or Thursday, Jan. 14 and 21, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All classes will be held at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Drive. To register or for more information, please contact Alma Gross, 646-3061 or [algross@nmsu.edu](mailto:algross@nmsu.edu).

### Proposed Mesilla Park Historic District public information meeting

Staff members from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs will hold a public information meeting about the proposed Mesilla Park Historic District and the National Register of Historic Places on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center (formerly the Mesilla Park Community Center), 304 Bell Avenue.

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. For information about the public information meeting, please contact Janet or Dave Clements at 524-0500.

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# Camp Hope

Residents gather for food and supplies Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, at Camp Hope, part of the Community of Hope at 999 W. Amador Ave. Also known as tent city, the place offers homeless people a place to stay.

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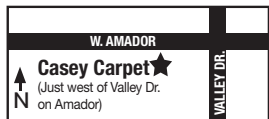
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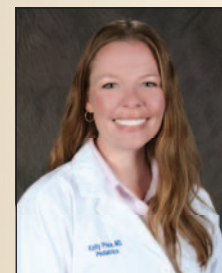


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# POLITICS

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for gambling.

Republican Brad Winter, a former member of the Albuquerque City Council, was appointed by Gov. Susana Martinez to fill Duran's term until the 2016 general election. He is the first man to hold the office since Manuel Martinez in 1922.

In the House, State Rep. Stephanie Maez, a Democrat representing District 21 in Albuquerque, resigned in early November. Later that same month, the Bernalillo County Commission appointed Democrat Idalia Lechuga-Tena of Albuquerque to replace Maez. Since Maez and Lechuga-Tena are both Democrats, the party split in the House remains at 37 to 33 in favor of the Republicans.

In the state Senate, former Sen. Phil Griego, a Democrat, resigned his District 39 seat in March. His replacement, former Estancia Mayor Ted Barela, a Republican, was appointed in April by Martinez, who is also a Republican. District 39 includes portions of Bernalillo, Lincoln, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Torrance and Valencia counties.

Griego's replacement was named by the governor rather than a county commission because District 39 includes multiple counties. With the party change, the Democrats' majority in the state Senate drops to 24 to 18.

In Las Cruces' non-partisan city election in November, incumbent Mayor Ken Miyagishima was re-elected to a third term, defeating former City Councillor Miguel Silva and Las Cruces business owner Gina Montoya-Ortega.

Miyagishima received more than 51 percent of the vote, while Silva got about 33 percent and Montoya-Ortega received almost 16 percent in her first bid for public office. Miyagishima received more than half the vote despite an intense, negative advertising campaign against him in the final weeks before the election by GOAL West PAC, a political action committee with ties to the oil and gas industry in southeast New Mexico.

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith, who represents District 2, defeated challenger Philip VanVeen to earn his second term on the council.

In District 1, political newcomer Kassandra Gandara defeated Eli Guzman by 18 votes. A third candidate, Steve Calderazzo, received almost six percent of the vote even though he dropped out before

election day. Gandara replaced Miguel Silva on the council.

In District 4, another political newcomer, Jack Eakman, won by 11 votes over Richard Hall. Gilbert Vasquez was a distant third. Eakman replaced Nathan Small, who decided not to run for a third term.

Gandara and Eakman are both considered "progressives." Their final vote margins were confirmed in limited recounts conducted by the city clerk's office shortly after the election.

The city also elected a new presiding municipal judge in November. Kieran Ryan received almost two thirds of the vote, defeating William Kinsella. Ryan replaces Melissa Miller-Byrnes, who retired after 16 years in the position.

The city clerk's office said the turnout for the election

was 18.6 percent, which means 10,245 of the 54,981 eligible voters cast ballots. That's just slightly less than the last city election in 2012. All those elected or re-elected will serve four-year terms.

Nearly a year ago, voters chose Maury Castro as the new LCPS board of education member representing District 4. He defeated three other candidates and succeeded Bonnie Votaw, who chose not to seek re-election to a third term on the board. In District 5, two-term incumbent Dr. Connie Phillips lost to Las Cruces newcomer Edward Frank. About 1,600 people voted in the two districts. Both will serve four-year terms.

During that Feb. 3 election, voters also approved a bond issue providing \$20 million in capital and operating funds for Doña Ana Community College.

# BOMBINGS

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1327 N. Miranda St. Both churches – separated by slightly more than three miles – were evacuated.

Then a third, undetonated explosive, was discovered a couple of weeks later near a leaking sprinkler valve at a First Presbyterian Church.

The unease began. "Suspicious" packages were reported and checked by bomb squads, after evacuations and/or road closures, one of which took place at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

The final quarter of

2015 has come and gone, but the investigation continues.

Robert White, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI office in Albuquerque, told Las Cruces, "I encourage anybody anywhere who has information to share that information with us.

"Don't become complacent," he said. "Working together, we can solve this crime."

He pointed out three months after the bombings that the issue is "not on the back burner, nor will it be.

"Someone knows information about this case. We are encouraging that individual or those indi-

viduals to come forward with that information," White said.

Shortly after the bombings, law enforcement officials released a 20-second video that shows an adult male wearing a dark blue, short-sleeved

tee shirt, plaid shorts and hiking boots who appears to be carrying a bag or package, White said. That person was seen in the Calvary Baptist Church parking lot about the time of the explosion there, but has not


been identified.

He said law enforcement officials also would like to make contact with a "person of interest who may know something" about the bombings.

The bombings, he said, especially at a place of

worship, are "intolerable."

To contact law enforcement about the church bombings, call the 24hour, seven-day-a-week FBI tip line at 1-800-CALLFBI (25-5324).



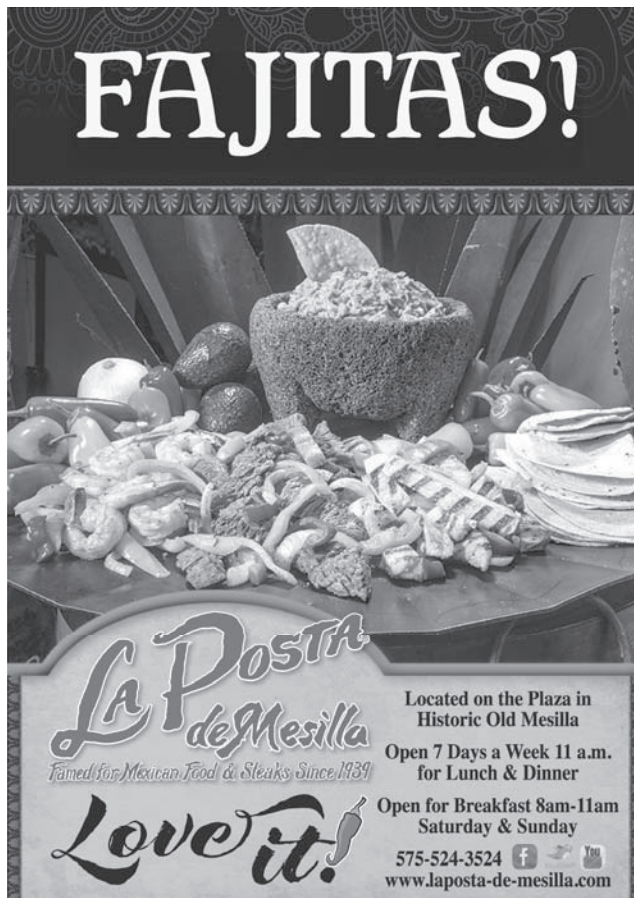
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# Jack Frost pays a visit

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# The year in pictures



**ABOVE:** Jace Nolen, age 2, emerges from the inflatable obstacle course provided for children at Albert Johnson Park during the 2015 March of Dimes March for Babies event Saturday, April 25, 2015.

**RIGHT:** Dogs up for adoption at the Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso in Las Cruces, frolic in water Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015.



Professional rodeo clown Relay, left, entertains guests at the 33rd annual Cowboys for Cancer Research Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.



New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez speaks in a hangar at the Las Cruces International Airport, Monday, July 13, 2015.



Members of the State House of Representatives gather for a session Monday, Feb. 2, in the State Roundhouse Capital building.



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Linda Jackson, known as "The Chocolate Lady" prepares chocolate-covered strawberries Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, in the store she operates on the Mesilla Plaza as she prepares for Valentine's Day.



LEFT: A show goat gets ready for competition at the Southern New Mexico State Fair Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015.

BELOW: From left, Cree Myers dressed as Rogue, Reenie Ramirez dressed as She Hulk and Garrad Burdick dressed as Wolverine pose at the Las Cruces Comic Book Convention Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



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AJ Carlson walks the runway as a rock star during the March of Dimes' High Heels For High Hopes show Friday, Nov. 20, 2015. Twenty-three women participated with five salons to create the show with creative director, Leonard Jimenez. The campaign raised more than \$205,000 to support March of Dimes.



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## YEAR IN REVIEW | IMPORTANT STORIES

**Sheriff, county scrap in 2015**

On one side is the Doña Ana County's Board of Commissioners and County Manager Julia Brown. On the other side is Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil.

The two sides did not get along very well in 2015.

At stake is control of the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

Vigil and the commission's contentious relationship ticked up another notch Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 when the sheriff's office arrested the director of the Doña Ana County Detention Center, Christopher Barela, for fraud, and took control of the jail.

Later in the day, the county commission obtained a temporary re-

straining order from Judge Arrieta to remove Vigil from control of the jail. County Manager Julia Brown gave the order to Vigil who turned over control to the county.

Before the jail dustup even started, though, Vigil and the county – which sets the sheriff department's budget – have already butt heads.

Vigil, who was elected sheriff in November 2014, has spoken out at county commission meetings about the funding – which he contends is subpar – of the sheriff's department.

County commissioners held an investigation of Vigil for alleged code-of-conduct violations and the sheriff responded with a lawsuit because he said his

First Amendment rights were under attack.

**TWEF no mas**

Organizers of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta (TWEF) called it quits in May 2015, because of a lack of sponsorship to cover costs of putting on the fiesta, which began 35 years ago as a "block party for the city" on the former Downtown Mall, and grew into one of the most popular fiestas in the country.

A good part of that appeal was provided by Roberto Estrada, who each year supervised the making of the world's largest flat enchilada, as certified by the Guinness Book of World Records.

Estrada had been making the 10-foot-wide enchilada for 34 years at his own expense in terms of the food supplies used. But he announced earlier in the year he could no longer afford to make the mammoth enchilada and that did factor into the TWEF Board of Directors' decision to "retire" the fiesta.

As a nonprofit organization, TWEF relied heavily on sponsorships as well as many volunteers.

TWEF continued to attract between 40,000 and 60,000 people each year.

**Sonoma, LCCC part ways**

As of Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course at 1274 Golf Club Road and the Las Cruces Country Club parted ways.

"We are 100-percent public as of (Dec. 18)," said Robert Pounds, with Sonoma Ranch. "They're (country club) not associated as of (Dec. 18)."

The Las Cruces Country Club, a 501(c)7 nonprofit, vacated its longtime location on North Main Street in 2011 and looked for a new home. The LCCC agreed to purchase Sonoma Ranch Golf Course for a little less than \$5 million, a deal that was reported as complete in November 2014.

The Las Cruces Country Club was formed in 1928 as the first golf course in

southern New Mexico offering memberships to singles, couples and families

**Morales named Teacher of the Year**

David Morales, a social studies teacher from Mayfield High School, was named the 2016 New Mexico Teacher of the Year in November 2015. Morales, who teaches New Mexico history and ENLACE (Engaging Latino Communities for Education) classes, was nominated for the state award after being named the Las Cruces Public Schools Teacher of the Year last April.

"I'm honored and humbled," Morales said as he received word from the New Mexico Public Education Department. "This (award) also honors the kids we teach. And, it's a reflection of what all teachers do, not just me."

According to the New Mexico Public Education website, the state Teacher of the Year is chosen from the 89 school districts and the state and local charter

schools that have nominated an outstanding teacher. The selection is made by a panel of judges, comprised of past New Mexico Teachers of the Year, school district superintendents, Nationally Board Certified Teachers working within New Mexico school districts, school administrators, and other teachers.

"Mr. Morales is one of a kind and is a superb example of teachers who deeply care about their students' lives," said Superintendent Stan Rounds. "He interacts with students and builds long-lasting, positive relationships."

Morales is now eligible for the National Teacher of the Year award. He will also travel to Washington, D.C. in spring 2016 to meet President Barack Obama at the White House. The last time a Las Cruces teacher was selected for the state award was when Pam Cort of Las Cruces High School was selected as the 2013 New Mexico Teacher of the Year, officials said.



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Work began in the summer of 2015 on the long-sought city plaza in Downtown Las Cruces.

## City breaks ground for Downtown plaza

A city plaza in downtown Las Cruces continues to move closer to a reality.

Andy Hume, City of Las Cruces Downtown planning and development coordinator, said after years of negotiation and planning, five properties were acquired for the nearly \$5.5 million project.

The deal closed on July 15, 2015, and a ground-breaking ceremony was held later in July.

The plaza could open in July 2016.

Hume said efforts to bring a plaza space back to Las Cruces began virtually as soon as the original plaza was removed in the 1960s. Once located where the Bank of the West sits today — 201 N. Church St. — the original city plaza sat in front of Saint Genevieve Church, as the heart of the city.

The new plaza will sit on

the next block over, where the Bank of the West drive-through now exists, on Main Street off Griggs Avenue across from the Rio Grande Theatre.

"We let a huge part of our New Mexican tradition get away," Hume said.

The actual design of the plaza still has not been finalized but certain elements will be incorporated, Hume said.

The space will be bound

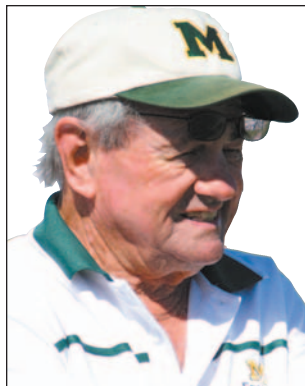
by four streets because traditional New Mexico plazas are bound on all four sides. To accomplish this, a new street will be created. But since the property is primarily where the bank drivethrough is, existing parking will not be affected.

The plaza will include a performance area with a stage on one side of the

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**Jim Bradley**

New Mexico high school football coaching legend Jim Bradley died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015 at the age of 82.

He roamed the sidelines for decades before he retired at the end of the 2005 season when he won his seventh and final state championship.

The New Mexico High School Hall of Fame football coach snared five state championships during two stints at Mayfield High and two at Roswell High, and even directed the New Mexico State University's gridiron gang for a while.

Bradley had suffered a stroke in 2012.

A tweet from the Mayfield High School football Twitter account, @mhstrojans, summed up the news in one sentence: "We lost the Greatest Trojan."

The numbers tell the story:

- Five state championships with Mayfield
- Two state championships with Roswell
- 310 career high school victories
- 23 victories as Division-I football coach with NMSU With Bradley at the helm, Mayfield won state championships in 1971, and then in 1995, 1996, 1998 and in his last season of 2005.

His sons Michael and Gary were members of his staff on that last championship team and went on to win state titles of their own — Michael as his dad's successor at

Mayfield and Gary in Farmington.

Bradley's name graces the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame.

**Danny Villanueva**

New Mexico State University football great and NM State benefactor Danny Villanueva, 77, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2015 in California after suffering a stroke.

Villanueva played for the Aggies as a punter, placekicker and quarterback in 1958 and 1959 after transferring from Reedley (Calif.) Junior College. He helped lead the Aggies to an 8-3 season as a senior, including a 28-8 win over North Texas in the 1959 Sun Bowl.

He was inducted into the US Bank/NM State Hall of Fame in 1970.

Villanueva, an English major and sportswriter while at NM State, was a strong friend to his alma mater as well, giving the university millions of dollars over his lifetime. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the university in 1999.

"New Mexico State football and the entire athletics department lost a true legend with the passing of Danny Villanueva," said NM State Director of Athletics Mario Moccia. "Danny was a Hall of Famer, one of the

greatest Aggie football players of all-time who played on the 1959 Sun Bowl team. A star in the NFL and a titan in the broadcast industry his passing makes today a very sad one for all of AggieNation. I personally feel very fortunate to have met and spent time with him and his friends who expressed bright days ahead for our athletic program.

"We will be memorializing him this upcoming season and will be announcing those plans at a more appropriate time. Our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family during this difficult time."

Villanueva, went on to an eight-year career in the National Football League as a punter and placekicker for the Los Angeles Rams and the Dallas Cowboys.

An English major at NM State and a talented sportswriter as well, he was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Rams after a Los Angeles scout had remembered seen him kick a 49-yard field goal in the Aggies 29-12 win against the New Mexico Lobos in Albuquerque.

He played for the Rams from 1960 to 1964, setting the team's record for single-season punting average (45.5 yards per punt in 1962) and career gross punting average (44.3 yards per punt). Both stood for 45 years.

Villanueva was traded to the Cowboys for the 1965 season, and played in two NFL Championship Games including the famed 1967 "Ice Bowl" in Green Bay — his final NFL game.

Villanueva connected on 100 consecutive point-after-touchdown kicks with the Cowboys, setting a team record that ran 41 years before being broken.

For his NFL career, Villanueva averaged 42.8 yards a punt, held a 97.9 percent accuracy rate on PATs (236-of-241) and hit 85-of-160 field goals.

He led the NFL in punts and punting yards in 1962 and 1963 with the Rams.

While playing in the NFL, Villanueva also started a career in broadcasting as the sports director for KMEX-TV in Los Angeles.

After his NFL retirement in 1968, he became the station's full-time news director and later the station's general manager.

It was from that position that Villanueva became a pioneer of the Spanish International Network that was later sold and renamed Univision.

As a businessman, he co-founded the investment firm Bastion Capital in 1992 and co-founded Rustic Canyon/Fontis Partners, an investment firm aimed at helping family businesses.

Villanueva served as the Commissioner of Boxing for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee.

As a philanthropist, he established the Danny Villanueva Scholarship Endowment to recognize NM State students who excel in leadership and community involvement in 1991.

In 2002, Villanueva presented a major gift toward the university's stadium annex project. The stadium annex, later known as the Fulton Center. It serves academic as well as athletic purposes, and Villanueva's gift funded the Danny Villanueva Victory Club dining facility.

The Villanueva Victory Club contains several pieces of memorabilia from his time as an Aggie and NFL player.

Villanueva was induct-

ed as an inaugural member of the National Hispanic Hall of Fame in 1988, as an inaugural member of the National Academy of Television Arts and Science's Management Hall of Fame in 2003 and inducted into the Hispanic Sports Foundation for Education's National Hispanic Hall of Fame in 2007.

"Danny Villanueva was an outstanding Aggie, a great football player and a generous philanthropist, said NMSU President Garrey Carruthers. "He came from a small town in New Mexico and rose to become a very successful entrepreneur in both television and real estate. We are sad to hear of his passing, yet very proud of all his accomplishments. Our hearts go out to his family."

**David Steinborn**

Jeff Steinborn summed up his dad, David, with a simple line: "He was a bigger-than-life guy." David Steinborn, 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 after a second bout with pancreatic cancer. A former mayor

of Las Cruces in the 1980s, Steinborn was in Dallas — where he moved in 2008 — surrounded by family when he passed.

A businessman — he ran a hotel and started a real estate company that still exists — Steinborn also served on boards of directors for a bank, a hospital and was very active in a number of organizations as well as with his Temple-Beth El congregation.

John Hummer, who along with his wife Amy operates Steinborn and Associates Real Estate in Las Cruces after they bought David Steinborn's company, said he considered Steinborn a "dear friend and a mentor."

"He has done so much for the city and state," Hummer said.

Hummer first came to Las Cruces in 2000 to oversee the construction of MountainView Regional Medical Center. Once he met and got to know Steinborn, he asked his new friend to join the initial board of directors for the medical center. Steinborn did so and became chairman.

Next to my father, he's someone I'd always seek advice from," Hummer said.

A native of Battle Creek, Mich., Steinborn also lived in Tucson, Ariz. and moved to southern New Mexico in 1963 when he bought a hotel in Las Cruces.

He served three terms

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as mayor, the last term ending in 1987. He was also on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Standing Energy Committee, the National League of Cities Standing Committee on Transportation, and the Teen Pregnancy Task Force. Steinborn served as Chairperson of the Las Cruces Energy Task Force Committee and as President of the Las Cruces City Housing Corporation. For 11 years, he was Chairperson of the Las Cruces Codes Enforcement Board of Appeals.

He also served as president of Temple Beth-El and was president of the Doña Ana County United Way, and he served four years as chairman of the local United Jewish Appeal. He was chair of the Mesilla Valley Hospice Capital Campaign.



### Rabbi Gerald Kane

Fondly remembered as a teacher, a mentor and a community leader, Rabbi Gerald M. Kane died Friday, May 29 and was laid to rest at the Masonic Cemetery in Las Cruces on June 3, 2015. His lega-

cy, however, continues on — both at Temple Beth-El where he served as rabbi from 1998 to 2007 and rabbi emeritus thereafter, as well as within the community he called home for the last two decades of his life.

Having earned his bachelor's degree at the University of New York, Buffalo, and his reform Rabbinic Ordination from Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1970, Kane went where his calling took him for close to three decades before taking up residence and eventually retiring in Las Cruces. While here, he served as president of the New Mexico State University Interfaith Council, was appointed by the dean of students to the Student Success Advisory Cluster and served on the university's Institutional Review Board for Research with Human Subjects as a community representative.

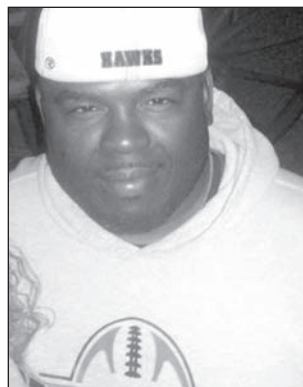
He was well known for fostering connections between the Jewish community and the community at large, said Rabbi Lawrence Karol, current spiritual leader at Temple Beth-El and a longtime friend of Kane.

"He really enjoyed, as a rabbi and a teacher, diving into texts, studying them and discussing them. He was always looking for different ways to relate the sacred texts to the world we currently live in and share those discoveries

with others. There were things I picked up from his work in the past that I still include in my present work."

Though he never stopped studying, Kane enjoyed his retirement to the fullest, by exploring his talents for painting, sculpting and pottery, as well as continuing his work as a theater reviewer for the Las Cruces Bulletin.

"I would say that he was very creative as an educator and as a person," Karol said. "He was very diverse in his interests and talents. He had all these fun things that he could do, but in the Jewish world, he was known for his caring, his knowledge and his creativity in relating our religion to our everyday lives."



### Roger Grays

All of southern New Mexico honored Centennial High School assistant football coach Roger Grays on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 during the Hawks state championship game.

Grays, 44, died Dec. 2 after sustaining injuries in an automobile accident on Nov. 26. He was a physical education teach-

er at Desert Hills Elementary School and the offensive line coach for the Centennial High School Hawks.

The football stadium during the game was blanketed in Artesia orange and Centennial crimson garb and ablaze with flashes of sunlight sparking off the instruments of the Centennial and Artesia High School bands. Music filled the stadium like a melodious fog, and cheering rumbled through the stands.

Of course one thing was missing. Grays. Or, as he's known to so many, Coach Rog. But all of southern New Mexico came together that day to compete, to move and run and throw and catch and cheer and to support each other and to show solidarity for a man who could have been our father, our brother, our son, our friend.

And the people who came to the game, the Class 4A New Mexico High School State Football Championship, all honored Coach Rog in the best way possible. They respected each other, the game of football, the stadium, and one man who made a difference.

Coach Rog's mother and sister had come from Waco, Texas and were trying to honor him in a very public forum among thousands of strangers during the darkest hours of their sorrow.

"He was my only son," his mother whispered. And she smiled a little.



NMSU president Gerry Carruthers announced in 2015 there will be changes in how jobs will be approached and how hierarchy will function throughout the learning institution.

## Top-heavy NMSU announces changes

A reorganization is in order at New Mexico State University and the school hopes such a move could save up to \$53 million.

The more than 3,000 staff employees — excluding the about 900 faculty members — learned Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015 there will be changes on the way in how jobs will be approached and how hierarchy will function throughout the learning institution.

For the immediate future, that means no staff reductions.

### 'We never have money to do anything'

"The NMSU we know today cannot sustain the marketplace of tomorrow," University President Garrey Carruthers said. "We never have money to do anything (inventive)."

He said the school cannot continue to cut budget in reaction to declining enrollment, increased costs and shrinking federal research funding. In addition, Standard & Poor's issued notice that NMSU was downgraded from AA to AA-Outlook is Stable credit rating due to declines in enrollment and operating deficits.

### A new path was needed

NMSU hired the company Deloitte Consulting to study the university and develop plans to find savings.

### No staffing cuts planned

"I asked if we were overstaffed," Carruthers said. Deloitte responded that staffing organization was more out of line than were staffing levels. So while a hiring freeze remains at the university, there are no cuts planned. Carruthers, though, said he understands one can "never say never." He said he does not want to say there will never be cuts and paint himself into a corner.

"We may or may not be overstaffed," Carruthers said.

### Top heavy

"Many workers have management titles," Carruthers said. "We don't want to have any manager managing less than three people."

The report shows that NMSU should have a manager-to-staff ratio of more like eight to one.

The university also

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## 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

### Focus on Neighborhoods

#### Downtown merchants organize

In July 2015, Downtown merchants pooled their resources to produce a discount card available at all their businesses. The card carried the slogan 'Keep Downtown in Your Wallet.'

Thirteen shops and restaurants signed on for the discount card

pilot project, which ran until Dec. 31, 2015.

The Downtown retailers' goal was to spread their message to neighborhoods physically removed from the core of the city, such as Sonoma Ranch, said Joanne Ray, project coordinator and co-owner of the Main Street Bistro & Ale

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During the 2015 pilot program, Malu and Sandra Bender of Mas Art gave out more than 500 'Keep Downtown in Your Wallet' cards offering discounts at 13 Downtown businesses.



Mark Wong leads a tour of the interior of the greenhouse where New Mexico Greenhouse Holdings LLC plans to raise bedding plants and may venture into berry production.

### New Ventures

#### High-tech greenhouse to create 120 jobs

In October, Gov. Susana Martinez and Mark Wong, founding partner of Colorado Financial Holdings, announced New Mexico Greenhouse Holdings LLC (NMGH) will open a

commercial greenhouse at 4884 S. Main St.,

NMGH is a partnership of Colorado Financial Holdings and Olson's Greenhouse Gardens, a commercial grower with facilities in Utah and Colorado.

The company will invest \$6 million to rehabilitate the former Al-

dershot of New Mexico greenhouse, which will be equipped with state-of-the-art water purification and recycling systems.

Wong said NMGH will raise plants for the local market as well as major urban markets. It sells to big-box stores.

If the business grows

as planned, its high-tech greenhouse may become a catalyst for growing the economy and advancing horticultural research.

NMGH has received \$250,000 from the state's Local Economic Development Act (LEDA)

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### Growth and Change

#### Existing businesses look to expand

Reporting on its 2015 fiscal year, CEO Davin Lopez of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, said companies already operating in Doña Ana County are beginning to move into expansion mode following years of uncertainty.

He said MVEDA's efforts to diversify the local economy in the past two

years have focused heavily on aerospace activity and value-added agriculture.

"We're getting more looks from those industries," he said. "We are able to capture the attention of the companies with our unique asset."

He said although some 423,000 square feet of industrial and commercial space has been created, the county needs more.

"We're down to almost zero in Santa Teresa and the city is getting very

narrow in terms of space that fits companies' needs.

He called for the construction of spec buildings and streamlining of permitting processes in both the county and city.

Lopez said during the fiscal year from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, 50 percent of growth occurred in companies coming into the area, 50 percent in companies already located here.

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#### 2015 NEW BUSINESSES

Cheeky Chaps, Your Pet Space, Southern New Mexico Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Las Cruces Florist Downtown Branch, Alpha Fire Extinguisher, LLC, Picacho Peak Brewery, Planet Fitness on Telshor Boulevard, Border International, Aarons on Valley Drive, AARCA Space Corp., New Mexico Greenhouse.

#### New 'gentlemen's barbershop' invites relaxation



Cheeky Chaps' head honcho Chris Manangos and owner Laura Romanelli sit in the display area for Johnny G. grooming products for men at the new "gentlemen's barbershop" in Mesilla.



## New Faces

### Denni Cheney

The Bridge of Southern New Mexico selected Denni Cheney to lead the nonprofit collaborative that advocates for education, workforce readiness and economic development in Doña Ana County and statewide.

A New Mexico State

University graduate and New Mexico native, Cheney joined The Bridge as president and CEO as of February 1.

Cheney was involved in community service campaigns for the past eight years in Las Cruces, including the NMSU President's Associates Board, Tough Enough To Wear Pink and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. She had more than 20 years of volunteer leadership and service in public schools in

Belen, Hobbs, Ruidoso, Alamogordo and Farmington in support of her two children.

### Alicia Garcia

Alicia Garcia joined WEST as program coordinator, a position previously held by Manuel Morales, who succeeded Jennifer Craig as regional manager.

Garcia, a native of Las Cruces is a graduate of Mayfield High School.

She graduated from NMSU in December 2015

with a bachelor's degree in economics, a concentration in sociology and a minor in government.

She previously worked years in the legal field

While attending NMSU, Garcia worked at Arrowhead Technology Incubator, and was involved in Voice Against Cancer, a campus organization,

She is a member of the organizing team for Startup Weekend Las Cruces and participates in the Relay for Life.



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## Arrowhead Partners with Businesses

### Arrowhead Park to build for business

In August 2015, New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center entered into a development agreement with Albuquerque-based RIO Real Estate Investment Opportunities LLC to provide finance, development and

construction services for the planned Arrowhead Park innovation community. Arrowhead Park will provide land, space, services and connections to NMSU for existing and startup companies.

RIO's first Arrowhead Center project will be a new 40,000-square-foot Innovation Center that will be a flagship facility for all of

Arrowhead's innovation and entrepreneurship programs for students, faculty and private sector companies and startups.

Arrowhead Park is located on approximately 175 acres at the southern end of New Mexico State University.

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## Save the Date

**TUE 1/5**

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum** Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Denni Cheney, president and CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico will speak. Registration is required and closes Thursday, Dec. 31. Advance registration is \$25, payable at [www.mveda.com/blog](http://www.mveda.com/blog). Payment at the door is \$30.

**FRI 1/22**

**6-9 p.m. Chamber Choice Awards & Gala**, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the Chamber at 524-1968.

**FRI 1/30 – MON 2/1**

**Las Cruces Day Santa Fe**, Eldorado Hotel & Spa, 309 W. San Francisco, Santa Fe. Annual event to focus on the legislative issues of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico. Hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Council of the Conquistadores. Early bird registration ends Jan. 8. For more information, call the Chamber at 524-1968.

**TUE 2/2 – WED 2/3**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Career Connections Fair**, Corbett

Student Union, New Mexico State University. Employers may register by going to [www.careerservices.nmsu.edu](http://www.careerservices.nmsu.edu).

**FRI 2/19**

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

**SAT 3/5-SUN 3/6**

**10 a.m. Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2016 Home & Garden Show**, Las Cruces Convention Center. Booth spaces and show sponsorship opportunities available. Early bird registration deadline Feb. 12; late registration deadline Feb. 19. For more information, contact the association at 526-6126 or [events@lchba.com](mailto:events@lchba.com).

**SAT 3/12 – MON 3/14**

**Spaceport America Drone Summit** to be held at Spaceport America in Sierra County. For information regarding sponsorship and vendor opportunities, contact [info@spaceportdrone-summit.com](mailto:info@spaceportdrone-summit.com). Register at [www.spaceportdronesummit.com](http://www.spaceportdronesummit.com).

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Career Connections Fair set for February

New Mexico State University will hold its 11th annual Career Connections Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 2-3 on the third floor of Corbett Center Student Union.

The first day will be devoted to business, agriculture, liberal arts and community health professions.

The second day will be for engineering, science and technology

Employers attending the career fair will be interacting with candidates who would like to learn more about their career field, or obtain a position as an intern, co-op, summer, or regular employee.

Though each day of the fair has a different focus, employers

and candidates are encouraged to attend both days to maximize their networking opportunities.

NMSU has 90 bachelor's and 50 graduate degree programs. The university is a NASA Space Grant College, a Hispanic-serving institution and is home to the very first Honors College in New Mexico. U.S. News and World Report ranks NMSU in the top tier among Best National Universities.

Employers may register by going to [www.careerservices.nmsu.edu](http://www.careerservices.nmsu.edu).

### Spaceport to host drone summit

Spaceport America has announced the launch of the first Spaceport America Drone Summit to be held March 12-14 at Spaceport America.

"We are thrilled to host this exciting and educational summit for small drones at Spaceport America," said Spaceport America CEO Christine Anderson. "Our 12,000-foot spaceway and north campus are perfect for this type of multifaceted event and can easily accommodate thousands of participants."

More than 1,000 attendees are expected for the three-day conference and small drone racing event designed to help drone pilots measure their skills in a quantitative way.

Small drones are classified by the FAA as those weighing a maximum of 55 pounds, flying at a maximum altitude of 400 feet.

Bringing together drone pilots and enthusiasts, film and other industry professionals

and spectators from around the world, the Spaceport America Drone Summit offers an agenda featuring:

- Three drone race categories and race tracks; obstacle, cinematography and freestyle

- Speakers from both the film and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) industries

- Demos and workshops teaching practical skills

- Drone industry vendors from across the USA

- Screenings of leading-edge footage and movies shot with drones

"Our race program has been designed to test pilots' abilities based on speed, safety, and navigation around obstacles," said Chief Pilot DroneU™ Paul Aitken. "As well, a panel of experts will be judging aerial footage shot and ed-

ited on the spot."

"Small-drone use in filmmaking allows directors to shoot scenes that were previously impossible," said Jon Hendry, member of the Board, New Mexico Filmmakers Give Back.

Speaker and workshop content about the use of small drones with video capability is targeted to an audience of professionals, hobbyists and amateur drone pilots in the fields of engineering, construction, development, ranching and farming, cinematography, weddings, government, oil and gas and real estate, among others.

For information regarding sponsorship and vendor opportunities contact [info@spaceportdronesummit.com](mailto:info@spaceportdronesummit.com)

Register at [www.spaceportdronesummit.com](http://www.spaceportdronesummit.com).



## People in the News

### Las Cruces heads NM Home Builders Association

The New Mexico Home Builders Association on Nov. 6, 2015, installed as its first woman president, Pat Bellestri-Martinez of Soledad Canyon Earth Builders.

Her late husband and business partner Mario Bellestri was a past president of the organization.

Pat Bellestri-Martinez and Mario Bellestri built their rammed earth construction company together, starting with



Pat Bellestri-Martinez of Soledad Canyon Builders in Las Cruces is the 2016 president of the New Mexico Home Builders Association.

their own home, the first home to be built in Talavera.

Bellestri-Martinez

began working full time in the business in 1987, and has been active in both the Las Cruces and New Mexico homebuilders organizations.

She previously managed the business that was the predecessor to Mountain View Co-op.

### Lopez named economic developer of the year

The 2015 New Mexico IDEA Developer of the Year Award went to Davin Lopez, president

and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, for outstanding results achieved in new and expanded companies over the past year.

According to nomination, "Davin and MVEDA worked with a group of completed projects over the past year that is the most impressive of any region in the state."

A sample list includes CN Wire (Turkish wire manufacturer), ARCA Space (unmanned vehicles), Franco Whole Foods (food processing) and MCS (manufacturer and distributor).

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### Arrowhead, MVEDA aid start-ups

To help entrepreneurs overcome financial barriers and move their products into broader markets with crowdfunding campaigns, the Mesilla Valley economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) is partnering with New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center.

The project, Cruces KICK, began in sum-

mer of 2015 with the goal of launching crowdfunding campaigns by January 2016.

"The launch will be a big campaign for Las Cruces," said Arrowhead Center Director and CEO Kathy Hansen. "By launching all together we could bring more visibility to the companies."

"The companies are interested in attracting investors, but it's also important for them to create a bigger awareness."

## City Focuses on Redevelopment of Commercial Districts

### Amador Proximo

City Council in October approved a blueprint for revitalizing the neighborhood called Amador Proximo, following a year of research planning and a community input charrette in June.

The West Amador neighborhood is bounded by Mesilla Street, West Hadley Avenue, Valley Drive and West Amador Avenue. The area is just west of the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. It consists of large tracts of vacant land as well as parcels with buildings that are no longer functional.

Elements of the plan include creating a gateway to the neighborhood, repurposing vacant industrial structures as spaces for new industrial and commercial ventures, creating a food truck plaza to serve the area, enhancing green space, building housing around a redesigned Branigan Park and in other parts of the neighborhood, and encouraging the development of the entertainment district on Hadley Avenue by making the street more pedestrian friendly.

Neighborhood heritage

would be preserved in many ways, such as painting the landmark water tower in bright colors and repurposing cotton trailers to form the gateway to the neighborhood.

More than 200 residents, business owners, leaders of nonprofits, city officials, real estate professionals and developers took part in the input sessions.

In her final comments to attendees, Susan Henderson, principal of the planning and design consulting firm PlaceMakers, recommended approaching neighborhood redevelopment incrementally. She encouraged participants to each become a champion of one aspect of the redevelopment proposal.

"There's a large amount of land available for infill," Henderson said. "If it's done in phases, one development can feed the next."

In late December a spokesperson for the City's Community Development Department said there has been no further activity.

### Valley Drive

South Valley Drive is slated

for reconstruction starting in 2017 that will address drainage issues while adding a median, sidewalks, curbs and bike lanes.

More than 1.5 miles of north Valley Drive from Picacho Avenue to Avenida de Mesilla and less than a quarter-mile of Avenida de Mesilla would be redone.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation has committed \$11 million to the project, but the price could be higher, depending on the amount of work that's undertaken.

Throughout the planning process, public input sessions were held and the engineering firm planning the project, Molzen Corbin, established a website, [www.valleydrive.net](http://www.valleydrive.net), to keep stakeholders informed.

Plans call for drainage/flood prevention improvements, two 12-foot driving lanes in each direction, a raised center median, curbs, sidewalks and protected bike lanes. ADA improvements and property access management would be incorporated.

Due to right-of-way constraints, a slightly different design will be used north of

Hadley Avenue and on Avenida de Mesilla to provide "seamless transition to add modes of transportation," said Wyatt Kartchner, project manager for Molzen Corbin.

The engineering firm recommended additional turning lanes at the Picacho, Amador and Avenida de Mesilla intersections, as well as modifications to the Hadley Avenue intersection.

At Hadley Avenue there would be a dedicated left turn lane, with a shared right turn and through lane.

### Realizing El Paseo

Los Altos Ranch Market at the intersection of Wyatt Drive and El Paseo Road in March 2015 announced the store was closing. The announcement came just a week after the second public presentation on Realizing El Paseo, a process city planners hoped would lead to reinvigoration the El Paseo corridor.

Realizing El Paseo was a partnership between the City and a number of community organizations.

Realizing El Paseo on March 17 had presented commercial development specialist Michele Reeves, who spoke to stakeholders on the topic, "Building Blocks of Great Commercial Districts."

She presented slides of simple, incremental changes by business such as creating appealing displays at the sidewalk or in the parking lot that led to the rebirth of older commercial corridors not unlike El Paseo.

Realizing El Paseo had given its first public presentation Feb. 28, with New Mexico State University engineering students outlining options for road and traffic changes intended to improve traffic flow and safety and stimulate commercial activity.

El Paseo Road is a north-south corridor in Las Cruces, connecting the commercial district, Downtown, and the nearby historic neighborhoods with New Mexico State University.

It has been the focus of several planning processes aiming to maximize its potential as sustainable, user-friendly destination in its own right. Realizing El Paseo built on such pro-

cesses, including Picturing El Paseo (2010-2011) and the 2012 El Paseo Corridor Community Blueprint.

Closing of the anchor store at El Paseo Ranch Plaza was a disappointment to both city officials and nearby businesses.

"There is disappointment when it appears a business is not succeeding, said Community Development Director David Weir, whose department is coordinating Realizing El Paseo.

Jugo Rios, general manager of HomeSmart, said his store had advertised its location next to the ranch market.

"There's been high traffic," he said. "We're going to take a hit. I'm kind of concerned."

Commenting on the key role the market the market played, he said, "The plaza had been dead for four or five years. Then Pro's Ranch came in and other businesses started to open."

The Ranch Market opened as Pro's Ranch Market in 2011. When the business went bankrupt, CNG Ranch, a company formed by two California market chains with the expectation of providing about 170 jobs, took over in February 2014.



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He said in the past, 70 to 80 percent of growth has come from companies coming into the area.

“At the heart of the recession, it was 95 percent,” he said. “Our companies are now moving out of recession.”

During the past year, MVEDA has intensified its efforts to assist local businesses.

“We’ve seen a change this past year,” he said. “We have been sitting down and talking to companies and understanding their issues instead of just surveying them.”

Lopez said during the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30 2015, 454 new economic-based jobs had been created.

### NM Shrimp starts production in Mesquite

The New Mexico Shrimp Co., which began as an experiment in raising shrimp in the

desert Southwest, is now a company in its own right.

In 2015, New Mexico Shrimp opened a production facility located at 705 Sequoia Road in Mesquite.

With help from investor and co-owner Rodney Rance, New Mexico Shrimp Co. built a 75 by 150 foot structure that will house 12 above-ground pools, each containing 12,800 gallons of water for raising Pacific white shrimp.

The company, nurtured by NMSU’s Arrowhead Research Center, is poised to become a hub of seafood production and distribution in New Mexico and surrounding states.

New Mexico Shrimp Co. also could spawn a national and international industry, supplying inland locations around the globe with fresh shrimp.

“Our business model allows for sub-leasing,” said co-owner Tracey Carrillo, company founder and NMSU professor.

“We can help others do what we’re doing - share the know how, do training and set up.”

### Spaceport America announces development plan

Spaceport America has announced the launch of a master development plan opening up additional build-to-suit parcels within the north and east campuses at the 18,000-acre facility in Sierra County.

The “Reach for the Stars at Spaceport America” campaign features a new plan targeted to commercial space and space-related technology companies.

Some 250 acres surrounding the Gateway to Space terminal and the site’s 12,000-ft by 200-foot spaceway will be divided into parcels of between 4 and 30 acres.

Another 100 acres within the vertical launch campus, ranging from 1.5- to 22-acre parcels, are also now ready for build-to-suit tenancy.

In addition to offering new parcels of land within both the

horizontal and vertical launch campuses with leasing and build-to-suit options, Spaceport America is welcoming qualified new prospective tenants with a First Flight is Free program.

### Green Chamber launches ‘No More Walmarts’ campaign

On April 20, 2015, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously rejected rezoning 7.31 acres of farmland at the corner of Tashiro and Valley drives.

The proposal was for the construction of a grocery store, drive-through pharmacy and a 12 bay self-serve gas station, believed to be a Walmart brand facility.

The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce fought the proposal by launching a “No More Walmarts” campaign, and neighborhood businesses campaigned against the rezoning initiative.

The City of Las Cruces currently has three Walmarts and a Sam’s Club.

## FOCUS

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House.

Producing and distributing the card was the first project of an emerging Downtown Merchants Association that began pulling together last winter.

For its first event, The Downtown Las Cruces Merchants Association hosted a special Friday event - from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 4, 2015.

Music, refreshments, a photo booth, decorating contest, free gift wrapping and Santa were part of the festivities, which took place along Main Street and in participating businesses.

“We have joined together to promote business on Main Street and promote each other,” Ray said.

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closing fund and has pledged to create 123 jobs in the next four years. These new jobs will include botanists, geneticists and greenhouse staff.

### Burrell College to open in 2016

Gencon Construction Co., Inc. of Las Cruces is the general contractor for the \$28 million, 80,000 square foot Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, slated for completion in May 2016.

New Mexico architectural firm Dekker/Perich/Sabatini designed the building.

Although located on the New Mexico State University campus, the four-year medical college is an independent academic institution.

The main building will be three stories high. The

complex will also include a smaller building with two auditoriums, each seating 250.

Dr. George Mychaskiw, dean of the college, said the total cost of the project, including construction and operating costs for the first couple of years, will be \$103 million.

Construction is projected to generate \$87 million in economic activity and directly or indirectly support some 360 workers.

The chief investor is entrepreneur and former Rosemont Realty CEO Dan Burrell, who placed \$35M in private funds in escrow for the medical college.

Burrell said creation of the school will involve the work of 30 New Mexico companies and he vowed his school would only use New Mexico companies

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**Gov. Susana Martinez speaks at the October announcement New Mexico Greenhouse Holdings LLC is opening a commercial greenhouse at the former Aldershot of New Mexico greenhouse on South Main Street.**

versity economics professor Chris Erickson said a study conducted by Pittsburgh consulting firm Tripp Umbach estimates that the Burrell College when fully operational will generate \$78 million dollars per year in additional economic activity, supporting 350 jobs.

Erickson said studies show that new medical graduates tend to remain in the area after graduation, which will provide improved local health care and likely result in fewer emergency room visits.

“All this will reduce local area health care costs, making Las Cruces and southern New Mexico more attractive for business,” he said.

Burrell College will pay NMSU \$268,329 a year to lease the land. Burrell students will pay NMSU student fees. And Burrell College will give the NMSU Foundation an annual \$500,000 gift for student scholarships.

### Drone company establishes headquarters in Las Cruces

Dumitru Popescu, ARCA Space Corp. CEO,

and Gov. Susana Martinez announced in July the company, which develops and manufactures large, unmanned aircraft, would build a testing and manufacturing facility at the Las Cruces Airport.

The facility will produce electric-powered unmanned aerial systems. The announcement stated that ARCA will look to employ 100 high-paying jobs over three years with an average annual salary of \$52,000.

Flight tests for ARCA Space Corp.’s AirStrato drone were scheduled to begin in late 2015 at the Las Cruces airport and later at Space Port America, where the craft could be flown to higher altitudes.

Popescu said ARCA began in Europe in 1999 as an NGO developing rockets, rocket launchers, aircraft and balloons, all of which were manufactured in Romania.

During its first year in operation in Las Cruces, the city will provide an abated lease of office, showroom and hangar space valued at about \$55,000.

The New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) will contribute \$500,000 in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funds toward the construction of a new 14,000 square-foot hangar and manufacturing space.

The company had secured \$1.2 million in private investment, according to NMED.

“We know Las Cruces is really hungry for the aerospace industry to take off,” Popescu said. “We hope ARCA will be really active fulfilling that dream in Las Cruces.”

Chris Lang, founder of LNG, a Las Cruces digital marketing company named COO.



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## 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW



Fans turn out in force to see the New Mexico State University men's basketball team. The Aggies won their fourth-straight WAC title in 2015.

### NMSU women, men snare titles

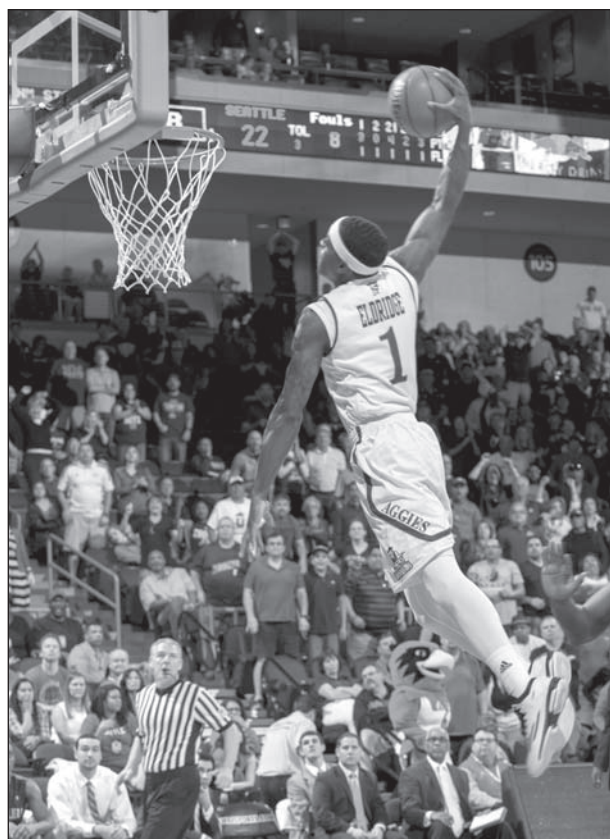
New Mexico State University controlled the Western Athletic Conference's regular season and the championship tournament in 2015.

Both the men's and women's teams won the conference titles.

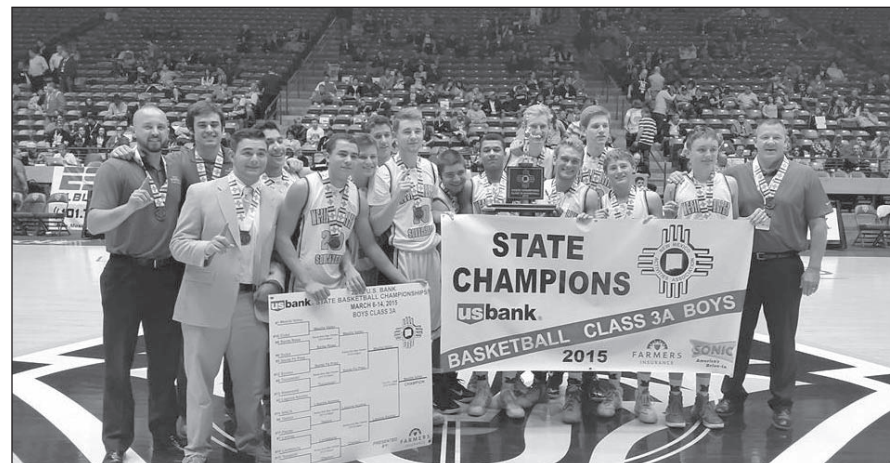
In the NCAA Tournament – the Aggies' fourth-straight trip to the Big Dance – the men's team fell to No. 2-seed Kansas Friday, March 20, in Omaha, Neb.

The women's basketball team – in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 27 years – lost to No. 1 seed Maryland Terrapins in the Spokane Region, Saturday, March 21.

The NM State women won the regular-season WAC crown after going 13-1 in conference play, its first outright conference title in 20 years.



NMSU senior guard DK Eldridge flies high for a dunk against Seattle University Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015 at home in the Pan American Center.



The Mesilla Valley Christian School boys basketball team won a state championship in March in Albuquerque.



The Centennial High boys basketball team won a state championship in March in Albuquerque.

### Son Blazers, Hawks finish on top

The Centennial High Hawks boys basketball team defeated Gallup 52-38, Saturday, March 14, 2015, in Albuquerque to win the three-year-old Las Cruces school's first 5A state championship on the hardcourt.

The same day, the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools boys basketball squad topped Laguna Acoma 63-49 to win the 3A state championship. For Centennial, sophomore guard Joe

Saterfield led the way with 17 points.

The Hawks defeated Capital, Bernalillo and Española Valley to advance to the title game. They finished the 2014-15 season with a 28-4 record.

The Mesilla Valley Christian Son Blazers were paced by senior forward Jeff Adler who poured in 20 points in the title game.

The Son Blazers beat Santa Rosa and Santa Fe Prep to move to the title game and finished 27-2 on the season.

### Salas brings home first 3,200 title

After more than 50 years of New Mexico high school competition in the 3,200-meter race, Las Cruces finally has a champion in the event. Oñate High School then-sophomore Thomas Salas snared the individual 3,200-meter title at the 2015 NMAA State Track & Field Championships in Albu-

querque in May 2015.

The Knights star comes from a lineage of runners. His parents, David and Kelly, both ran track during their high school years – for Mayfield High and Alamogordo High respectfully – then moved on to run track for New Mexico State University. His grandfather, Tom Burns, was also the boys' track and cross-country coach at Alamogordo during the 1990s.





Las Cruces teenager Amy Salinas won a silver medal in the United States Boxing Junior Olympics June 8 to 13, 2015 in Charleston, W.V., where she represented the Las Cruces Police Athletic League (PAL).

## Boxer wins silver medal

Her dad calls her “La Picosita” — The Feisty One — a perfect nickname for Las Cruces teenager Amy Salinas.

The 14-year-old won a silver medal in the United States Boxing Junior Olympics June 8 to 13, 2015 in Charleston, W.V., where she represented the Las Cruces Police Athletic League (PAL).

Salinas started watching her uncle, Jose Salinas, box at the PAL gym when she was 7.

She put on the gloves for the first time a year later.

Her most immediate goal: To make the U.S. Olympic boxing team.

Salinas’s silver medal goes along with her other boxing awards, including two title belts from the World Boxing Tournament.



NMSU running back Larry Rose III looks for running room against Troy University Saturday, Oct. 24 at home in Aggie Memorial Stadium during the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Game. Rose was named a third-team All American after the season.

## Rose selected AP All-American

NM State football’s Larry Rose III was selected to the Associated Press All-America Third Team, the association announced Monday, Dec. 14, 2015. He was the only Sun Belt Conference student-athlete chosen for this prestigious honor.

Rose is the seventh Aggie to be named to an Associated Press All-America team and the first since Karl Dean in 1974 and 1975. Dean was also selected to the Third Team.

This award comes after Rose was named the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Student-Athlete of the Year and placed on the All-Sun Belt First Team last week.

He led the conference with 1,651 rushing yards and had 14 touchdowns on 240 carries. He is the first back-to-

back 1,000-yard rusher for the Aggies since Denvin Manns (1995-98).

The sophomore broke the all-time single season rushing record for NM State with his 191 yards against UL-Lafayette during week 10 of the season. He finished the year ranked No. 6 in the all-time single season rushing records for the Sun Belt Conference.

The Fairfield, Texas native had three 200-yard rushing games and seven 100-yard rushing games.

Rose III racked up a career-high 260 rushing yards over New Mexico, but the highlight of his season was a 212-yard, four touchdown rushing performance against Idaho on Oct. 31. He scored two touchdowns in the final 3:56 of the game to force overtime and then added one touchdown in overtime to lift the Aggies to victory.

NMSU finished the season 3-9.

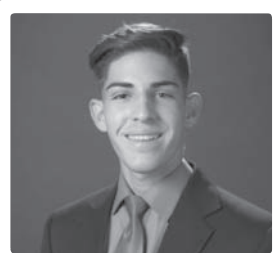
## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Catherine Taylor** is a 14-year-old freshman at Centennial High School. She is a runner on the Lady Hawks cross country and track teams. Taylor qualified for state as an individual (top 10 in the district), ran 20:58 minutes at the New Mexico cross country state championships race and earned the “Performance of the Year” award from the Centennial cross country team. She works hard, is determined and has a very positive attitude. Taylor is a dedicated student, with a 3.60 GPA and plays flute and piccolo in the symphony orchestra and plays flute for the all-state symphony band. She enjoys reading and hanging out with friends and family.



**Zachary Levi Montoya** is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He runs on the Hawks cross country and track teams. In track, Montoya runs the 800-meter, one-and two-mile races. His mile time is 4:50 minutes, 5k is 17:30 minutes and the 800-meter is 2:04 minutes. He is an empathetic, ambitious, friendly, hard-working and determined young man. Outside of being a dedicated athlete and student with a 3.70 GPA, Montoya enjoys time with friends, woodworking and playing video games.



CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

## NMSU volleyball wins WAC title

New Mexico State University rolled to a 3-0 victory against CSU Bakersfield to claim the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Championship on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015.

NMSU then fell to a tough Stanford squad in the NCAA Tournament.

“I’m just really proud of the effort they gave. I think everyone had a big hand in what was going on there, including the people that didn’t play,” said head coach Mike Jordan. “Our practices have been good, we are a competitive

group with each other, and that helps us get better.

Senior Gwen Murphy had a stellar season for the Aggies volleyball team.

The middle blocker was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region team for the Midwest Region. She is now eligible to be named to the All-America team.

Murphy was also the first Aggie in school history to be named Sport Import/ AVCA National Player of the Week. She was also Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year, WAC Tournament MVP, First Team All-WAC and three-time WAC Player of the Week.



# Let's fulfill our 2016 wish list

On this eve of New Year 2016, I would like to share with you my earnest wishes for the coming year in golf. Last year at this time I did share my New Year's resolutions, and I did pretty well taking care of those.

But this is more editorial in nature.

First, let me mention there will be several significant rule changes agreed upon by the USGA and R&A, most of which appear in the latest "Rules of Golf" book, effective Jan. 1, 2016, and published in this country by the USGA. Most regular golfers are aware that the "anchoring" rule, aimed at outlawing the long and belly putters contacting the torso, will be in effect at midnight Jan. 1.

Another rule change involves a ball which moves after the golfer has addressed the ball, but not caused by the golfer personally (I will summa-

rize this and several other rule changes in this column in a week or two.)

For now, my wish for the coming season is just this: That these changes in rules, which probably will be under further review with close-up videos, will not result in any bizarre ending to a major championship.

My next wish is that, given so much heartbreak for the American Ryder Cup team the past 20 years, the powers-that-be get organized and get a win in September, when the Cup will be played at Hazeltine in Minnesota. In response to considerable backlash and criticism – even from players – following the drubbing of the American team by the talented Euros in 2014, the PGA established a task force ostensibly to revamp our approach to the entire national golf team phenomenon.

The last time the Yanks won



**Charlie Blanchard**  
*Golf Doctor*

was in 2008 at Valhalla in Kentucky with Paul Azinger as captain. The most gut-wrenching loss was in 2012 at Medinah in Illinois, after being up by 5 points at the start of the singles matches. Davis Love III was the captain.

In November the PGA publicly announced Love as the 2016 captain, with Tiger Woods, Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk as vice-captains, and Tom Lehman as first assistant. I'm hoping the PGA task force gets it right.

USGA did not address the pace-of-play in its new rules for 2016 through 2020, but it should have.

Slow play seems to be the bane of the average regular player all over the country. Las

Cruces is no exception. Allowing snail-paced fivesomes may be part of the problem, but sluggish individuals are equally a problem.

All golf clubs should have on-course roaming marshals (sometimes called "player assistants" or "ambassadors") who are trained and who can push groups holding up the entire golf course.

My wish for the new year is that all of our local golf clubs finally find an enforceable means to get the pace of play at an acceptable level.

Here's another wish for the new year I know a lot of retired golfers will agree with: Anytime an important tournament is conducted, such as a club championship or similar event, the club should have a super-senior flight. Super seniors are men and women 65 or older.

Last year at this time I pondered the question, "Why don't

we have a First Tee (youth program) here in Las Cruces?"

Well, almost in answer to that, we now have the "First Tee in School," which is a public school-based effort geared primarily for kids attending elementary grades, using golf lessons as a means of promoting core values. So my wish at this stage is for this newly organized program to have a successful first year and ultimately succeed.

I would be remiss if I didn't express my heartfelt wish for the men and women serving in our military to understand – and to hear – how much all of us appreciate what they do in keeping us safe and continuing to enjoy the freedom and liberty that no other people have ever had.

Further, an overriding wish for the year ahead is for all Americans to remain steadfast in our commitment to security for our homeland.

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# NMSU looks back on 2015 and new efforts to support student success

**Minerva Baumann**  
For the Bulletin

With more than two years at the helm of New Mexico State University, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers continued to lead the NMSU system in an era of transformation and discovery in 2015.

“This is the most exciting year since I’ve been at New Mexico State University, especially for our students,” Carruthers said. “Through a number of new initiatives, we believe we can better guide our students through their time at the university and deliver them to the workforce as well trained and well educated college graduates. We are betting on our students’ success and we are betting big.”

Each of NMSU’s 1,993 freshmen started the 2015 fall semester paired with a student success navigator. The new program provides graduate student mentors who give one-on-one support to freshmen throughout their first year in college as part of the university’s retention efforts.

This year, NMSU’s Board of Regents took a step to support students when they approved reducing the number of credits needed to earn a bachelor’s de-



NMSU PHOTO BY DARREN PHILLIPS

Several classrooms inside the Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center boast state-of-the-art technology and innovative classroom features, such as large monitors controlled by professors and high-speed Wi-Fi.

gree from 128 to 120. The move better aligns NMSU with other universities across the country.

“There’s a lot of information that stu-

dents need to learn to be successful in college, and one semester maybe two semesters isn’t enough to learn all of that,” said Marissa Macias, cross-campus adviser and program director of the student success navigators. “The hope is we’ve given them all of the foundational skills they need to be really successful in college.”

The renovated Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center welcomed NMSU students in the fall semester. The building, which was funded through general obligation bonds, includes six classrooms of various sizes as well as the Student Success Center, which houses TRiO Student Support Services and TRiO Upward Bound,

among other areas.

“It’s a better environment to learn,” said Tony Marin, director of student affairs. “The space we have here is innovative, and the technology has been enhanced tremendously. We have more space to work with students, and students have an additional on-campus option to print their papers and work on projects. It allows us to better serve our students both in and outside of the classroom.”

A number of other new and renovated facilities opened on campus during the year including an updated Corbett Center Student Union, a spiritual center and a skybox at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Supporting a diverse student population, NMSU achieved a number of top rankings throughout the year.

Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education listed the university in the top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics and for the seventh consecutive year, NMSU was recognized as a top military-friendly institution by G.I. Jobs and Military Spouse magazines.

“Over the last few years we have worked hard to live up to that title and improve our services and programs for our military and veteran students,” said Jacobo Varela, Military and Veterans Programs director at NMSU.

NMSU was also ranked in the top tier of U.S. News and World Report’s Best Colleges while Forbes ranked NMSU among America’s Top Colleges. The university also was named among the 50 most underrated colleges in America by Business Insider, a business technology news website.

While NMSU’s goal is to help students

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The Corbett Center Student Union second-floor common area after many months of renovation. The second floor provides a large study area as well as smaller meeting areas with large screens and other technology upgrades.





NMSU cross campus advisor and Student Success Navigators Program Director Marissa Macias, second from left, meets with students at the Corbett Center Student Union. The student success navigators program at New Mexico State University is a new retention initiative launched in fall 2015 to help the freshmen make a successful transition to college life.

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while they are earning their degree, the Brookings Institute in 2015 ranked NMSU in the top 10 percent for value-added mid-career salaries of its alumni.

The actual mid-career salary is listed as \$85,200, which ranks first among NMSU's peer institutions.

Another recognition this year comes from the Association of Public and Land Grant University's Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness and Economic Prosperity. NMSU is among 18 universities designated as an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University by the APLU commission, which acknowledges universities working with public and private sector partners in their states and regions to support economic development through a variety of activities.

NMSU is considered a Research University-High Research Activity Institution by the Carnegie Foundation, and in 2015, the campus received a Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a result of its outreach efforts across the state.

"New Mexico State University is a caring community, and that community extends well beyond our campus," Carruthers said.

"We're conducting research with significant real-world impact, providing training opportunities to everyone from working ranchers to newly elected government officials,

and partnering with our public schools, the health care industry, our Native American population, entrepreneurs and many others.

"We're listening to and working with New Mexicans in communities across the state," he added.

An agreement with the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine will pave the way for NMSU students to attend the school, which is under construction on the NMSU campus and scheduled to open in fall 2016.

The program not only will enhance the availability of medical degrees for students graduating from NMSU but also will increase the number of health care providers in New Mexico.

"The Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program is an exciting opportunity for students interested in a medical career and should be attractive to many high school graduates from New Mexico and surrounding states," said Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard.

"I appreciate the strong support this program has received from the leadership of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine and I look forward to working with them to ensure that the program helps to meet the health care needs of New Mexico."

As a way to celebrate NMSU's heritage and strengthen pride in the university, Carruthers spearheaded the university's first

Founder's Day event in April. The day included a picnic for employees, spouses and retirees as well as a series of guest lectures and a historic carriage ride across campus with Carruthers portraying NMSU's first president Hiram Hadley.

Aggie pride was reflected on the playing field in 2015 with eight Western Athletic Conference wins. Top WAC honors went to the men's and women's basketball teams, men's and women's tennis teams and men's and women's golf teams. Volleyball and softball also took WAC championships this year.

NMSU celebrated the close of the year by bringing in more than \$4.5 million in new scholarship funds during its first-ever 24-hour marathon GivingTuesday fundraising event on Dec. 1.

More than 2,300 donors contributed online or in-person gifts, including more than 500 who made their first gift to the university. In addition to making gifts supporting existing scholarships, donors established 82 new scholarships.

"I'm extremely proud, not only of the additional money to support deserving students throughout the NMSU system at this event, but even more so of the level of participation we've seen," said Carruthers. "NMSU is truly a caring community, and the waves of donors coming in to show their support are further evidence of that."

Look back at some of NMSU's memorable images of 2015 at <https://youtu.be/2OPuUxjAs1c>.

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needs to reduce management layers. Span of control, the number of levels between staff and management, should ideally be about four. At NMSU that number is six. The Deloitte report suggests NMSU "consolidate management responsibilities university wide."

### Fragmented

Deloitte reports there is "considerable fragmentation." The company found work being

performed is distributed broadly across the university.

"Academics are always decentralized," Carruthers said. "But it causes problems."

Carruthers said some employees will find their roles redefined or they may even be reassigned.

"We spent a lot of money (on the consultants), so we're going to be following up immediately on their report," he said.

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plaza. There will be state-of-the-art power supplies and other accommodations for performing artists to be able to utilize for their shows, however high-tech they may be. There will be a water feature on the opposite end of the plaza from the stage and shade trees around the edges. The fountain is planned in a "splash pad" format and can be turned off to create more seating space for the plaza if needed.

"One feature of traditional plazas is a lot of open space," Hume said. "That's what we are trying to recreate."

The biggest expense of the project will never be seen at all. Before even beginning on the plaza, workers will have to take care of what lies

beneath the area. Gas, water and electric lines will be excavated, rerouted and brought up to code.

"There is a lot of science that goes into planning one of these," Hume said. "You have to consider everything including drainage, water usage and maintenance. We are getting a lot more than a piece of ground."

The St. Genevieve monument commemorating the original church was moved as part of the project.

The city purchased the land and LCCP is handling all the transactions and the construction. The almost \$5.5 million for the project is managed through the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) board.



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# NMSU: Consumers willing to pay more for NM chile

By **Amanda Bradford**  
For the Bulletin

Ask any New Mexican and they'll tell you the best chile comes from right here in the Land of Enchantment. When your official state question is "Red or green?" and state law requires chile retailers to back up their "Grown in New Mexico" claims, it's clear that how you pick your peppers is important here at home.

But does that affinity for New Mexico chile extend beyond our borders? Researchers from New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences recently examined whether New Mexico chile peppers have value based on their region of production and whether consumers across the U.S. were willing to pay a premium price for chile from New Mexico.

The researchers asked survey respondents about their willingness to purchase chile from an unspecified region or chile from New Mexico at various price points to learn at what point the consumers felt the chile was just too expensive.

"About one-third of the consumers we surveyed stated that they were willing to pay a 20 percent premium for New Mexico-certified green chile," said Jay Lillywhite, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business and lead author on the research report. "So the findings suggest that there's value associated with that certification."

The study, funded by a specialty crops grant from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, explored the types of consumers who purchase two common types of chile pepper products – fresh green chile and dried, ground red chile powder – and provided an analysis of the market potential for a regionally differentiated chile pepper by gauging consumer interest in red and green New Mexico-certified chile products. The data provide evidence that a potential market exists for both red and green chile pepper products that are "Certified New Mexico."

"Vidalia onions command anywhere from 8 percent to 400 percent of the retail price of other onions. A brand, whether it is associated with a food product like Vidalia onions or a consumer product like brand-name shoes, can convey value to consumers based on their experience," Lillywhite explained. "It's the same thing with chile. If you've had a good experience with 'Certified New Mexico' chile, that experience can lead you to purchase the chile again in the future."

The state law protecting the New Mexico chile brand only applies to retailers in New Mexico – there's no recourse against a retailer in Texas, for example, who sells peppers falsely identified as having been grown in New Mexico. To build the product's brand, both locally and beyond the state's borders, the New Mexico Chile Association has developed the New Mexico Certified Chile program, which requires participating producers to complete an application and certification process. Once the authenticity of their region of production claim is vetted, producers can use the New Mexico Certified Chile trademark to distinguish their product.

In a statement on the chile association's website, President Dino Cervantes said the New Mexico Certified Chile



NMSU PHOTO BY DARREN PHILLIPS

Jay Lillywhite, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business in New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, recently examined whether consumers across the U.S. were willing to pay a premium price for chile from New Mexico.

program provides the opportunity for consumers around the country to be certain that they're enjoying the authentic flavor that's unique to home-grown New Mexico chile products.

Lillywhite said the findings of the consumer preference survey, which he conducted with research specialist Jennifer E. Simonsen and Professor Emerita Rhonda Skaggs, also of the agricultural economics department, show that people do value knowing where their chile is coming from – which further confirms the value of the chile association's efforts to distinguish New Mexico chile products from those produced outside the state.

The importance of that distinction – and the premium price it commands – will only continue to increase, according to the New Mexico Chile Association. While chile is a significant contributor to the state's economy – valued at more than \$460 million a year – the number of acres harvested in New Mexico hit a 43-year low in 2014. Efforts to mechanize the harvest process – including additional research going on at NMSU – could help reverse that trend, and marketing that's based on the premium value of New Mexico Certified Chile could be another important factor in the specialty crop's continued success.



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## Arts &amp; Entertainment 2015 year in review

By Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The year 2015 was another great year for arts and entertainment in Las Cruces.

Cultural and community festivals took place across the calendar year, celebrating the rich and varied histories that have intertwined in this place we call home. The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's Cowboy Days (March), Blessing of the Fields (May), Ghosts of the Past (October) and Home-Grown: A New Mexico Food Show and Gift Market (November) each went hand-in-hand with the museum's mission to preserve the Land of Enchantment's agricultural roots and pass them along for generations to come.

In Mesilla, residents and tourists alike came out in the thousands to honor the valley's lasting ties to Mexico with festivals celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Dies y Seis de Septiembre and Dia de los Muertos, set on Mesilla's plaza against the iconic façade of the Basilica of San Albino.

Drinks flowed freely throughout the valley in 2015, with the twin Southern New Mexico Wine Festival and Harvest Wine Festival filling the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds west of town with wine aplenty on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends – the perfect way to open, then close, yet another scorching summer in Southern New Mexico.

Just up the road, the village of Hatch held its annual Chile Festival, celebrating one of the valley's best-loved crop and drawing more than 30,000 visitors over Labor Day weekend.

The New Mexico Brewers Guild returned twice to the City of the Crosses for Land of Enchantment-made beer festivals, to heavy crowds and plenty of salutations. PartyTenders Inc., too, staged a number of libation-friendly events at the Farm & Ranch Museum: July's new Tequila, Taco and Cerveza Festival, August's Las Cruces Beer



Janet Beatty-Payne greets customers with a smile at the Green Chile Paddy Wagon.

Fest and September's returning Beer, Bacon and Bourbon Festival. The group also rang in the New Year with its first-ever Vodka and Champagne Festival.

In the past decade, the arts have seemed at the forefront of a minor cultural revolution in the Mesilla Valley, and 2015 continued this trend. February is For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces, with 28 days of exhibits, performances, demonstrations, events and gatherings. This year, the month-long celebration of all things art was augmented by the first Spanish Market, put on by the Spanish Colonial Arts Society, and the world premiere of "Truth," a survival horror film made in Southern New Mexico, by New Mexicans and starring New Mexicans, signaling the slow but steady gains made by the burgeoning film and television industry. While this year sadly saw the loss of the White Sands International Film Festival, in March 2016, the newly minted Las Cruces International Film Festival should pick that momentum right back up.

Las Cruces also saw the continued upward slope of live music, with festivals and performances all-year round. The Las Cruces Country Music Festival, celebrating its third year

with three days of workshops and performances from the likes of Raelynn, The Swon Brothers, Dustin Lynch, hometown heroine Bri Bagwell and "The Gambler" himself, Kenny Rogers. The Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society held its Red, White and Blues Festival and Mesilla Jazz Happening in August and October, respectively, continuing its commitment to those most-American of art forms. The Town of Mesilla also ran its Mesilla Summer Music series beginning in July. Throughout summer and fall, the City of Las Cruces held its Music in the Park concert series in several of the city's parks, drawing weekly attendance in the thousands.

Almost any night of the week, one of the city's bars and restaurants was sure to be hosting live music. If you're ever in search of a night out, check our events listings – The Game, High Desert Brewing Co., Pecan Grill & Brewery, Vintage Wines, El Patio, Rio Grande Winery, Sombra Antigua Winery and the brand-new Picacho Peak Brewing Co., inside The Grapevine Plaza on Picacho Avenue, are just a few of the venues hosting regular weekly performances.

March saw the fifth anniversary of the Las Cruces Arts

Fair, with 80 artists showing inside the Las Cruces Convention Center. In April, Downtown Las Cruces itself became a canvas, with the Fresh-Coat Friday cellograph event and the fourth annual Avenue Art New Mexico chalk art competition transforming Main Street into a true masterpiece. May's Art in the Garden Tour, in its seventh year, saw the Artists of Picacho Hills filling their already-stunning neighborhood gardens with wonderful works of art.

Las Cruces Community Theatre mounted successful and well-reviewed, on these very pages, productions of "The Odd Couple," "Recreational Living," "Shoulders," "Slasher" and "Shrek: The Musical" along with its annual One-Act Play Festival in March.

Making its home at Downtown Las Cruces' Black Box Theatre, No Strings Theatre Company mounted "Impossible Marriage," "The Hothouse," "Mad Gravity," "Arabian Nights" and "Sweeney Todd." The Black Box also held Algeron D'Amassa's and Randy Granger's two-man "An Iliad," returning to rave reviews in February.

Across town at New Mexico State University, American Southwest Theatre Company and the NMSU Department of Theatre Arts wowed audiences with a performance schedule that included "Other Desert Cities," "Twelfth Night," "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" "Frankenstein" and a one-weekend run of "A Wrinkle in Time." As usual, ASTC and NMSU theatre students and faculty continued to impress with this varied slate of engaging works. Expect big things in 2016 from all three of Las Cruces' longest-running companies.

Megan McQueen and Karlos Saucedo's Scaffolding Theatre Co., which burst on the scene in 2014 with its production of "Nine," made national news this year when its unique adap-

tation of "Chicago: The Musical" garnered praise from Playbill Magazine. With two stellar, contemporary and forward-facing productions under their belt, the future is bright for Scaffolding Theatre Co.

Another notable newcomer in 2015 was Doña Ana Repertory Theatre (DART), which staged its debut production – William Shakespeare's complex and controversial "The Merchant of Venice" – in July in Las Cruces, Deming and El Paso.

While the new kid on the block garnered accolades, so too did one of the Mesilla Valley's longstanding luminaries: Mark Medoff, who brought to the stage two productions, Samuel Beckett's absurdist "Waiting for Godot" in January and "Marilee and Baby Lamb" in October.

January's production of "Waiting for Godot" was a homecoming of sorts for Medoff, who took on the role of Pozzo in a 1978 Las Cruces Community Theatre production of Beckett's master work. After 25 years, he enlisted the help of fellow thespians Richard Rundell, Brandon Brown and David Edwards, as well as daughter Jessica Medoff Bunchman to direct, bringing the Sisyphean struggle of Vladimir and Estragon to Las Cruces once again.

The Tony Award-winning Medoff in October brought to life the untold story of iconic American bombshell Marilyn Monroe with his new work "Marilee and Baby Lamb – The Assassination of an American Goddess." Written from transcripts of interviews between co-producer (and former Medoff pupil) Dennis D'Amico and Lena Pepitone – Monroe's seamstress, friend and confidant during the tumultuous final years of her life – "Marilee and Baby Lamb" brought together the best of local talent with nationally known actresses on the stage of the historic Rio Grande Theatre for a premiere performance from one of Las Cruces' living legends.



# Beck's Coffee honors artists with coffee series

By Mike Cook

Beck's Coffee owners Arianna Parsons and Tyrell Thacker have found the perfect way to combine two of Las Cruces' best features – great coffee and talented artists.

It started a couple of years ago when the married couple wanted to create a special coffee blend to support Las Cruces' annual downtown Zombie Walk event, Parsons said. Local artist Emma Henderson created a "Wake the Dead" label and Thacker created a unique coffee to go with it.

That launched Beck's Artist Series of specially blended coffees with unusual names and unique labels created by Henderson and other local artists, including Chris Bardey, Ivy Case (Arianna's mom); Jesse Reinhard, Stephen Dye, Keith Johnson and Bob Diven.

"I did the Jacked Rabbit House Blend," said Diven, who has won local, regional and national awards for his art. He also created the annual Avenue Art New Mexico sidewalk chalk art festival that will be held April 30, 2016 in downtown Las Cruces. "My illustration is brush and ink on bristol, hand-colored," Diven said. He also designed Beck's new company label.

Bardey created the Brekky Blend (a medium-bodied breakfast coffee). "I wanted to use a critter from Australia, for obvious reasons (brekky is Aussie slang for breakfast) and I considered a few like kangaroos and dingoes before settling on the wombat," Bardey said. "Wombats are diggers, pretty exotic looking and they have a dangerous sort of cuteness with those big claws."

Bardey said he did some sketches for the label before settling on "a highly caffeinated pose, sloshing hot coffee all over while uni-cycling, which creates a fun, dynamic image. It's originally a block print - carved



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Beck's Coffee owners Arianna Parsons and Tyrell Thacker pose with various of their artist series labels and coffees.

in linoleum, inked with a roller and printed by hand." Bardey is executive director of the West End Art Depot and a middle school

art teacher. Johnson, who owns Camino Tattoo and Fine Art Gallery, near Beck's at 501 E. Hadley Ave., created

the art for Aggie Blend coffee.

Jesse Reinhard created the label for Beck's Full Moon Magic blend, which is described as "rich and smooth with a chocolate-sweet finish." Check out the website at <https://squareup.com/market/beck-coffee-llc>, where you can shop for Beck's coffees online for pick up or shipping.

There is also an Organ Mountains Desert Peaks blend, the first Beck's Artists Series coffee to use a photograph. It features 100 percent Arabica beans, and likely can be found in the offices of New Mexico's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. – a gift from Parsons and Thacker as part of the creation of the national monument east of Las Cruces in 2014 that the coffee honors. The

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRI JANUARY 1 • ALL DAY** Branigan Library  
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

**SAT JANUARY 2 • 10:00 P.M.** Branigan Library  
Library opens after New Year's Day

**SAT JANUARY 2 • 1:00 P.M.** Branigan Library  
Team Anime ages 12-18

**TUE JANUARY 5 • 10:30 A.M.** Branigan Library  
Read to Me-Storytime ages 1-3

**TUE+THU JANUARY 5+7 • 4:00 P.M.** Branigan Library  
Teen Game Night-for ages 12-18

**TUE JANUARY 5 • 6:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
Every other Tuesday: Twisted Hams

**WED+THU JANUARY 6+7 • 10:00 A.M.** Branigan Library  
Toddler Time-Storytime ages 3-5

**WED JANUARY 6 • 11:00 A.M.** Branigan Library  
Mother Goose Time—Activities for Infants

**FRI JANUARY 8 • 6:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
New Mexico Film Office - Las Cruces Town Hall

**WED JANUARY 13 • 7:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
El Paso Pro Musica Back to Bach

**SAT JANUARY 16 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
Robert Mirabal's One Man Show "River"

**SUN JANUARY 17 • 3:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
LCCCA The Valinor Quartet

**TUE JANUARY 19 • 6:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
Every other Tuesday: FLAT BLACK

**SAT JANUARY 23 • 7:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
Chris Waggoner 75th Birthday Tribute to Neil Diamond

**FRI JANUARY 29 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
Mark Nizer, Comedian & Illusionist

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# Community theatres gear up for a new year

Three regional theater companies – Las Cruces Community Theatre, No Strings Theatre Company and Truth or Consequences Community Theatre – are readying their first performances of 2016.

Opening Friday, Jan 8, 2016, Truth or Consequences Community Theatre (TCCT) presents “The One That Got Away” by Eddie McPherson and directed by Susie Wisdom. This laugh-a-minute comedy follows the antics of three non-fishermen whose sole purpose is to gain access to “chicks” while fishing a tournament sure to bring in large numbers of women. Portraying these erstwhile fishermen are Bob Culpepper as Brad, PJ Waggaman as Geordie and Marcus Vickers as Max.

The “chicks” – real fisherwomen who catch on to the men’s scheme, are played by Indrani Rauth as Annie, Linda Larson as Blair, Genevieve Cervantes as Donna and Leslie McKinney as Madeline.

The situation is further complicated when Max brings along his socially inept cousin Harold, played by Rick O’Neill. Clive, played by Bob Laskey, is sent by other contestants to find the best fishing hole. Then, Brad’s fiancée Carol (Wisdom) shows up to visit. Mayhem ensues as factions collide while sharing a lodge for the weekend.

Larsen, Cervantes, McKinney and Laskey are new actors to TCCT and are T or C residents, alongside veteran TCCT actors Culpepper, O’Neill and Wisdom. Waggaman, Rauth and Vickers are thespians from Las Cruces.

Performances of “The One That Got Away” are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 8, 9, 15 and 16, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 10 and 17. Performances are held at the Truth or Consequences Civic Center, 400 W. Fourth St. For more information, call 312-2079.

Back in Las Cruces, No Strings Theatre Company will present “33 (a Kabarett),” written and performed

by Bremner Duthie with original direction by Dave Dawson at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

In the ruins of a cabaret theatre, an actor tumbles onto the darkened stage. When the lights come up, he finds himself alone. His friends and colleagues have disappeared, arrested by the authorities. Only their shattered stage props and glittering torn costumes remain.

The actor turns to run and vanish into the night, but an audience has slipped through the broken door, and they expect a show. So, he gives them the show of their life. He uses all his talents to joyously recreate the acts of the missing company. The Funnyman, the Showgirl, the Song and Dance Man and the rest of his troupe vividly spring to life on stage as the actor pays homage to his disappeared friends.

At times hilariously funny and bawdy, and at times tragic and bittersweet, “33 (a Kabarett)” is performed with breathtaking exuberance and energy by Bremner Duthie. Entertaining and touching, the show evokes the courage and daring it takes to be an artist in times of strife. Duthie sings nine magnificent songs from the era, with new arrangements from his jazz quartet.

Tickets for “33 (a Kabarett)” are \$12 regular admission and \$10 students and seniors 65 and older. Call 523-1223 for reservations, and visit [www.33kabarett.com](http://www.33kabarett.com) for more information.

The following week, No Strings Theatre Company opens the curtains on its next production, “Shooting Star,” debuting Friday, Jan. 15, at the Black Box Theatre.

Written by Steven Dietz and directed by Ceil Herman, “Shooting Star” centers on two college sweethearts who have not seen each other since their breakup in the 1970s. A chance meeting at a snowed-

in airport leads to a humorous, surprising and touching encounter between the two old flames. Alan and Karen Caroe star.

“Shooting Star” runs Jan. 15-31. Performances of “Shooting Star” are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, with a 7 p.m. performance Thursday, Jan 28. Tickets are \$12 regular, \$10 students and seniors 65 and older, and all seats on Thursdays are \$8. Call 523-1223 for reservations or more information.

Later in the month, Las Cruces Community Theatre, opens “Neon Psalms,” written by Thomas Strelich and directed by Algernon D’Amassa, playing Jan. 22 through Feb. 7.

The setting of this offbeat play is an isolated trailer near Boron, Calif.: site of the world’s largest open-pit Borax mine. A fragile truce between Luton Mears, a retired heavy equipment operator, and his born-again wife Patina is disrupted by the unexpected arrival of their daughter Barbara, a divorcee in her thirties. Lost and bottomed out, she moves home just to get back on her feet and finds herself trapped in a comic but progressively brutal cross fire between Luton who wants her to stay and Patina who wants her to go.

This wasteland receives a blast of hilariously fresh air from the propane delivery man, Ray, who describes a bizarre but strangely comforting future. The play asks: Is there a substitute for the love of another human being, and if so, what are the consequences of that substitution?

Las Cruces Community theatre is located at 313 N. Main St. Performances of “Neon Psalms” are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$11 students, seniors and military, \$9 children age 6 and younger and \$10 per seat for groups of 10 or more. For more information, call 523-1200 or visit <http://lcctnm.org>.

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photo was taken by Las Cruces photographer Wayne Suggs, who won the grand prize in the 14th Annual New Mexico Magazine Photography Contest last February.

After featuring many of their artist friends, Parsons and Thacker began partnering with Art Obscura Gallery in Mesilla Park to feature the work of even more local artists in their coffee series. They include Stephen Dye, the latest artist to be featured, who created the art for Beck’s 2015 Winter Blend; and Sam Ross, who created the second Wake the Dead label.

Tacker said he uses two to four varieties of beans for the special coffees, although Aloha Kakahiaka Maui, with art by Emma Henderson, is a single-origin coffee, he said.

It takes “a little trial and error” to

get the correct blend for each coffee, Thacker said. “But when you hit it – alright! Make more of that one.”

People enjoy the coffee and collect the labels, Parsons said, either saving the bag with the label on it, cutting it off the bag or asking for a pristine label at the coffee shop. The labels are produced by Tacom Printing Services, Inc. of Las Cruces.

“It’s nice to be able to showcase all that Las Cruces has to offer,” Parsons said. “We’re all about local.”

Rebecca Rosnick opened Beck’s Coffee in 2010. She sold the business to Parsons and Thacker in 2013.

Beck’s Coffee is located at 130 N. Mesquite St. in Las Cruces’ Mesquite Historic District. It’s open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday. Visit Beck’s on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BecksCoffee/>, or call 556-9850





# Farm & Ranch Museum barn is more than meets the eye

**By Craig Massey**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Horse & Cattle Barn at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is much more than just a barn.

The towering structure also houses a pair of exhibits – “Slim Green: Master Saddle Maker” and “Meet the Producers.”

The saddle exhibit is long-term and features the recreated workshop of the late, legendary saddle maker Slim Green. Green, who spent most of his career in West Texas and northern New Mexico, retired in Las Cruces after about 65 years of making saddles and donated most of his workshop to the museum.

Green, who made saddles for celebrities such



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as John Wayne, Gene Autry, Robert Redford, Ben Johnson and Val Kilmer, received many national and state honors for excellence and

achievement in his art. He said no two of his saddles are alike and that they also must be serviceable. “The horse matters when it comes to

the saddle. After all, your horse is most important after your family,” he said in 1999.

One of Green’s fondest memories goes all the way back to 1942, when he made a hand-carved leather name plate and presented it to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Green was a member of the U.S. Cavalry and stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., at the time.

The exhibit includes a video of Green explaining saddle making, an interactive area for leather stamping, and panels that show the history and evolution of Western stock saddles. Two of

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## UPCOMING MUSEUM PROGRAMS

**Culture Series: In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico**  
7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14

The monthly Culture Series gives visitors a closer look at the Museum’s new exhibit: In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico. Local historian and researcher Chris Schurtz will talk about the variety of nuts grown in New Mexico. The evening will also feature nut samples and a chance to view the exhibit, In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico. Schurtz is the author of “Historic Las Cruces: The Story of Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley” and a contributing scholar for the Branigan Cultural Center’s series “Latino Americans: 500 Years of History” that runs through 2016. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2.

**Children’s Activity: It’s Just Nuts**  
9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16

Kids are invited to join in the exploration of New Mexico and the relationship between birds and squirrels with nut trees. What types do our animal friends eat? Are seeds alive? We will dissect pine cones and make peanut butter pine cone bird feeders for our animal friends. Activity is for children 7 to 12 years of age. Please call ahead to reserve your space. Cash or Check fee of \$5 (museum admission is included). Limit 25 participants.

**13th Annual Antique Treasures Day**  
Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31

Antique Treasures Day is the only day each year that visitors to the Museum get the opportunity to enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the facility’s collections and preservation program. You will get a sneak-peek, guided tour into the museum’s enormous collections storage room where more than 10,000 artifacts are housed in a climate-controlled environment. Museum curators will talk about the process of donating artifacts along with their care and preservation once they arrive at the museum. Also part of the tour will be a discussion about how artifacts are chosen for and used in exhibits.

Visitors are invited to bring in objects this year to learn more about them and how to preserve them. Also, play “Stump the Curator,” where visitors are invited to bring in objects, or photographs of objects, to see if the panel of curators can identify them.

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# Events Calendar

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Jan 8 - 14

Brooklyn

An Irish immigrant (**Saoirse Ronan**) in 1950s New York falls for an Italian plumber (**Emory Cohen**), but faces temptation from another man (**Domhnall Gleeson**) when she returns home for a visit

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Beg Hula 5:00pm	\$2.00
Belly dance 5:00-6pm	\$4.00

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4-4:30pm Stretch & Slow	\$2.00	
4:30-5:00 Hula	\$2.00	
4:30-5:30 Belly Dance	\$4.00	
5:30-6:00 Zill	\$2.00	

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

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

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

**2 to 5 p.m. Live music,** Rio Grande Winery, 5321 Highway 28. No cover. Call 524-3985.

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

## MON. 1/4

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

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mary Zawacki brush-and-ink demonstration,** Mas Art Frame and Supply, 126 N. Main St. Local artist and art instructor Mary Zawacki will demonstrate how to draw Mesilla's famed Josefina's Gate using brush and ink. Free. Call 526-9113 to reserve space.

## TUE. 1/5

**Noon, Brown Bag Lecture,** Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. The museum hosts a Brown Bag Lunch Lecture at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Free. Call 647-4480.

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

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

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

**6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with Twisted Hams,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents a uniquely synergistic musical group from El Paso, Twisted Hams, bringing together five diversely talented musicians and blending them into an unlikely quintet incorporating blues, rock and indie. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.



**7 p.m. Doña Ana Photography club presents "30 Minutes with Duane Michaels,"** Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Jim Rodgers will present "30 Minutes with Duane Michaels." Michaels is an American photographic innovator, widely known for his work with series, multiple exposures and text. He often uses photo sequences to communicate a narrative, incorporating handwritten texts to examine emotion and philosophy. Jim will illustrate those techniques through Michaels' photos. Following Rodgers' presentation, Lisa Mandelkern and Debbie Hands will present "How to Submit Images with Monthly Themes." Monthly themes are designed to cultivate regular photographing habits and encourage participation in the monthly event. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.daphotoclub.com](http://www.daphotoclub.com).

## WED. 1/6

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**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. 1/7

**9 a.m. Grandma Mona's Science Story Time,** Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Grandma Mona invites children ages 3 to 5 to the museum for Science Story Time the first Thursday of each month, to read a story relating to one of the many exhibits in the museum. This month, children will read "The Magic School Bus: Inside a Hurricane" by Joanne Cole. Afterward, we'll do a topic-related activity. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

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**8 to 10 p.m. Live music,** Bosque Brewing Company, 901 E.

University Ave., Bldg. 985 Suite B. No cover. Call 571-4626.

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# Foundation for Las Cruces Museums seeks board members

By Barbara Chamberlin  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Perhaps you have enjoyed your visits to any of the city's museums, and wish to support our local museums. Maybe you have a passion for the educational work each museum does in art, culture, science and local history. One of the best ways to support the work of the local museums is to offer your expertise to the foundation for the city museums.

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

Foundation members support the museums by conducting events throughout the year and by managing funds that

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

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

The Foundation Board needs members to serve in key leadership positions, including:

**President:** The president runs the foundation meetings, and serves as head of the Foundation Board.

**Secretary:** The secretary takes notes of meetings, and maintains documents for the board.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer prepares monthly financial statements, oversees financial transactions, and guides board members in annual budgets.

**Communications Chair:** The Communications chair manages social media for the board, writes monthly guest articles in The Bulletin on foundation events.

**Special Events Chair:** This individual leads the board in planning, promoting, and conducting special activities, such as fundraising events and educational activities.

**Development Chair:** The Development Chair works with the community, finding ways to bring businesses and other organizations together to support the museums and related educational initiatives.

The next meeting of the foundation is Wednesday, Jan. 20. Potential board

members are invited to participate in this meeting, or to contact current board president Michael Weiss at [mike-weiss65@gmail.com](mailto:mike-weiss65@gmail.com).

To join the FLCM or get more on events at all museums, visit their website or their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/foundationlcmuseums](http://www.facebook.com/foundationlcmuseums)

All museums – the Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center, the Museum of Nature and Science and the Railroad Museum – are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. at the intersection with Las Cruces Avenue, and the other three museums are at the north end of Main Street Downtown. Admission at all city museums is always free.

*Barbara Chamberlin is the Communications Chair for the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. She can be reached at [info@foundationlcm.com](mailto:info@foundationlcm.com)*

## BARN FROM PAGE B5

Green's saddles also are displayed in the exhibit.

"Meet the Producers" is changed every few months to showcase individuals and families in New Mexico who produce food and fiber. A family that has been raising Hereford

cattle in New Mexico since 1924 is now featured.

B&H Herefords is operated by Phil Harvey Jr. and Jim Bob Burnett. Harvey followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather when he began working with his family's herd of registered Hereford cattle in 1973. Throughout his career, he has served

on the American Hereford Association's Board of Directors from 1989 to 1995, and served as president in 1994.

One of the major achievements of the Board during his tenure was the foundation of the Certified Hereford Beef Program.

Burnett grew up in Lovington, N.M. After graduating

from New Mexico State University, he worked for Harvey Herefords as their herdsman. Burnett has served as president of the New Mexico Hereford Association, on the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, and as the Chairman of the New Mexico Beef Council.

*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. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 4 to 17. Veterans receive admission for only \$2. For more information, call 522-4100 or visit [www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org).*

## Sudoku

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

### BEGINNER

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

### CHALLENGER

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		4				6		
9	5							4
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			7		6	5		

### EXPERT

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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



# BrainGames



## Word Salsa

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

### BIGGER THAN A BREADBOX

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| <b>ENGLISH</b> | <b>SPANISH</b> |
| CONTINENT      | CONTINENTE     |
| ELEPHANT       | ELEFANTE       |
| GARAGE         | GARAJE         |
| HIPPOTAMUS     | HIPOPÓTAMO     |
| LOCOMOTIVE     | LOCOMOTORA     |
| PIANO          | PIANO          |
| REFRIGERATOR   | REFRIGERADOR   |
| ROCKET         | COHETE         |
| SKYSCRAPER     | RASCACIELOS    |
| STADIUM        | ESTADIO        |
| SUBMARINE      | SUBMARINO      |
| TRUCK          | CAMIÓN         |

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## Crossword Puzzles

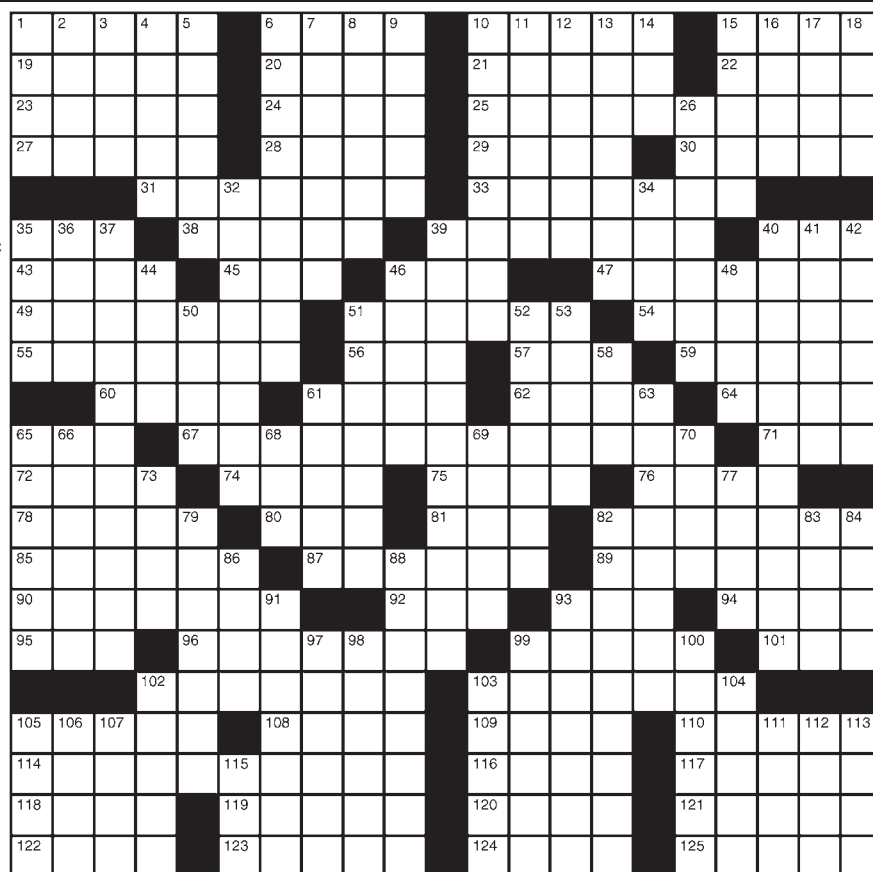
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>   | 83 Wood floor material          |
| 1 Harrington and Marino                               | 84 Longevity                    |
| 4 Aniston nickname                                    | 85 "___ to a Grecian Urn"       |
| 7 Cab and imp followers                               | 86 Katie's beau                 |
| 8 Grabbed a bite                                      |                                 |
| 9 Short respite                                       | <b>DOWN</b>                     |
| 10 Electronics maker                                  | 1 Drat!                         |
| 11 Migrator   | 2 Wing-shaped                   |
| 14 Bush   | 3 Back of the neck              |
| 17 Big drinker  | 4 Rocks                         |
| 18 Paleozoic, for one                                 | 5 Imprint clearly               |
| 19 Dealer's location                                  | 6 Closer                        |
| 23 Jacksonville coach, Jack Del ___                   | 11 Forgo                        |
| 24 Fifth note in a musical scale                      | 12 Extinct bird of New Zealand  |
| 26 Load average (abbr.)                               | 13 "___ magic"                  |
| 27 Fan or seat  | 15 Telekinetic expert Geller    |
| 31 ___ Ventura  | 16 Tree with gourd-like fruit   |
| 32 Potassium hydroxide                                | 20 Green around the gills       |
| 33 Affirm with confidence                             | 21 Capitol Hill vote            |
| 34 Ty or Jude?  | 22 Triumph over                 |
| 35 Scarce   | 24 Old-time tavern              |
| 39 Mr. Bridges  | 25 Peruvian tuber               |
| 40 Sound from the byre                                | 28 Rapper                       |
| 42 Ball of yarn                                       | 29 Pasture                      |
| 43 Horse  | 30 Riot police weapon           |
| 46 PGA contestant                                     | 36 Wife of George Burns, Gracie |
| 47 "Beowulf" star                                     | 37 Cover again                  |
| 48 Howl   | 38 Sheepskin source             |
| 49 Rooster's chick!                                   | 40 Speedometer reading          |
| 50 Horror flick, with the                             | 41 Zinc, e.g.                   |
| 51 Enclose  | 44 100 sq. meters               |
| 52 Feeling of exhilaration                            | 45 Health club facility         |
| 56 Inclinations                                       | 47 Rapture                      |
| 57 Premium  | 53 Occupy                       |
| 59 Out on a boat                                      | 54 Galactica's Doctor ___       |
| 60 Alien spacecraft                                   | 55 Full-bodied                  |
| 63 A member of a Buddhist people                      | 57 Wind instruments             |
| 64 Coral ridge  | 58 Plug or lobe?                |
| 65 Algerian music style                               | 61 Cooling device               |
| 66 Amphora  | 62 Body soother                 |
| 67 Restaurant bill                                    | 68 It's ___ good                |
| 70 Join the Navy                                      | 69 Blunder                      |
| 73 International agency to improve working conditions | 71 A belief                     |
| 74 "Boston Legal" action                              | 72 Red October, for one name    |
| 75 Dollops  | 76 Ocean's 12 star, first name  |
| 78 Mounts   | 77 Purpose                      |
| 81 Bikini section                                     | 78 Talk                         |
| 82 "Some Like It ___" (1959)                          | 79 Company symbol               |
|   | 80 Article                      |

### ORAL EXAM

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | 93 Tropical cuckoo             |
| 6 Fords and Dodges            | 94 Winter fall                 |
| 10 Of people: pref.           | 95 Sound of a leak             |
| 15 Long nail                  | 96 Feudal tenants              |
| 19 "Aida" composer            | 99 One hundred: pref.          |
| 20 Component piece            | 101 AARP members               |
| 21 Of a people: pref.         | 102 Tex and Thelma             |
| 22 Scottish lake              | 103 Part of the Arctic Ocean   |
| 23 Objects of devotion        | 105 One more time              |
| 24 Magnetic recording         | 108 QED part                   |
| 25 Molar collector?           | 109 Norwegian king             |
| 27 Beatles' "sexy" lady       | 110 Makes insensitive          |
| 28 Actress Garr               | 114 Car accident rescue device |
| 29 Tender spot                | 116 High: pref.                |
| 30 Auberjonois and Descartes  | 117 Window on a corbel         |
| 31 Hindu priestly caste       | 118 Hog-wild                   |
| 33 Strips blubber             | 119 Of an arm bone             |
| 35 Angel dust: abbr.          | 120 Spoils taken               |
| 38 Divest                     | 121 Cooper's Bumpo             |
| 39 Relative of a flambeau     | 122 Count (on)                 |
| 40 Brit. electees             | 123 Takes five                 |
| 43 Explorer Ericson           | 124 Skewed                     |
| 45 Hawaiian acacia            | 125 ___ Park, CO               |
| 46 Feminine pronoun           |                                |
| 47 Dines at a diner           | <b>DOWN</b>                    |
| 49 South Pacific region       | 1 Rara ___                     |
| 51 Censor's inserts           | 2 Mother of Castor and Pollux  |
| 54 Safe                       | 3 Walked (on)                  |
| 55 Boldly resisting           | 4 Impromptu                    |
| 56 Bitingly cold              | 5 Staircase elements           |
| 57 Social follower?           | 6 Murderous                    |
| 59 Number stamper             | 7 Blood deficiency             |
| 60 Eye part                   | 8 Irregular stone foundation   |
| 61 Wife of a rajah            | 9 Drinking vessel              |
| 62 Word with prayer and throw | 10 Looses                      |
| 64 Afterwards                 | 11 "My Favorite Year" star     |
| 65 Actor Linden               | 12 Routine duties              |
| 67 Alien language             | 13 Deeply felt                 |
| 71 Keats verse                | 14 La-la lead-in               |
| 72 Scat singer Fitzgerald     | 15 Sculptor Oldenburg          |
| 74 Part of NLCS               | 16 Cut of pork                 |
| 75 Practical jokes            | 17 Farmland measure            |
| 76 Rabbit's title             | 18 Reasons                     |
| 78 Top social category        | 26 Worried                     |
| 80 ___ de mer                 | 32 Rowan, a.k.a. Mr. Bean      |
| 81 Wildebeest                 |                                |
| 82 Informing                  |                                |
| 85 Hindu mystic writings      |                                |
| 87 Admonish                   |                                |
| 89 While performing           |                                |
| 90 Cleanliness                |                                |
| 92 Tumor: suff.               |                                |



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|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 34 Earthly seven             | 53 Knocks for a loop         | 88 Long, narrow cushions |
| 35 Proceed slowly but surely | 58 Coop item                 | 91 Actress Parsons       |
| 36 Gospel singer Winans      | 61 Make road repairs         | 93 Aquarium requirement  |
| 37 Pecans, pumpkin, etc.     | 63 Minor divisions           | 97 Old World finches     |
| 39 Wrigley's and Doublemint  | 65 Moors                     | 98 Former PLO leader     |
| 40 Harmonicas                | 66 Sets to rest              | 99 Revere                |
| 41 Liquefied                 | 68 Battering device          | 100 Wife of Paris        |
| 42 "Tristram Shandy" author  | 69 31-syllable Japanese poem | 102 Hazardous            |
| 44 Impartial                 | 70 Greek goddess of discord  | 103 Australian marsupial |
| 46 Street talk               | 73 Italian wine center       | 104 Invisible emanations |
| 48 Beat it!                  | 77 Ways in: abbr.            | 105 Open somewhat        |
| 50 Childlike person          | 79 Golfer from El Paso       | 106 Willing              |
| 51 Alphabet of the sightless | 82 Dimple                    | 107 Gone GI              |
| 52 Dugout canoe              | 83 Borodin's prince          | 111 Oven glove           |
|                              | 84 Current events            | 112 ___-noire (bugbear)  |
|                              | 86 Med. school subj.         | 113 Stone and Stallone   |
|                              |                              | 115 Coati's coat         |

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### Word Salsa

Y A P A Ñ A D Y T I T N A U Q  
 T N N O I S E N O R P A N A B  
 C A P A C I T Y M Y O X A I N  
 M D A D I C A P A C G I G M O  
 R I V O U M E L N D R Y N L E  
 E R O M E C N O Y N A O O B X  
 X M L A Z Y T T C O L L Z L S T  
 T D D A O T U N A V E Z M A S  
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 N E O N A L A R G A R A C G E  
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 O E P D A D I T N A C M S N C  
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#### Diagramless

BUGS PALM  
 AGAPE IOEFA  
 BLUER YONDERA  
 AIRCRAFT MEAN  
 ERA  
 EMS FREE LEU SHY  
 BOOS FARE ISM  
 BOTH INGROUP  
 ARC ASPIC  
 MOLDY REEVE  
 SWINE RED  
 GATEWAY ABLY  
 ASH GALS ROSE  
 SET ORAL ADS  
 PAS  
 DELI PLY  
 ADAR ELECTION  
 STRIPE ROBLE  
 HINT TOTLE  
 HESS TSAR

#### Going Off Half-Cocked

TARMAC DIALOGUE UNCAP  
 AREOLA ONRECORD NERVE  
 AIP PINGONESHAND PRYOR  
 UNTO  
 ALOU BAD ASS MAVINS  
 PAELLA ACADIAN  
 RAM PREEMPTIVE BID GRE  
 EDITOR SORORITY OWEN  
 MINICAB ONI ASHB LOND  
 AEON INCLINE SARALEE  
 PUTTING THE GART RUFFED  
 POSSE RIOTS  
 CAPTAN BEFORE THE HORSE  
 ELAINES RAKED IN DOWN  
 COLLATOR GIS OPPOSED  
 INST MALENESS LAREDO  
 LGE JUMPING THE GUN SEW  
 SPINETS ENAMEL  
 DOTAGE ANS OTB ORBS  
 CRAIG PREMATURE BURIAL  
 CARNE SAVONARA ORNERY  
 INTER ITERATES BLENDIS

#### CRYPTOGRAM

K T W W E J D E J W M Y B E O  
 T Q K A W W P O E N Z W B , P B X  
 K T W W E J D M A X M K W M Y B  
 E O O E N Z W P T Q K A W .

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
 Talent hits the big target no one else can hit, but genius hits the target no one else can see.



# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY** presents "Faces, etc. ..." by fine artist Carmen Navar. Navar's mission statement is to create "peace and beauty" in a stress-filled world, believing the arts are a powerful force for positive change. She communicates her art language through the movement of powerful brushstrokes and mark-making bordering on the realm of emotion, abstraction and figuration. "Faces, etc. ..." will present an array of Navar's newest works of the figure and face, which are whimsical and intense at the same time. "Faces, etc. ..." opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, and will remain on display through the end of January.

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

## LAST CHANCE

**FIREBIRD RISING FINE ART GALLERY** presents its grand opening celebration and exhibition "Union of Flames," a group show of local, national and international visual artists featuring Paul Neff, Lilith Love, Wes Naman, Chris Bardey, Jodie Herrera, Jef Bourgeois, Deret Roberts, Cody Jimenez, Michael Ponce, Praxis, David D. Sorensen, Stephanie Sweet, Maureen Bachaus and Michael C. Gutierrez. "Union of Flames" will remain on display through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016.

Firebird Rising Fine Art Gallery is located at 330 W. Mountain Ave. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and by appointment. For more information, call 303-2434.

**CUTTER GALLERY** presents "New Mexico Christmas" art show, featuring work from Molly Gamboa Barth, Nancy Frost Begin, Fred Chilton, Tom Gerend, Linda Gendall, Stephen Hansen, Carlitta Harvey, Robert Highsmith, Mark Hohnstreiter, Tracy Jamison, Suzanne Kane, Virginia Roach, Rosemary McLoughlin, Jo-an Smith, Mary Talamini, Dan Tapper, Dan Stouffer and Paula Voris. The show will remain on display through Tuesday, Jan. 5.

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.

**ART OBSCURA GALLERY** presents two exhibitions for the month of December: Jesse Reinhard's "Reflections" and Sam Ross' "Etiquette Unraveled," upstairs in the Tiny Room Gallery.

Jesse Reinhard received an MFA in printmaking from NMSU and has been active in the local art scene since arriving in Las Cruces in 2004. Along with Art Obscura, his artwork can often be found at the West End Art Depot and Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market. This is rumored to be Reinhard's last show in Las Cruces, as he is moving to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area at the end of the year to join a religious cult.

"Etiquette Unraveled" reveals artist Sam Ross' new paintings that vibrate with humor. This month-long display showcases his new work, along with limited edition T-shirts, prints and miniature paintings. "I've always been the jovial type and I love connecting with people through humor, which is what I primarily aim to achieve through this style," Ross said. "Reflections" and "Etiquette Unraveled" will remain on display through January.

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

**AMARO WINERY** features paintings and drawing by Meg Freyermuth and a landscape pastel series by Wayne Carl Huber. The show will remain on display through Jan. 10, 2016.

Amaro Winery is located at 402 S. Melendres St. Hours are 3 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 527-5310.

## ONGOING

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "Remembering the Mays" and "The Beggars of Venice."

Celebrating local history and one of Las Cruces' pioneering families is the focus of "Remembering the Mays." Settling in Las Cruces in the late nineteenth century, John and Elizabeth May opened and operated the successful Rio Grande Hotel on Main Street. The couple raised six children in Las Cruces, many of whom grew to become important figures in their own right, owning important businesses throughout the City and becoming involved in local and regional politics.

The exhibit will feature historic photographs as well as items from the Museum System's collection that belonged to members of the May family, allowing visitors insight into life in Las Cruces during an exciting period of time in which the city was rapidly developing.

The suite of drawings "The Beggars of Venice" captures the many characters of the most present but often unnoticed residents of Venice, Italy. Utilizing graphite and ink on paper, artist Ed Smith's images create a sense of historical continuity with the great artists Callot, Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Goya and Rembrandt. "The Beggars of Venice" and "Remembering the Mays" will remain on display through Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016.

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.

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents "Steel and Wings," an exhibit of new works by Las Cruces artists Jill Somoza and John Northcutt. Somoza's paintings capture an ephemeral quality by painting on vinyl sheeting stretched in unusual shapes. The pieces chosen for this show were all done in the past two years and display the simple lines of juxtaposed panels combined with curved wood. These paintings are more accurately described as elaborate sketches of fleeting feelings, drawn in wood, vinyl, color and line. Northcutt's sculpture is minimal kinetic and viewer participatory. He has chosen to explore the concept of the existence of multiple planes within a plane and their interaction. The planes are based on minimal geometric shapes, rectangles, squares, triangles, etc., interacting with each other. In the past, he has worked thematically drawing ideas from American Indian mythology, art history references, or observations on friends, thus giving the work an allegorical quality. For this show, he draws inspiration from the Sand Hill Cranes and their flight. "Steel and Wings" will remain on display through Friday, Jan. 22.

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.

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

Cottonwood Gallery is located inside Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 522-5552.

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** features two local artists for the month of December, Bonnie MacQuarrie and Kay Susin. In addition, the gallery's 30 member artists offer work in many media.

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.

**EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY** presents an exhibit of work from professional photographer Michael Stephens, featuring dynamic digital photographs originally taken at Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, then subjected to a technique known as "light painting." Stephens' work will remain on display through the end of January.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM** presents in its north corridor "In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico," an exhibit centered on nuts grown here in the Land of Enchantment. Few crops are more diverse and individually tied culturally and economically to the various geographic areas of New Mexico's bountiful nut crops. Each of the state's top nuts – piñon, peanuts, pecans and pistachios – has its own story to tell about how and why it is grown and harvested. The exhibit covers everything from the definition of a nut to its health benefits. In between is a fascinating look at the history, research and uses as well as growing and harvesting techniques. "In a Nutshell" will remain on display through Sept. 25.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# 2015 a banner year for the box office

By Zak Hansen  
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Little surprise, 2015 was another year of box-office blockbusting sequels and reboots, with records set, shattered and set again as a cavalcade of familiar films – “Furious 7,” “Avengers: Age of Ultron,” “Jurassic World,” “Terminator: Genisys,” “Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation,” “Spectre,” entries in the “Divergent,” “Maze Runner” and “Hunger Games” canons and, of course, December’s release of the long-awaited “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” – made their way through the multiplexes.

J.J. Abrams’ “Star Wars” reboot, the first under the Disney banner, broke several box office records – some set just months earlier in 2015 – to become the fastest film to gross more than \$1 billion, doing so in 12 days, just under the 13 days it took “Jurassic World.” Industry analysts project “The Force Awakens” is on track to become the all-time highest box-office gross – a daunting task in the face of the \$2.788 billion raked in by “Avatar” in 2009.

Some of these retreads were downright great; others were nigh unwatchable, but for this year’s best-of, let’s turn away, for the most part, from the big-budget blockbusters.

A hilarious, heartfelt and downright different coming-of-age story, Rick Famuyiwa’s “Dope” follows a trio of ’90s hip-hop-worshipping L.A. “geeks” – played by the revelatory and relatively unknown Tony Revolori, Kiersey Clemons and Shameik Moore – roped unwittingly into a few days’ worth of high-stakes, dope-dealing danger when Malcolm



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(Moore) receives a suspicious package from local hood Dom (A\$AP Rocky). “Dope” takes a familiar format and setting – growing up in ’hood – and elevates it to something poignant, affecting and laugh-out-loud funny, a wise, warm and welcome departure from similar fare.

High-profile sci-fi has had a banner few years – “Gravity” and “Interstellar,” to wit – that continued in 2015 with director Ridley Scott’s spectacular “The Martian.” Matt Damon stars as astronaut Mark Watney, marooned on Mars after a freak dust storm forces the rest of his crew to evacuate the planet. Alone millions of miles from home and with hope rapidly fading, Watney is forced to turn to his training to find a way to survive, while a capable crew back on Earth attempts to bring him home. “The Martian” is well-acted, action-packed, funny, nuanced and refreshingly devoid of a “bad guy.” Instead, it’s a film about talented people working together, armed only with problem-solving, to save a life. A must-see.

An unlikely Golden Globe and Oscar contender if ever there was one, “Mad Max: Fury Road” saw

director George Miller returns to the post-apocalyptic, fuel-poor desert wastelands to follow survivor Max Rockatansky (Tom Hardy) and the mechanical-armed Imperator Furiosa (Charlize Theron) as they rebel against the oppressive, water-hoarding Immortan Joe and his army of fume-crazed War Boys. Sure, it’s a mostly dialogue-free two hours of cars blowing up in the desert, but a reliance on mostly practical effects, aided by solid performances and some truly jaw-dropping set and prop design, not to mention a surprising feminist undercurrent, made “Fury Road” one of the best action films in memory. A welcome return to form by a legendary director.

With a stellar ensemble cast and a fact-based story to make even the strongest stomach turn, Director Tom McCarthy’s “Spotlight” follows the four-person Boston Globe “Spotlight” investigative team – played by Mark Ruffalo, Rachel McAdams, Brian d’Arcy James and Michael Keaton – as they uncover widespread child molestation and sexual abuse in the local Catholic Archdiocese, and the decades-long, church-

wide cover-up surrounding the shocking truth. “Spotlight” is riveting from its startling open to its silent, agonizing final frames, deserving a place in newspaper drama history alongside the best of them.

Writer, director and star Joel Edgerton surprised with his taut, suspenseful “The Gift,” which follows a young couple (Jason Bateman and Rebecca Hall) intimidated by a figure from the husband’s past (Edgerton). Though it falls apart some in its third act, kudos to Edgerton for keeping his audience perched on a razor’s edge throughout a twisty and twisted psychological thriller.

Though it didn’t break much in the way of well-worn ground, Whitney Bulger crime-drama “Black Mass” was a sober and engrossing look at one of America’s most notorious criminals – and the government officials taken down in his wake for aiding and abetting. As Bulger, Johnny Depp returns to the silver screen to remind us that he really can act – if you get him away from Tim Burton and off of a pirate ship.

Released at the 11th hour and sneaking in just under the wire are two of the finest films of the year – “The Hateful Eight” and “The Revenant.”

Quentin Tarantino’s post-Civil War western, “The Hateful Eight” finds bounty hunter “Hangman” John Ruth (Kurt Russell) escorting fugitive Daisy Domergue (Jennifer Jason Leigh) to the gallows, with fellow headhunter Major Marquis Warren (Samuel L. Jackson) and new Red Rock sheriff Chris Mannix (Walton Goggins). When a blizzard hits, the four take refuge at Minnie’s Haber-

dashery, a mountain stop-over populated by a host of unsavories who are not what they seem. As the hours wear on with this “hateful eight” trapped indoors, it becomes less and less likely any will see the town of Red Rock. With a menagerie of collaborators – Russell, Jackson, Tim Roth, Michael Madsen, Bruce Dern – and a few surprising cameos, “The Hateful Eight” is Tarantino through-and-through, a loving throwback to some of his own favorite films, shot on 70mm film to capture the aesthetic and given his signature spin.

Last but by no means least, Director Alejandro G. Iñárritu follows his award-winning “Birdman” with something much different – the bleak, brutal and sweeping survival epic “The Revenant.” Leonardo DiCaprio stars as legendary frontiersman Hugh Glass, guiding a party of fur trappers through the wilds of the Louisiana Purchase in the 1820s. Facing deserved hostility from the Arikara Native Americans, the quasi-military hunting party heads for the mountains; scouting ahead, Glass is savagely mauled by a grizzly bear, soon left for dead in the frozen tundra by John Fitzgerald (Tom Hardy), a survival- and money-hungry member of the party. Battered, bruised, broken-legged and bleeding, Glass

somehow managed to survive, trekking more than 200 miles to the nearest American settlement to exact revenge on the man that sealed his fate. Stunning narrative aside, Iñárritu proves once again he’s simply one of the finest filmmakers of the day, and DiCaprio, long chasing an Oscar, may finally get his due with a visceral, transformative performance unlike any other this year.

Though they’ll never win any accolades outside of genre devotees, 2015 wasn’t a bad year for horror, either. Guillermo del Toro’s “Crimson Peak” is a sumptuous and spooky gothic ghost story; “We Are Still Here” turns the “this house needs a family” fable on its head with splattering results. “Goodnight Mommy” (German “Ich Seh Ich Seh”) is about as chilling as it gets, with young twin boys trapped in their sweeping contemporary home with their bandaged, post-surgical mother ... or is she? A taut, twisty and terribly sad affair. Not for the weak stomach. Finally, the New Zealand-made heavy metal splatter flick “Deathgasm” is a campy and carnage-filled homage to the shocking standards set by “Bad Taste” and “Dead Alive” decades ago. Find it on Netflix now.

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# The year in photos



ABOVE: Norma and Harold DeMund enjoy the summer sun during the 2015 Red, White and Blues Festival.



In May, the Artists of Picacho Hills open their homes to art lovers during the annual Art in the Garden Tour.



Hard Tack demonstrates cowboy cooking as he prepares a Johnny cake at the 2015 Cowboy Days at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.



Las Cruces newcomer Kim Aline offered wine samples to attendees of the Red, White and Blues Festival, held in August on the foregarden of St. Clair Winery and Bistro.



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Aaron Nieto and Eva Barber were among attendees of June's Southern New Mexico Pride 2015 celebration.



Jessi Thompson, Joe Tillman and Demetrius Rel attended the inaugural Tequila, Tacos and Cerveza festival, held in July.





Chad Arnold of Santa Fe plays a game of cornhole during the 2015 Blazin' Brewfest.



Austin Kennedy, Elaina Spielman, Anacaryn Oneal and Tyler Oneal pose for a photograph among the massive crowd gathered in Downtown Las Cruces for the Blazin' Brewfest, put on by the New Mexico Brewers Guild in May.



Maria Dolores of Jamie's Toys blows bubbles during the 2015 Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo.



International students, friends and family gathered for the 2015 Las Cruces International Festival held at New Mexico State University.



Guitarist Austin James Murphy jams out a solo at August's Red, White and Blues Festival, sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society.



Corey Donovan of Wine Sales for D.H. Lescombes serves a taste of white wine at the 2015 Labor Day-weekend Southern New Mexico Wine Festival.



El Pasoan Marisol Lara braces herself and laughs as she stomps grapes at the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival.



# AtTheMovies

## Coming soon on DVD Jan. 5

### Captive

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: David Oyelowo, Kate Mara  
Director: Jerry Jameson

### The Green Inferno

Rated: R  
Genre: Horror  
Starring: Lorenza Izzo, Ariel Levy  
Director: Eli Roth

### Sicario

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Emily Blunt, Benicio del Toro  
Director: Denis Villeneuve

### The Visit

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Horror  
Starring: Kathryn Hahn, Ed Oxenbould  
Director: M. Night Shyamalan

## Top-grossing Dec. 25-27

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| <b>1</b> <b>Star Wars: The Force Awakens</b> (Week No. 2) \$149,202,860          | <b>6</b> <b>The Big Short</b> (Week No. 3) \$10,531,026                     |
| <b>2</b> <b>Daddy's Home</b> (Week No. 1) \$38,740,203                           | <b>7</b> <b>Concussion</b> (Week No. 1) \$10,500,000                        |
| <b>3</b> <b>Joy</b> (Week No. 1) \$17,015,168                                    | <b>8</b> <b>Point Break</b> (Week No. 1) \$9,805,000                        |
| <b>4</b> <b>Sisters</b> (Week No. 2) \$14,189,455                                | <b>9</b> <b>The Hunger Games: Mockinjay Part 2</b> (Week No. 6) \$5,277,828 |
| <b>5</b> <b>Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip</b> (Week No. 4) \$13,143,329 | <b>10</b> <b>Creed</b> (Week No. 5) \$4,425,000                             |

# Picking the Flicks



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

### Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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



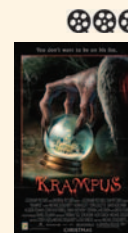
### Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: Alvin, Simon and Theodore hit the road to Miami to stop Dave's wedding, fearful that he'll dump them for his new wife.  
Starring: Kaley Cuoco, Bella Thorne



### Krampus

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: Amidst a bad Christmas, a young boy unwittingly summons a Christmas demon to his family's home.  
Starring: Adam Scott, Toni Collette  
Director: Michael Dougherty



### The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: As the war of Panem escalates and the Capital destroys other districts, Katniss Everdeen must bring together an army against President Snow, with everything she loves hanging in the balance.  
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson



### The Good Dinosaur

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: In an alternate timeline where dinosaurs never went extinct, Arlo the Apatosaurus makes an unlikely friend in a young human caveboy named Spot.  
Starring: Jeffrey Wright, Frances McDormand (voices)  
Director: Peter Sohn



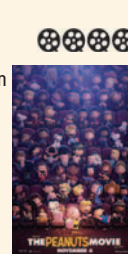
### The Big Short

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: Four outsiders in the high-finance industry who predict the housing bubble burst of the 2000s take on the big banks.  
Starring: Christian Bale, Steve Carell  
Director: Adam McKay



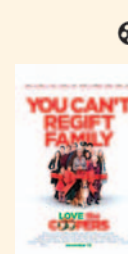
### The Peanuts Movie

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: Snoopy and his team take to the skies in pursuit of their arch nemesis, while Charlie Brown goes on his own quest at home.  
Starring: Francesca Capaldi, Madisyn Shipman (voices)  
Director: Steve Martino



### Love the Coopers

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Four generations come together for Christmas Eve; when unlikely events turn the house upside down, the Coopers rediscover family bonds and the spirit of the season.  
Starring: Olivia Wilde, Amanda Seyfried  
Director: Jessie Nelson



### Sisters

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



### Creed

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Rocky Balboa steps into the role of trainer to promising young boxer Adonis Johnson – the son of Rocky's late friend and former rival Apollo Creed.  
Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Michael B. Jordan



### Concussion

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Talented pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu discovers the damage done to football players during the course of normal play.  
Starring: Will Smith, Luke Wilson  
Director: Peter Landesman



### Point Break

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: A young FBI agent goes undercover inside a group of professional criminals and extreme athletes.  
Starring: Édgar Ramírez, Luke Bracey  
Director: Ericson Core



### Daddy's Home

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: A mild-mannered executive and stepfather is forced to compete for his children's affection upon the arrival of his wife's freeloading ex-husband.  
Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg  
Director: Sean Anders



### Joy

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: The four-generation true story of the family of Joy Mangano, who founded a business dynasty by inventing the Miracle Mop.  
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper  
Director: David O. Russell



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Carey Mulligan and Helena Bonham-Carter star in director Sarah Gavron's "Suffragette," now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

## 'Suffragette' a remarkable look at an embarrassment of history

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

"Suffragette" is a brilliant period piece about the women's suffrage movement in Britain, which took place in the early 20th century.

Although it may sound like a companion piece to "Downton Abbey," being all polite and tasteful, the surprise of "Suffragette" is how much anger and exigency it offers and how much fresh material and history it shares.

Easily equated to such local injustices such as the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s or the peace movement during the Vietnam "war," this picture will surely offer you more than you bargained for.

The film is an impressive work from four women, who lead the production — director Sarah Gavron, screenwriter Abi Morgan and lead actress Carey Mulligan, who follows her delicate performance in "Far From the Madding Crowd" with an equally strong stint in this work. Helena Bonham Carter, an actress I've always appreciated, steps up with a great supporting role as well.

The film blends fiction-based characters with real historical personages, including British feminist leader Emmeline Pankhurst (played by Meryl

Streep in a small but dramatic role, which might be one of the films weaker points, since I'm rather tired of Ms. Streep) while Mulligan's Maud Watts is a more complex character.

The film opens with Watts, a low level supervisor in a laundry factory, enduring the many injustices of the time, while caring for her husband and young son, leaving no time for any political activity. Watts observes, by accident, one of her fellow women workers at a demonstration, throwing rocks through windows and her curiosity is piqued. Watts soon becomes involved in the suffrage movement- spinning into a labyrinth of always illegal protests and demonstrations, allowing her family to slip away, when her militancy soon takes over her life.

Morgan, who has also done the screenplays for "The Iron Lady," "Shame" and "The Invisible Woman," offers some notable

details in the picture, most especially the fact that there is no male union organizer to lead Watts and her cohorts into battle. It is the other strong women (especially the one at the horse race) in the movement who galvanize her, and they are all well defined in Morgan's pointed screenplay.

As a director, Gavron has done a couple of small British films, but Suffragette should completely en-

hance her career. She shows a constantly gritty and often dreary atmosphere, scrupulously detailed and sans glamour. I also found the cinematography, production and costume design to be superb.

"Suffragette" builds up steam as it demonstrates that these women were not church ladies out on a lark. They are angry and often violent, and were often arrested and treated cruelly while imprisoned. The shocking racetrack scene, which is historically accurate, is a blunt reminder that equality always involves strong sacrifices.

Mulligan, as Watts, shares a profound but always plausible journey from a victim of domestic and work place abuse, to that of an articulate crusader. Anne-Marie Duff turns in a tragic performance as Watt's factory-worker friend who encourages Maud to activism but then finds the movement too costly and dangerous to continue.

The only strong male role is given to Brendon Gleeson as a police officer who quietly understands the women's cause.

Stay for the credits, as the picture also offers some sad and anger-provoking facts on when many countries finally granted women the right to vote.

But the glory of the film is that it goes way beyond facts and figures to share with us the fight for equality that has not ended in many places, including this country.

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# Non-denominational pre-dialogue forum at First Christian Church

First Christian Church, 1809 El Paso Road, is offering a pre-dialogue, non-denominational, on-demand video, "Education Equity" as well as a forum and a discussion/Q&A session on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 8:30 a.m. – noon in preparation for a March conference.

The free forum features Freeman Hrabowski. This non-denominational forum is a chance to engage in some of the issues that will be explored in depth at the March 1-3 conference, including mass incarceration, structural racism, education equity and policy change. All the Pre-Dialogues

are free and open to the public.

A discussion panel and Q&A features: Bill McCamley, (moderator,) a Democratic member of the New Mexico House of Representatives, and former Doña Ana County Commissioner; Sarah Silvafierro, Café Executive Director who found her vocation in faith-based community organizing and worked with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Public Policy & Social Concerns and with the PICO National Network; and Katrina Diaz-Castillo, the current director of the Las Cruces High GRADS Child Devel-

opment Center.

Racial justice is a matter of life or death; we can't afford to stay silent and tacitly accept the (mostly) invisible systems that support inequalities, create suffering, and deny human dignity. Rather, we need to have an open dialogue — a process that starts with listening.

For the United States to live up to its aspiration of equal opportunity for all, our educational system needs help. Inequities in funding, discipline, teacher preparedness, and social support create an unequal playing field, leading to gross

disparities in outcomes. Data from the U.S. Education Department show that these inequities array along racial lines. The good news is that innovative educators are forging, testing, and implementing effective solutions. Faith communities are engaging in growing numbers to help local schools succeed.

Featured presenter, Hrabowski, has served as president of the University of Maryland Baltimore County since 1992, a school which was ranked one of the nation's "most innovative" national universities by U.S. News in

2015. He was recently named by President Obama to chair the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. In 2009, TIME magazine named Freeman one of America's "10 Best College Presidents," and in 2012 one of the "100 Most Influential People in World." Freeman's research and publications focus on minority participation and performance.

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## RELIGION LISTINGS

### Pet blessing at St. Anthony of the Desert

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, in the parking lot at the corner of Alameda and Hadley, St. Anthony of the Desert will hold the eighth annual pet blessing. This service is offered to the community in honor of two Orthodox saints, Seraphim of Sarov from the North of Russia, and Anthony the Great, our patron from the Egyptian desert. Both saints were friends of animals and, in turn, were befriended by the animals in their surroundings. So bring your cherished animals for their annual blessing. Goodie bags will be provided for pets from Better Life natural pet foods. For more information, call 323-1038.

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

### Men's Prayer Breakfast at First Baptist Church

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

### Ladies of Luther Potluck Dinner

At 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Dr., the Ladies of Luther are having a potluck dinner with two speakers from the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope: Executive Director Nicole Martinez and Matt Holt, attorney and law professor. The theme of the luncheon is To Serve. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP at 523-4232.

Mesilla Park Community Church Youth Ministry Parent & Student retreat

On Friday and Saturday, Jan 22-23, Mesilla Park Community Church will host a fun overnight to study how to live out Deuteronomy 6:4-9. You will learn more about yourself and your student by creating ways to connect with each other through biblical principles and fun techniques. The event takes place at 6:30 p.m. at Bonita Park

Campground in Ruidoso. For the first 55 to sign up, the cost is \$33.00 per person. Regular cost is \$63. Contact Terrie

Williams, [terriekww@gmail.com](mailto:terriekww@gmail.com) for more information. Register and pay online at [getrealchurch.org/events](http://getrealchurch.org/events).



## THE BULLETIN NEEDS YOUR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

With the turn of the New Year, Religion Listings invites all of our contributors to look over your calendar entries and make any changes.

It would be helpful if you updated your items and removed events or activities that are no longer happening. Please email your events and activities to one of the following email addresses:

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## Homes & Southwest Living 2015 year in review

### Las Cruces woman wins \$2 million Powerball

A woman from Las Cruces claimed a \$2 million Powerball prize Friday, Feb. 6. Romana Saavedra, who claimed her prize in person at New Mexico Lottery headquarters in Albuquerque, has played the same birth dates and anniversaries on every lottery ticket for the past five years. She discovered her prize after retrieving old tickets from her car and purse.

Saavedra said she regularly plays lottery games because she believes in supporting the Legislative Lottery Scholarship program.

"I tell people all the time that buying a ticket helps kids go to school," she said.

Saavedra's three sons attended college on Legislative Lottery Scholarships. Two graduated from New Mexico State University and one graduated from the University of New Mexico.

Saavedra bought her lucky ticket at the Western Refining Store located at 2210 E. Lohman Ave.

### Pecan Growers came to Cruces in March

The annual Western Pecan Growers Association conference and trade show was held March 1-3 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. This marked the 49th year the association, which represents growers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas sponsored the event. NMSU is a co-sponsor. The annual event attracted about 500 people from the region, elsewhere in the U.S. and even from other countries.

The educational program included 17 presentations by NMSU experts, experts from other universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as representatives from the pecan industry, discussing topics such as the proposed pecan marketing order, tips for success in doing business in China and a look at mechanical pruning techniques.

### Petition recall denied in May

A state judge on May 20, rejected a request for the Las Cruces city clerk's office to reconsider counting recall petitions from which signers later asked to have their names removed. District Court Judge Mary Rosner issued an order to quash the legal filing, called a writ of mandamus, citing state law that allows the city clerk to "resolve issues of residency and major infractions." Recall petition backers first filed the

writ April 16, after the city clerk determined there weren't enough valid signatures to warrant a recall election. Gill Sorg, who was a target of the recall effort along with councillors Nathan Small and Olga Pedroza, said he hoped Rosner's ruling would put an end to the recall effort. Rosner's ruling cited that 757 people — amounting to nearly a quarter of all signatures gathered — had requested to remove their names from the petitions.

### Organ Mountains-Desert Peak celebrated one-year anniversary

The Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (OMDP) National Monument and the Las Cruces Green Chamber hosted a celebration of national lands marking the one-year anniversary of the creation of the OMDP as a national monument. "On May 21, 2014, President Obama designated 496,000 acres," Ben Gabriel, director of the Friends of OMDP group, said.

"We have a spiritual connection to the environment," Gabriel said. "It is important we protect it."

### LCPS budget trouble

Facing state deadlines, area government entities pulled together their budgets, with some having to make cuts, especially Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) to avoid a possible deficit scenario. At a town hall meeting May 12, Superintendent Stan Rounds said he believed that he had found a budget plan with multiple cuts that would put the budget back into balance.

"This budget is one that has a lot of challenges to it," he said. In recent years, LCPS has seen enrollment growth slow to a point it lost out on extra money from the state to help it accommodate growth, while also opening up a fourth full high school and two smaller early college high schools. That put staff levels out of balance, Rounds admitted.

Rounds said that erosion stems from the state taking on more health care costs. All of these conspired to put LCPS in an uncomfortable budget situation. This year, that cash balance is down a little more than \$3 million. Meanwhile, the district was faced with increased costs for medical insurance, risk insurance, utilities and transportation. Those increases and replenishing the cash balance to a comfortable level meant the district had to find more than \$7.6 mil-

lion in cuts to its \$185 million operation budget. Working with the school board, cuts were nearly \$1.2 million in central office administration and reorganizing teaching staff levels — "right sizing" is the term Rounds used — that will result in 55 fewer teaching positions next year.

In a split vote Tuesday, May 26, the Las Cruces school board passed a budget that included furloughs, staff reductions and program cuts. School Board President Maria Flores, who broke the tie of yes and no votes on the board, said she only approved the budget to avoid the state coming in and taking over the district finances, which was a possibility if the board didn't approve a budget. "I don't want to lose any more local control," Flores said. "I'll vote yes on this budget, but I'm not a happy camper here."

### Carmona named Tombaugh principal

Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) Superintendent Stan Rounds announced that Guillermo Carmona was selected as Principal of Tombaugh Elementary School for the 2015/16 school year. Carmona has been with LCPS since 2003.

"I'm excited to work with Tombaugh's wonderful staff, students and parents," Carmona said. "I am so impressed by the staff's focus on academic excellence and the community's support."

Carmona filled an administrative vacancy brought about by then-current principal, Annette Otero-Nuñez, who will become a Title 1 teacher next school year.

Carmona was an Assistant Principal at Picacho Middle School for the past two years, and from 2010-13 he was the Assistant Principal at MacArthur Elementary and at Monte Vista Elementary. He was previously a bilingual elementary teacher at Sunrise Elementary when he first joined the school district, officials said.

Carmona earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2000 and a Master of Arts in 2009, both from New Mexico State University.

### Valley View Elementary welcomed new principal

View Elementary said hello to Ricardo Rincon as its new principal in early 2015.

"I am honored to be selected," Rincon said. "I'm excited to meet the staff, the parents and, of course, the students."

Formerly the assistant principal at

Loma Heights Elementary School, Rincon has been with LCPS since 2003, beginning as a bilingual teacher at MacArthur Elementary School. He was also a fifth-grade teacher at Sunrise Elementary School and a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at Monte Vista Elementary School. In 2012, Rincon joined Centennial High School as a math teacher, and in 2013 was named Loma Heights' assistant principal.

Rincon earned his bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, both from the University of Arizona.

### New principal at Mayfield

Mayfield High School Assistant Principal Eric Fraass was selected as Mayfield's Principal, announced Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds.

The appointment became effective July 1, upon the retirement of then-Principal Jo Beth Hawk.

Fraass has been one of Mayfield's assistant principals since June 2014. Prior to joining Mayfield, he was the director and assistant director of LCPS Human Resources from 2011-2014. Fraass also was an assistant principal at Highland Elementary for two years. He began his teaching career in 2000 and was previously a teacher at Jornada Elementary and East Picacho Elementary. He obtained his Administrative Licensure in Educational Management and Development in 2010 from New Mexico State University; a Master's of Arts in Biology from University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo.; and a Bachelor's of Arts in Biology from Western State of Colorado in Gunnison, Colo.

### Cinderella Project offered up more than 400 gowns

More than 400 gowns were made available free of charge at this year's Cinderella Prom Dress Project on two Saturdays: April 11 and 18, at Piñon Hall on the New Mexico State University campus. The event was open to all area high school girls.

The Cinderella Project, which has included Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as co-coordinator for the past four years, consists of volunteers who collect new and gently used formal gowns and give them free of charge to high school girls.

"The average American family spent



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\$700 to more than \$1,100 on their daughter's high school prom in 2014," said coordinator Anna Cook, who helped start the project in 2009. "Many local families simply cannot afford that expense. The goal of the Cinderella Project is for every girl to receive the dress of her dreams, so she may feel more glamorous and confident than ever." Local stylists were on hand to advise girls on hair and makeup, Cook said.

### Jardin de los Niños wins Educational Non-Profit of the Year

Jardin de los Niños is a bright and crucial jewel in the royal crown of Las Cruces and in November it was awarded Educational Non-Profit of the Year by Albuquerque Business First news company. It's the first and only Las Cruces organization to receive a Non-profit of the Year award.

Jardin is a five-star early childhood educational program accredited by the National Association of Childcare Professionals. But its role in Las Cruces is much more complex. Not only does Jardin provide a physical site of safety and stability, but it also facilitates educational and therapeutic support as well as daycare, food distribution and comprehensive services to children from the ages of six weeks to 10 years, and their families.

Within the building at 999 W. Amador on the Community of Hope Campus is a comfortable daycare facility which includes the La Fiesta family center, five separate rooms for children of different ages, an after-school room, offices, and a resource room. The Whelpley Library, also known as the Gathering Place, is available with books the children can

take with them and keep.

Jardin also collects funds raised from Tienda de Jardin, a unique ladies' boutique offering previously loved clothing, jewelry, art and collectibles for sale to the public located at 335 La Colonia Ave., the southwest corner of Alameda and Main St.

### GivingTuesday at NMSU exceeds expectations

On Dec. 1, NMSU hosted a day-long event to encourage alumni, students, faculty, staff, businesses and community members to donate to any cause, college, campus, department or scholarship. To further the impact of gifts on this GivingTuesday, NMSU used the day as an opportunity to build scholarships across campus by implementing an exciting matching gift incentive: every dollar donated to a scholarship anywhere in the NMSU system will be matched dollar for dollar.

The results were phenomenal: Over 116 million dollars were raised from 698,961 separate donors. The mean gift was \$107.47. The total includes matching funds generated by the NMSU license plate program, which offers collegiate plates through the Department of Motor Vehicles and NMSU Alumni Association, with a portion of the license plate funds raised going into scholarships. In addition, a \$250,000 gift from an extraordinary Aggie who had the vision to support NMSU in his estate will be used for matching.

The event took place at Corbett Center on campus, and NMSU faculty and staff participated throughout the day to write thank you notes, meet with contributors, and support the day of giving.

### Spay, neuter program expected to reach 1,400 pets

When SNAP (Spay and

Neuter Action Program) was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1998, its mission was primarily education and outreach. Three years later, it changed the "Awareness" to "Action" in its name and added issuing vouchers for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats to its mission.

In 2001, SNAP helped subsidize 54 animal surgeries. In 2015, that number was expected to reach 1,400, said SNAP Co-Director Janice English. She said the program would like to be able to provide twice or even three times that number of vouchers to more fully address the issue of cat and dog overpopulation countywide.

SNAP works with 11 veterinary practices in the county to accomplish its mission, which reads "to prevent the suffering and death of dogs and cats due to overpopulation."

The program "facilitates low-cost spay/neuters for pets coming from qualifying, low-income households in Doña Ana County," according to [snapnewmexico.org](http://snapnewmexico.org). The website notes that "90 percent of all pets relinquished to shelters are from low-income households. By reserving all assistance funding for only those qualifying as low income, the pet-keepers who most contribute to shelter overpopulation are the ones being assisted."

For more information, contact SNAP at 524-9265

or visit [www.snapnewmexico.org](http://www.snapnewmexico.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/745474778915421/>.

### Seniors for Seniors a success

The attachments made at The Cat's Meow Adoption Center, 2211 N. Mesquite St., embrace the idea that companionship is not based on species — and it has no age limits. Hence the development of the Seniors for Seniors adoption program.

The Seniors for Seniors program is the brainchild of Michelle Corella, one of the founders of The Cat's Meow, a no-kill shelter that only accepts cats. Recognizing that some older adults may not want a younger cat out of concern for their health or energy, the program allows senior citizens to adopt senior cats from the shelter for free.

### Cruces home rehab program marks 40 years of assistance

The mission of the City of Las Cruces Home Rehabilitation Program is "to provide safe and decent housing," and the department has been pursuing their objective for nearly 40 years. In the early 1970s, Las Cruces started their Home Rehabilitation Program, and since then it has been assisting its citizens in renovating homes that have fallen into disrepair.

To begin the process, each applicant must complete and return the pre-application to determine eligibility before being placed on the wait-

ing list. The waiting list is currently 6 to 8 months.

The department has to determine eligibility of both the property and the homeowner. It is a homeowner and income-based program, and the funds used are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through Community Development Block Grants.

The program is specifically for low- and moderate-income homeowners. The clients must reside in the home, and must have done so for at least 12 months prior to applying for the program. The home must also be within the city limits of Las Cruces.

The program provides two types of loans. The choice of loan varies based on what best suits the homeowner and homeowner qualification results. There is no interest bearing on either type.

The City Home Rehabilitation Project supplements these loans with grants. While the grants are also mortgages against the property, they are forgiven at \$1000 a year.

The work is completed without extravagance, but carefully and always looking toward both immediate need and sustainability. The program has a handbook full of guidelines adopted by the City Council, and federal guidelines with which they must also comply.

Sustainability is a very important tenet of the program. All of the appliances and fixtures replaced in a home are re-

quired to be Energy Star certified.

Though the home rehabilitation coordinators' work with the clients throughout the entire process, decisions remain the clients' to make. Any contractor can participate in the program, and if the homeowners know referred contractors, they can invite those contractors to bid.

For more information or to download a pre-application, visit [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org) or contact Housing and Development Services at 528-3022 or [fairhousing@las-cruces.org](mailto:fairhousing@las-cruces.org). More information and pre-applications can also be picked up from the Community Development offices in Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

### Online voter registration begins Jan. 1

The new year will ring in online registration for the first time ever for voters in Doña Ana County and across the state.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2016, new and existing voters will be able to log on to a computer and register online as first-time voters or update their voting information. The new system will make registering to vote and updating voter information faster and easier. It will also benefit the county clerk's office by reducing human error.

Online registration also

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will reduce lines and congestion at the polling location, improve the voter experience by updating records immediately and increase the integrity of the system.

The only thing a qualified voter needs to register or update his or her voting

information online in New Mexico is a state identification number, which is issued by the MVD — it's the license number on your driver's license or state identification card.

Since New Mexico is one of a number of states that issues driver's licenses to undocumented residents, the MVD system already distinguishes between citi-

zens and non-citizens, and will not allow undocumented residents to register to vote, he said.

To register to vote in New Mexico, you must be a citizen of the United States and of New Mexico and you must be at least 18 years old on election day. Additionally, the "V" in MVD also stands for "vote," according to <http://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/>. When you apply for a driver's license or state ID card, the system will automatically ask if you want to register to vote.

For more information, contact the Doña Ana County Clerk's office at 647-7421 or [scottkr@donaanacounty.org](mailto:scottkr@donaanacounty.org). Visit <https://www.donaanacounty.org/elections>.

# ChileKnights

## Think soups and stews if you're trying to warm up

Happy New Year! But it sure is a chilly start. This cold front is lasting too long. Freezing temps don't agree with me. Cold feet. Cold hands. Cold nose. I'm ready for a heat front! Fortunately, there's a simple way to take the icy edge off. Think soups and stews! My two favorites are posole and carne adobado. Posole quickly becomes a full course meal when topped with shredded cabbage, avocado wedges, onion, cilantro, and a squeeze of fresh lime juice. The tender pork hunks steeped in a rich and earthy red sauce is the winning combo for carne adobado. Mop the bowl squeaky clean with a warm tortilla slathered in real butter. Give it a try. It's simply yum!

### Simple All Day Posole (Yield: 8 servings)

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 (2 pound) boneless pork loin roast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans enchilada sauce
- 2 (15.5 ounce) cans white hominy, drained
- 1 onion, sliced
- ½ cup green chiles, roasted, peeled, seeded and diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- ¼ cup cilantro, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt

Heat the canola oil in a skillet over high heat. Add the pork; cook and stir just until meat is browned on all sides, about 5 minutes.

Place the meat in a 4 quart



**Sunny Conley**  
*Chile Knights*

slow cooker. Pour the enchilada sauce over the meat. Top with the hominy, onion, chilies, garlic, cayenne pepper, and oregano. Pour in enough water to fill the slow cooker. Cover, and cook on high for 6 to 7 hours. Stir in the cilantro and salt. Cook on low for 30 minutes more.

### New-Mex Style Carne Adobada (Serves 8-10)

- 5 ounces dried New Mexico chiles, stemmed
- 2 tablespoons New Mexico chile powder
- 2 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Juice of ½ lime
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 pounds boneless pork shoulder, cut into 1 ½-inch chunks
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Warm corn tortillas, for serving

Heat chiles in a 6-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat, and cook, turning once, until toasted, about 5 minutes; transfer to a large bowl, cover with 8 cups boiling water, and let sit for 20 minutes. Drain chiles, reserving 1-½ cups soaking liquid, and transfer chiles to a blender along with reserved soaking liq-

uid, chile powder, honey, vinegar, cumin, cloves, cayenne, and lime juice. Puree until smooth and set sauce aside.

Return pot to medium-high heat and add oil; season pork with salt and pepper, and working in batches, add pork to pot and cook until browned on all sides, about 12 minutes. Add sauce and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally, until liquid is thickened and pork is tender, about 1 ½ hours. Serve with warm corn tortillas.

### South of the Border Corn Soup (Serves 4-6)

- 3 cups frozen, thawed corn kernels
- 2 medium tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 2 cups chicken broth
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 slices thick cut pepper bacon
- 1 serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped
- ½ onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- ½ cup queso fresco, fresh farmer's cheese, feta cheese, or sour cream, optional
- Tortilla chips or fried tortilla strips, optional

Place half of the corn kernels in blender with tomatoes, 2 cups of broth, and oregano. Puree until smooth. Set aside.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook pepper bacon, turning once until brown and crisp, about 10 minutes. Remove bacon to a paper towel lined plate to drain. Set aside. Add onion and chopped serrano pepper to bacon fat in saucepan and cook, stirring frequently until onion is soft and translucent. Add garlic and stir for another minute.

Add tomato-corn puree to saucepan with remaining 2 cups of broth. Bring to a low boil and add remaining whole corn kernels and ½ of the parsley. Simmer over medium-low heat until thickened, about 20 minutes. Stir occasionally, removing any foam with the back of a large spoon. Season with salt and pepper.

To serve, garnish with crumbled bacon, remaining parsley, crumbled cheese and tortilla chips or strips. (Adapted from [cookingchanneltv.com](http://cookingchanneltv.com))

### Hearty Aztec Soup (Yield: 4 servings)

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, smashed
- 2 dried chipotle peppers, reconstituted and minced
- 1 red onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- Pinch sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 5 cups organic chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup organic canned tomatoes, hand-crushed
- 1 big pinch oregano
- 1 cup or more cooked chicken meat

- ½ cup wild rice
- 1 cup water
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 ears corn
- 1 cup cooked black beans
- Pinch brown sugar
- Handful fresh coriander (cilantro), minced
- Dollop Greek yogurt or sour cream
- 1 cup fried tortilla strips
- 1 lime, quartered

In a large pot, heat the extra-virgin olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and sauté for 2 minutes, until golden. Add minced chipotles, red onion, cumin, smoked cayenne, smoked paprika, sea salt, freshly ground pepper and sauté for 8 minutes.

Deglaze the pot with chicken broth and add the tomatoes, oregano, and chicken. Partially cover pot and simmer soup for about 40 minutes.

Boil the 1 cup of water and ¼ teaspoon salt in separate saucepan. Add the wild rice and simmer for 40 minutes. Strain.

Heat a grill or iron skillet pan on medium-high heat. Brush canola oil on the ears of corn. Grill the corn for a few seconds on all sides until marked or browned. Using a knife, slice off the corn niblets. Add the corn, wild rice, and cooked black beans to the soup. Season the soup with brown sugar, sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste.

Serve soup with a dollop of Greek yogurt or sour cream, crispy tortillas and a splash of freshly squeezed lime juice. (Adapted from [cookingchannel.com](http://cookingchannel.com))



# LEGAL NOTICES

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

**Legal Notice**

"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by ROBERT E & TOMI A LA PIERRE TRUSTEES who requests that the Board suspend a total of 0.81 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 35, Twp. 22S, Range 1E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 5-112A2B and transfer them to lands owned by ROBERT E & TOMI A LA PIERRE TRUSTEES located in Section 35, Twp. 22S, Range 1E, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map 5-111B1A2. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is January 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution."

Dates: 01/01/2015

**Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD)**

**Resolution No. 2015-12-1 OMA**

**Abridged version for publication**

**The Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors met in regular session on December 10, 2015, at 9:00 AM and resolved that:**

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM in the EBID conference room, 530 S. Melendres. Agenda will be available at least 72 hours prior from the DASWCD office at the USDA NRCS field office at 760 Stern Drive, Suite 118, Las Cruces, NM, 522-8775, x 116. Special meetings may be called upon 3 days notice. Emergency meetings may be called upon 24 hours notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. Notice of the date, time, place and agenda are posted at the USDA NRCS office and our website at www.daswcd.org, submitted to the Las Cruces Sun-News for publication in

the community calendar, mailed to broadcast stations and newspapers which have made a written request for notice of public meetings, and sent by electronic mail to individuals who have requested such notice. For emergency meetings notice of the date, time, place and agenda is provided by telephone or email to broadcast stations and newspapers that have made a written request for notice of public meetings. Notices and agendas of meetings shall also be posted on the DASWCD website, at www.daswcd.org. Meetings of the Doña Ana SWCD are open to the public except as permitted by the Open Meetings Act.

Passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors.

To obtain a copy of the full text of this resolution, visit www.daswcd.org or call 522-8775, x 116.

/s/ Joe Delk, Chairman

Date: 01/01/2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 5, 2015, Royal Jones, 4263 Escondido Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-16062-POD1, OSE File Nos.: LRG-16061-1 and LRG-16062-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16062-POD1 to a depth of 160 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X=1,457,953.64 ft., Y = 471,928 ft. NMSP, Central Zone NAD83 on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-09028, located on land owned by Robbie C. Kuykendall located within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located where X = 1,458,654 ft., Y = 473,059.6 ft. NMSP, Central Zone NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 5.37 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) as described in Subfile No. : LRN-28-012-0028 and LRN-28-012-8001 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well

LRG-16062-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 368 feet southeast of the intersection of Wagon Wheel Trail and N Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-09028 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the 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: 12/25, 2015 01/01, 01/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 3, 2015 George Gonzalez, 140 Aries, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-11863-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Existing Water Right by Changing the Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11863-POD1 and drilling new well LRG-11863-POD2 at approximately X=1,459,838.02ft and Y=468,680.7ft NMSP, NAD83 in the SW¼SW¼, Section 22, T23S, R01E, NMPM to a depth of 120 feet with a 4-inch casing for the diversion of groundwater, combined with surface water from Elephant Butte Irrigation District in an amount to be determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial Court for the irrigation of up to 2.33 acres located in part of the SW¼ of said section 22 all on land owned by George Gonzalez. The proposed

well is generally described as being southeast of the intersection of Scorpio and Aries Roads near North Fairacres road & Interstate-10 at the physical location off 140 Aries. The site for proposed well is described as being north of Las Cruces, south west of the intersection of Doña Ana and Hope Rd at the end of Hope Rd.

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 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) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 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 sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 01/01, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 16, 2015, David Salopek Farms, LLC, 1985 Salopek Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-16067 POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-16067 POD 1 (also known as LRS02-0126), located within the NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ of projected Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 41.39"N, 106° 44' 57.78"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 500 feet for 67/8 — inch casing, to be located within the NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 16, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 40.99"N, 106° 44' 58.06"W (WGS84) for the continued combined diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum from said replacement well and existing well

LRG-16067 POD2 (also

known as LRS02-0127), located within the NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 16, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 41.12"N, 106° 44' 57.99"W (WGS84) for domestic multiple household purposes, as described by Subfile No. : LRS-28-002-0090 Right B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The replacement well is to be located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 715 Addington Road. Well LRG-16067 POD1 will be properly plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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: 12/25, 2015 01/01, 01/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 15, 2015, Talavera MDWC, PO Box 3576, Las Cruces, NM 88003 on behalf of the A.B. Cox Trust, PO Box 247, Organ, NM 88052, filed application numbered LRG-4745-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-4745, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-4745-POD5 to a depth of 500 feet with an 8-inch casing, in a location within the SW¼ SE¼ of Section 21, Township 23S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,520,854.48 ft. & Y: 468,592.66 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by Robert Peticolas & Lynda St. Clair, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-4745-S-2, located on land owned by Robert Peticolas & Lynda St. Clair located within the SW¼ SE¼ of said Section 21 and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,520,854 & Y: 468,582 (NMSP Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of up to 32.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for use in a subdivision described in Subfile No. LRO-28-030-9005 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The service area of the subdivision includes Talavera Subdivision Unit 2: Tracts 1, 2, & 3, and Lots 4 through 8, 13 through 16, 21 through 24, 29 through 32, 37 through 40, 45 through 48, 65 through 67, and 73 through 75 of Tract 4, all within said


Section 21, and within Lots 27 through 50 of Tract 4, Unit 3 in the NE¼ of Section 22, Township 23S, Range 3E (NMPM). The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-4745-POD5 will be located east of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 400 feet north of the intersection of Achenbach Canyon Rd. and Minniec Rd. Existing well LRG-4745-S-2 will be properly plugged.

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

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

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 23, 2015, The Garcia Family Trust (Francisco A. Garcia & Ester S. Garcia), PO Box 931, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-11437-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-11437, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-11437-POD3 to a depth of 650 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near X = 1,523,371.12 ft., Y = 370,620.89 ft. (NMSP, Central Zone NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-11437, located on land owned by the applicants located within the NW¼ of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and more specifically described at or near X = 1,523,377 ft., Y = 370,593.1 ft. (NMSP, Central Zone NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 19.45 acres of land, owned by the applicants; located within the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E and the SW 1/4 of said Section 27 (NMPM) as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0172 of the



## City of Las Cruces

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

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
<b>Pettes Blvd &amp; Stewards Dr Rehabilitation Project</b>	15-16-107	January 5, 2016 / 10:00 am PW Room 2104, 700 N Main	January 14, 2016 / 10:00 am

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757>  
Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to [bidclerk@las-cruces.org](mailto:bidclerk@las-cruces.org)

Dates 1/1/16



# LEGAL NOTICES

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Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-11437-POD3 will be located northwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 0.32 miles northwest of the intersection of Whispering Dove Ave and Green Meadows Rd, Anthony, NM. Existing well LRG-11437 will properly plugged.

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

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

## NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

**TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SPRINGFIELD FINANCIAL SERVICES, TITLE MAX OF TX, NCP FINANCE, NM TITLE AND LOANS, LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS, 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 all its contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for the Month of APRIL 2016, the event location, 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM.

## VIN# DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

2FTEF14N6MCA63294  
1991 RED FORD PK  
BARBARA TELLEZ

1FTEF15Y3TLA21310  
1996 RED FORD PK  
MAURO LIMON-  
HERNANDEZ

CKY144Z145728  
1974 GRAY  
CHEVROLET PK  
HEBREO MACIAS

1G6CD53BXP4305958  
1993 WHITE CADILLAC  
4-DOOR  
MALCOM MOORE

1G2NF52E24C251752  
2004 RED PONTIAC  
4-DOOR  
MARIA SALINAS

1FAFP53U0XA284127  
1999 RED FORD PK  
MIGUEL JUAREZ

2G4WS52J321277042  
2002 WHITE BUICK  
4-DOOR  
BARBARA TELLEZ-  
RAMIREZ

1GNDU06E6TT118508  
1996 MAROON  
CHEVROLET VAN  
MARIA HIDALGO

1G2NF52E83M511502  
2003 GOLD PONTIAC  
4-DOOR  
JENNIFER MADDOX

1G2NF52E64M590931  
2004 WHITE PONTIAC  
4-DOOR  
NICOLAS ASSURIUM

2G1FF22G3W2110665  
1998 BLUE CHEVROLET  
2-DOOR  
CHRISTOPHER SMITH

1GCCS19531K116844  
2001 BLUE CHEVROLET  
PK  
DENETTE HAMILTON

KM8JM12B36U301906  
2006 WHITE HYUNDAI  
SUV  
GRACIELA CORTEZ

1FTCR14A2SPA67575  
1995 BLUE FORD PK  
ISAURA CASTILLO

4A3AA46G22E054576  
2002 SILVER  
MITSUBISHI 4-DOOR  
ISABEL VILLA

1G4CW69B9G1434744  
1986 BEIGE BUICK  
4-DOOR  
ELDA DOMINGUEZ

1W80HAK501478  
1980 GREY  
CHEVROLET 2-DOOR  
MARTHA ALVAREZ

1GCCS1946R8208014  
1994 GREEN  
CHEVROLET PK  
CECILIA ANGEL

1G3HN52K9W4825715  
1998 WHITE  
OLDSMOBILE 4 DOOR  
ROSANNA PEREZ

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: 12/25, 2015  
01/01, 2016

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB 2015-106  
Judge Driggers

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD C. HENSLEY, Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that BEATRICE CHISMAR has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,  
Ste. A

Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-522-5009  
522-5031 FAX  
Attorney for  
Personal Representative

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 2016

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-02105

## WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, Successor by Merger to First Federal Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

**THOMAS SOTOMAYOR II, and if married, JANE DOE SOTOMAYOR (true name unknown), his spouse; and WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, Successor by Merger to First Federal Bank, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **January 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 4106 Tres Infantes, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 9, BLOCK F, MISSION SANTA CLARA, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 1, 2006, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 730-734 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 December 8, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$284,701.69 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from September 4, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to

the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15,  
2016

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00298

## WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

**ARLEY WEATHERFORD, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF ARLEY WEATHERFORD, DECEASED; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF ARLEY WEATHERFORD, DECEASED, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **January 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 1207 Hall Ave, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 11, Block 2, W.B. HALL ADDITION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 4, 1947, in Book 6 Page(s) 54 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 December 14, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$76,637.87 and the same bears interest at 5.750% per annum from November 14, 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, 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  
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(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15,  
01/22, 2016

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01740

## DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-WF2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WF2, Plaintiff,

vs.

**ISELA B. PEREZ, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ISELA B. PEREZ (true name unknown); MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER; and NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **January 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 2921 Fountain Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 117 of Legends West Subdivision, Phase IV, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West Subdivision, Phase IV, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on September 20, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 344-346.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 17, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$110,803.96 and the same bears interest at 2.25% per annum from November 20, 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, 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  
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
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Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15,  
01/22, 2016

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00698

## DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR RBSGC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-A, Plaintiff,

vs.

**JEFFREY S. DAVIS, HEIDI LEANNE SEELBACH, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY S. DAVIS, IF ANY AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HEIDI LEANNE SEELBACH, IF ANY, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4955 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 18, BLOCK 18, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPEMENT PHASE V-B, AMENDED, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 2, 1994, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 27-30 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 AM on January 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 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for R BSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-A. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for RBSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-A was awarded a Judgment on August 14, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 171,552.28, with interest at the rate of 7.125 % per annum from March 7, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$22,637.85.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements con-



## Friday, January 1, 2016

cerned 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. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for RBSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-A, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Margaret Lake,  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank NE, Suite A3  
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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02241

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**JUAN FLORES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN S. FLORES, DECEASED; JANE DOE FLORES, the unknown spouse of Juan Flores; JANE DOE FLORES, the unknown spouse of John S. Flores; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has

ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1655 Country Club Cir, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED A OF COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE (REVISED), LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE (REVISED), FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 7, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 44.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 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, N.A. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 94,943.53, with interest at the rate of 4.25 % per annum from July 21, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$1,956.75.

**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, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert A. Doyle,  
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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00863

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

v.

**CLINT DELONG, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY; ALAN D. VASEY AND SHELLY J. VASEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE; 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 112 Lytton Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK 3, LOS NOGALES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 21, 1980, IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 30-31 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 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, N.A. WELLS FARGO BANK, NA was awarded a Judgment on August 20, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 288,591.20, with interest at the rate of 4.25 % per annum from July 27, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,746.13.

**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: Robert A. Doyle,  
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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No.  
D-307-DM 2015-01372  
Judge: James T. Martin

**Michael J. Madrid, Petitioner,**

v.

**Chi Porter Madrid, Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.**

**The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce**

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Michael J. Madrid  
1244 Lewis St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
575-993-4416

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 10th day of December, 2015.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
BY: Mary E. Apodaca  
DEPUTY

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015  
01/01, 2016

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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-2015-00307

**BEAL BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHARTER BANK, PLAINTIFF,**

v.

**HENRY ROMERO JR AKA HENRY ROMERO, RACHEL P. ROMERO AKA RACHEL ROMERO, AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., A DEL-AWARE CORPORATION, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL P. ROMERO AKA RACHEL ROMERO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 12, 2016 at 11:00 am**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 7, Block A of COLLEGE HILL ANNEX, 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 October 22, 1952 and recorded in Book 7 at Page 30, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1307 Branson Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 8, 2015 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$55,250.72 plus interest from May 1, 2015 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff 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.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**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 rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank Blvd. NE,  
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01/08, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-01914

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CURTIS FLORES; NICHOLE FLORES; and WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **January 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 9776 Corralones Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate Southeast of Radium Springs, Doña Ana County, New Mexico being part of Lot 13, Section 30, T.21S., R.1E., N.M.P.M., of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, also being part of Tract "C" of a plat of survey filed April 25, 1985, in Deed Book 295, Page 581 Doña Ana County Records and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

**BEGINNING** at an iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract; whence the Northwest corner of Lot 13, Section 30, T.21S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. bears S. 89 deg. 32'W., a distance of 633.14 feet;

**THENCE** from the point of beginning and along the North line of Lot 13, N. 89 deg. 32'E., 119.20 feet to an iron rod found at the Northeast corner of the mentioned Tract "C" for the Northeast corner of this tract;

**THENCE** S. 0 deg. 49'W., 365.53 feet to an iron rod found at the Southeast corner of Tract "C" for the Southeast corner of this tract;

**THENCE** S. 89 deg. 32'W., 119.20 feet to an iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

**THENCE** N. 0 deg. 49'E., 365.53 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.000 acre of land more or less.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 17, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$183,140.46 and the same bears interest at 6.125% per annum from November 20, 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

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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.

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/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15,  
01/22, 2016

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01924

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

v.

**Robin R Tillett and John Doe Tillett, wife and husband; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; Occupants of the Property, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 611 DUNE AVE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO BEING LOT 4, AND PART OF LOT 3, BLOCK L, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1, FILED FEBRUARY 10, 1964, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A PAINTED CROSS FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK L, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1, FILED FEBRUARY 10, 1964, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING



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AND LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE, N.30° 02'00"W., 110.00 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, BLOCK L AND A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF A 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT, N.59° 58'00"E., 107.00 FEET TO A PAINT MARK FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT, S.26° 23'30"E., 110.22 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE, S.59° 58'00"W., 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.2614 ACRE OF LAND, .

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 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 May 18, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 166,895.24, with interest at the rate of 5.5 % per annum from April 28, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$6,653.78.

**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: Robert A. Doyle,  
Special Master  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-00630

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LUIS F. MENDEZ, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUIS F. MENDEZ (true name unknown); ELIZABETH MALDONADO, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH MALDONADO (true name unknown); SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **January 6, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the 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 210 Franco Road, Anthony or Vado, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate southeast of Vado, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the NE1/4 of Section 32, T.25S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 23- 22A2 and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

**BEGINNING** at an iron rod set on the south line of Doña Ana County Road B-016 also known as Franco Road for the northeast corner of this tract, whence the section corner common to Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, T.25S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Survey bears S.89 deg 57'30"E., a distance of 609.19 feet;

**THENCE** from the place of beginning and leaving Doña Ana County Road B-016 S.

0 deg 10'00"W., 176.09 feet to an iron rod set at the southeast corner of this tract;

**THENCE** N. 89 deg 57'30" W., 200.53 feet to a point at an iron rod set in the center of a 30 foot wide road and utility easement for the southwest corner of this tract;

**THENCE** along the center of the road and utility easement N. 0 deg 10'00"E., 176.09 feet to the south line of Doña Ana County Road B-016 for the northwest corner of this tract;

**THENCE** along the county road S. 89 deg 57'30"E., 200.53 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.8106 acres of land more or less of which 0.0606 acres is contained within a 15 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the westerly boundary, leaving a net area of 0.7500 acres of land more or less, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto, a 1998 Palm Harbor, VIN# PH0223579XU, title to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 16, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$107,553.61 and the same bears interest at 3.875% per annum from November 17, 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.

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/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
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01/01, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2014-00441

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**PAUL M. MONTOYA AKA PAUL MARTIN MONTOYA AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAUL M. MONTOYA AKA PAUL MARTIN MONTOYA, IF ANY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 635 S Weinrich Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WEST OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE N1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A SHINER FOUND ON THE CENTERLINE OF WEINRICH ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE N1/2 SW 1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS:

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF WEINRICH ROAD, S.00°05'31"W., 181.55 FEET TO A SHINER SET ON CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD, S.89°58'30"W., 253.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.00°05'31"E., 181.55 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF A 33 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF A 33

FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILILY EASEMENT. N.89°58'30"E... 253.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.054 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 33 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT BEING PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE NORTH AND EAST BOUNDARY LINES. ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

The sale is to begin at **11:45am on January 14, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** was awarded a Default Judgment on July 6, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 96,755.70 with interest at the rate of 5.875 % per annum from November 7, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$6,743.41. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, 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, N.A.**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption .

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert A. Doyle,

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-01869

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF SHARON MARTINEZ, Deceased; ALBERT MARTINEZ, Individually and as Personal Representative of The Estate of Sharon Martinez, Deceased, and if married THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERT MARTINEZ, (true name unknown); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF SHARON MARTINEZ, Deceased; WESTERN BANK, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Sharon Martinez, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5059 Churchill Avenue, which may also be known as 5227 Lee Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 230, HACIENDA ACRES, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 560 on 08/22/1961 in Book 8 Page(s) 77 of Plat Records.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Little, Bradley & Nesbitt, P.A.  
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,  
Suite 300  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
(505) 248-2400  
FAX: 254-4722

December 11, 2015

By Electronically signed  
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado  
Karen H. Bradley

## The Friday, January 1, 2016

Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Rachel M. Chiado  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MARY ROSNER, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 11 day of December, 2015.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
NORMAN E. OSBORNE  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
/s/Paluma Nava

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15,  
2016

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-00043

**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.

**JESSE W. FORAND, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants,**

**SECOND 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 1804 Beverly Place, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 11, BLOCK 12, UNIT NO. 5 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED FEBRUARY 12, 1968, IN BOOK 10, PAGES 22-23, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A NAIL SET ON THE EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11, BLOCK 12, UNIT NO. 5 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED FEBRUARY 12, 1968, IN BOOK 10, PAGES 22- 23, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE

EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE, N. 66°07'00" E., 116.00 FEET TO A NAIL SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 11, BLOCK 12;

THENCE S. 32°00'00" E., 27.62 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR AN ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.05°36'05"E., 67.48 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S. 67°14'11" W., 107.19 FEET TO A CROSS SET ON THE EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 474.71 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 89.85 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 10°50'42" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N. 18°29'15" W., 89.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.241 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT A 5' UTILITY EASEMENT WEST OF AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE. ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM WARRANTY DEED FILED IN DEED BOOK 217, PAGE 16, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. FIELD NOTES BY MOY SURVEYING INC., LICENSE # 5939

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on January 22, 2016**, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **BOKF, N.A.**

**BOKF, N.A.** was awarded in rem Judgment on August 6, 2015, in the principal sum of \$106,880.67, plus interest due on the Note through April 1, 2015, in the amount of \$4,987.78, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 4.00% per annum (\$11.71 per diem) until paid, plus late charges of \$160.98, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$857.58, plus hazard insurance in the amount of \$666.95, plus FHA/HUD premiums in the amount of \$482.08 plus property preservation of \$465.00, plus differed loan modification in the amount of \$6,879.04, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs through July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,271.43, with interest on the aforesaid



amounts at the rate of 4.00% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Faisal Sukhyani  
Special Master  
c/o 5120 San Francisco  
Road NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109  
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Dates: 12/25, 2015  
01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
DOÑA ANA  
COUNTY  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

Cause No:  
D-307-CV-2015-01838

**JOSEPH A. SARTHORY  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JEFFREY D. SCOTT,  
Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

**TO DEFENDANT:  
JEFFREY D. SCOTT**

You are hereby notified that Joseph A. Sarthory, the above-named Plaintiff, has filed a civil action against you in the above entitled court and cause alleging Breach of Contract and Debt and Money Due. The Plaintiff is represented by an attorney and his name is:

Watson Smith, LLC  
Matthew G. Watson, Esq.  
1100 S. Main St., Ste. 21  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Tel. (575) 528-0500

The cause of action does not involve real property.

You are further notified that unless you enter an answer in said cause within thirty days after the last publication of this notice, a judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully submitted,  
WATSON SMITH, L.L.C.  
/s/ Matthew G. Watson  
Matthew G. Watson  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1100 S. Main St., Ste. 21  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
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Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 01/01, 2015

**THE STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2013-02644

**WELLS FARGO BANK,  
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA BY AND  
THROUGH THE SECRETARY  
OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,  
AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
ISABEL P. HERNANDEZ,  
IF ANY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1140 E Poplar, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 3 IN BLOCK NUMBERED F OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 25, 1957 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 57.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 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, N.A. . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 131,287.99, with interest at the rate of \$6.11 per diem from April 6, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$1,729.13 .

**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, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any

mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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**THE STATE OF  
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COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-00873

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DANDY IVEY AND JOHN DOE IVEY, 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 1122 Gardner Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 28, BLOCK C, COLLEGE HILL SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 12, 1950, IN BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 7 OF PLAT RECORDS .

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to

the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 25, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 116,156.75, with interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from August 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$3,169.65 .

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THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2014-00135

**NATIONSTAR MORT G  
AGE, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CRAIG STOOKEY,  
BRENDA STOOKEY  
AND MORTGAGE  
ELECTRONIC REGIS-  
TRATION SYSTEMS,  
INC., Defendants.**

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A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA AND COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O SURVEYS AS PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 1-9A1U1 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., BEARS N 59°48'05"E., A DISTANCE OF 2625.85 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING S.30°35'30"E., 1022.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE BACA LATERAL FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE BACA LATERAL S.88°42'15"W., 7.66 FEET; THENCE LEAVING BACA LATERAL N.41°30'W., 486.84 FEET TO ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.40°03'17"W., 198.18 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND;

THENCE S.73°45'16"W., 172.46 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE S.45°15'W., 60.51 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE ROAD EASEMENT N.30°35'30"E., 369.68 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT;

THENCE ALONG THE

SOUTH LINE OF THE ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 90.24 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED 0.3404 ACRE TRACT;

THENCE AROUND THE 0.3404 ACRE TRACT THE THREE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES S.28°54'30"., 136.89 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND;

THENCE N.67°34'43"E., 110.84 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND;

THENCE N.29°37'07"W., 136.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 160.95 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.645 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00 PM on January 28, 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 NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC . NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC was awarded a Judgment on July 6, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 252,683.18 with interest at the rate of 2.625% per annum from December 31, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$7,141.76. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney .

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## Las Cruces health 2015 year in review

### Spring in New Mexico brought the usual problems

While spring may conjure images of rain showers triggering buried bulbs to erupt into colorful, slow-release fireworks in other parts of the country, in southern New Mexico, the season means wind and dust.

The dusty hemline of the spring wind is part of life in the southwest. Doña Ana County and Luna County each typically experience 10 days per year when their air exceeds the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for airborne particulate matter of 10 microns or less in size due to dust storms. Ten microns is about one-seventh the diameter of a human hair.

High winds and dusty days are common in the spring. However, officials from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) warn residents of Doña Ana and Luna Counties that while they may be used to the spring dust storms, they should remain aware of the dangers the dust presents.

“We just want to remind people that even though you may be used to dust storms, they do have a health effect and we would advise people to realize that and to just take care of their health as best they can, stay out of the dust as much as they can,” Rita Bates, planning section chief of the air quality bureau, said.

“Normally, in New Mexico, the air is very clean compared to other parts of the country where there’s urban areas,” New Mexico State Climatologist David Dubois said.

“You’ve got to have the combinations of high wind, dry soils and disturbed soils; those three are primary ingredients for problems when you have windblown dust.”

The inhalation of dust can cause a number of serious health problems and can exacerbate existing health con-



Taking precautions against mosquito bites can help protect you from infection with the West Nile Virus, a potentially-deadly illness. Cases typically appear in New Mexico between May and October.

cerns, according to officials at the Environment Department. Dust can irritate the lungs and trigger asthma attacks, as well as allergic reactions. For people who already suffer from these conditions, the dust can cause serious breathing problems. The effects of dust can run from the unpleasant symptoms of coughing, wheezing and runny noses to chronic breathing and lung problems, if large amounts of dust are inhaled for prolonged periods of time.

### Governor signs bills to help nurses pay off loan debt

On April 6, Gov. Susana Martinez signed legislation that will help pay off student loan debt for nurses who go back to school to become educators in their field. Martinez signed Senate Bill 341 and House Bill 121 to increase access to the Nurse Educators Fund for nurses who wish to pursue higher education in order to teach nursing. The legislation allows eligible nurses to enter

into loan-for-service agreements through the Nurse Educators Fund as part of an effort to address the state’s shortage of health care professionals.

The legislation was bipartisan; Senate Bill 341 was sponsored by Democratic Sen. Pete Campos of Las Vegas, and House Bill 121 was sponsored by Republican Rep. Terry McMillan of Las Cruces.

### NMSU celebrated National Nursing Week with permanent installment

May 6-12, 2015 was National Nursing Week, and New Mexico State University found a unique way to stretch the stories and appreciation of nursing work into a permanent installment through the Smith Family Nursing Legacy Wall. Carved into a birch tree’s measure of years, the messages vary but the theme is constant.

All of the plaques represent nurses and the contributions they have made to their profession and community.

“In memory of an amazing

human being whose healing forever touched many lives and will continue to do so through the work of her students,” reads one.

“The patient always comes first,” announces another in all capital letters.

The Smith Family Nursing Legacy Wall is borne out of another initiative — the Nursing History of Excellence wall.

“We sought to create this 3-D interactive wall where it preserves the history of the school of nursing,” said Jennifer Cervantes, assistant dean for advancement in NMSU’s College of Health and Social Services.

“It is a way to honor nurses, their contributions and their stories,” Cervantes said. “It really helped expand our storytelling efforts.”

The round birchwood plaques can be purchased for \$500 with an engraving, or for \$1,000 with an engraving and photo. The legacy of the nurses honored helps benefit the nurses of the future.

“All the proceeds go into a

student travel fund which will allow our undergraduate nursing students to attend professional development conferences,” Cervantes said. The Nursing Legacy Wall is on the first floor of the College of Health and Social Services building, just around the corner from the Nursing History of Excellence Wall in the lobby. Cervantes said she expects the wall to fill up within the next eight months to a year, with an estimate of 100 plaques total.

### West Nile discovered in New Mexico in June

The New Mexico Department of Health announced in June that a 12-year-old girl from Valencia County was diagnosed with West Nile virus infection. She was hospitalized with neuroinvasive disease, the more serious form of the illness, but recovered.

This was the first human case of West Nile virus infection identified in New Mexico this year.

New Mexico typically sees most of its West Nile virus cases in August and September but can see cases in May through October. Symptoms of the milder form of illness, West Nile fever, can include headache, fever, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. People with West Nile fever typically recover on their own, although symptoms may last for weeks to months.

There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent West Nile virus infection. People over 50 years old and those with other health issues are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill or dying when they become infected with the virus.

In 2014, the New Mexico Department of Health identified 24 cases of West Nile Virus infection in people with one fatality.



## HEALTH

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### DACC regains accreditation after 2012 loss

“We’re back in business,” New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers said Wednesday Aug. 5, as he joined Doña Ana Community College President Renay Scott at a news conference to announce DACC’s associate nursing program had received initial national accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

DACC’s program lost accreditation in 2012.

“This is a banner day for New Mexico State University-Doña Ana,” Carruthers said. Getting the program re-accredited was one of the major challenges for Dr. Renay Scott when she became DACC president in June 2014.

Scott said the accreditation means the 11 students who graduated from the program in May have graduated from a nationally accredited program. She said there are currently 42 students in the program.

Scott said the accreditation will help NMSU and DACC with “rounding out the team” as the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine completes construction on the NMSU campus and opens in August 2016. It will help “bring each of the parts together,” she said, and will allow nurses to become doctors.

### WIC program celebrated 40 years with special campaign

As a way of celebrating its 40th anniversary, the New Mexico Department of Health’s Women, Infants and Children nutritional program (WIC) was not resting on its laurels but instead worked harder than ever.

Through Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10, WIC promoted “Healthy Children and Healthy Families are Good for New Mexico,” a campaign to reach out to communities across the state, increasing



The Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2015.

awareness about the WIC program and those who are eligible.

“In its forty-year history, (WIC) is often the one thing that is the last line of defense to assure that newborn babies of low-income families in New Mexico and the nation are getting nutrition and health services that they may not get otherwise,” New Mexico Department of Health Spokesman David Morgan said.

WIC serves pregnant women, breastfeeding women, post-partum women, infants up to their first birthday, and children before their fifth birthday. Currently, 54 percent of infants are on WIC, and many more could qualify.

WIC targets 185 percent of poverty level. While that might seem like quite a bit, it might still leave a family struggling to get by.

“We are one of the poorest states in the country,” Morgan said. “Folks who get WIC services ... these are working families, dual income families, where they are both working, they both have jobs, they have children, yet can’t necessarily make it, financially.

“That’s where WIC comes in,” Morgan said, “so that

they get some of these services for the long-term health of their children where they wouldn’t be able to get it otherwise.”

In its 40 years, WIC has kept an eye on and adapted to the needs of its clientele. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, that clientele was severely anemic and underweight, so the focus was trying to increase the fat intake and assisting them with anemia.

Due to the increase of fast food options and other high-sodium foods on the market, WIC has increased the options to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables on the program, referred to as a cash value benefit.

In recent years, WIC has been instrumental in not only stabilizing, but reducing obesity rates among children in New Mexico. WIC also works with those families that are vegetarian, or those who have religious dietary restrictions. Tofu and dairy alternatives are available through the program.

### Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico celebrates 10 years

Rehabilitation Hospital of

Southern New Mexico, which provides specialized inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative services, celebrated a ten-year anniversary in 2015. The Hospital serves the communities of Southern New Mexico and patients who often are recovering from disabilities caused by injuries, illnesses, or chronic medical conditions.

Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico is a member of a larger network of rehabilitation and long-term acute care hospitals through Ernest Health, but are managed locally to best meet the needs of the community.

The Hospital has earned national recognition for the past 9 consecutive years as a healthcare leader.

### Year-to-date: 44,477 New Mexicans are enrolled in Marketplace coverage

As of Dec. 19, the number of consumers signed up for Marketplace coverage surged to more than 8.2 million nationally, including 44,477 in New Mexico. Those who selected a plan by Dec. 17 or were auto reenrolled will have coverage effective Jan. 1, 2016. High consumer demand, as well as the auto-

matic renewal process, contributed to this overall total.

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell said, “We are encouraged by the strong start we experienced in the first half of Open Enrollment for 2016 coverage, and know we have ongoing work to do. We are focused on making sure New Mexico families looking for coverage understand their options through the Marketplace, know about the financial assistance available, and have access to the support they need to enroll.”

Open Enrollment for 2016 health coverage at *HealthCare.gov* began in November and individuals can still enroll in coverage through January 31, 2016. Consumers should visit *HealthCare.gov* or *CuidadodeSalud.gov* to review their coverage options, learn about what financial assistance is available, or to sign up or re-enroll in a plan that best meets their needs.

Having health insurance when you can afford it is now the law. If someone chooses not to buy health insurance and could afford to do so, they are at risk of paying a fee of \$695 or more.



## Pitbull mix named Pet of the Week

Meet our main man Weeble, a true Aggies fan at heart. This awesome guy is ready to tailgate and watch some Aggie football. When he is not watching the game he enjoys peanut butter treats and a good belly rub! This amazing dog has been at our shelter since Dec. 6, 2014. Please help him find his forever home. Weeble is a 2-year-old, tri-color Pitbull mix.

Shelter hours of operation are Monday thru Friday: Noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m. For information, call 382-0018.



WEEBLE

# ACTion Programs for Animals' Home 4 the Holidays promotion in its final stretch

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) has teamed with thousands of animal organizations from around the world to participate in the annual Blue Buffalo Home 4 the Holidays pet adoption drive, founded by Helen Woodward Animal Center. The adoption promotion is in its final stretch, and so far the organization has found homes for more than 100 animals since the beginning of the promotion in November.

The 2015 campaign, which runs through Jan. 4, unites over 4000 partner organizations (in all 50 states and

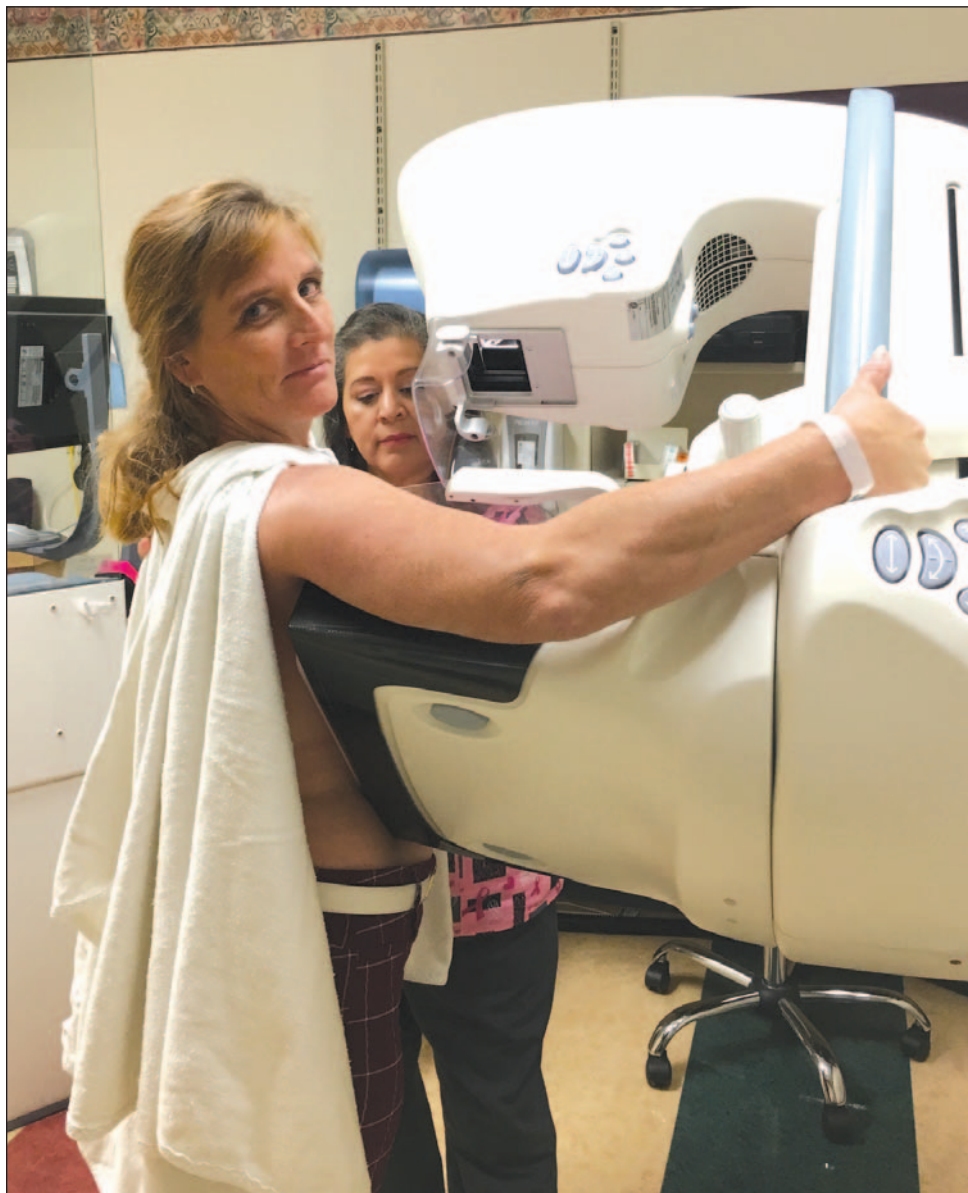
in 23 different countries), is credited with saving over 10 million pets across the globe since its inception in 1999.

APA invites the Las Cruces area to be a part of the movement by supporting the organization's Doña Ana Pets Alive! (DAPA!) campaign to save animals from our municipal shelter by adopting, fostering or donating to the cause. A steady flow of foster homes and forever homes makes it possible for APA to rescue animals continually from the shelter, as well as much-needed financial support to address veterinary needs before adoption. During

this special adoption drive, the adoption fees for animals are reduced to \$25 for dogs, puppies and kittens, and adult cats are FREE to adopt.

The 2015 Home 4 the Holidays promotion is good at the APA Furrever Home Adoption & Education Center, 800 W. Picacho as well as the organization's Sunday offsite adoption events at PetSmart during the winter months from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The adoption center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment by leaving a text/voice message at 644-0505.

# Update on 'Mammogram: It can save my life'



Susie Ouderkirk had her first mammogram in 2015.

By Susie Ouderkirk

In October I agreed to get my first mammogram in an effort to motivate other women to do the same. I have no history of breast cancer in my family, and I'd never had my GP or Ob/GYN insist that I have one, so I never did. I went, rather nonchalantly (almost breezily) into MMC in October, which was Breast Cancer Awareness month, to have a mammogram and to record it in print and in pictures.

I wrote about the experience in the Oct. 16 issue of the Bulletin. Recap: the experience was OK. "Getting a mammogram is not a thing of joy, but with a positive attitude it can be a neutral experience: not good, not bad," was what I wrote in the article.

Two weeks after the article ran, I received a letter from MMC that stated, "Further tests are needed." I was definitely not expecting that. There was a visceral response in my gut, a kind of dropping feeling in my chest and stomach. Not a happy mo-

*'I have a new understanding of the women (and men) who go through this experience but come out with a negative result.'*

SUSIE OUDERKIRK

ment. I called MMC to schedule a second appointment and spoke with a nurse who explained that this was most likely because my breast tissue was dense and a more thorough look with a different machine was necessary.

This second trip was less nonchalant and breezy. I was scheduled for more pictures at different angles in the mammogram machine, and then an ultrasound of the problematic area. The technician was caring and concerned; she spends every day with worried women experiencing intense emotions, often for the first time, and her bedside manner was calm and positive.

She also mentioned that the area of concern

in my breast was very fibrous, which always sends up red flags to the doctor reading the test results. A second look is routine procedure.

My story, thankfully, ends here. The results of the second set of tests came back normal. Just fibrous tissue, no cancer. I have a new understanding of the women (and men) who go through this experience but come out with a negative result. I did not have a life-changing mammogram, but I can tap into the feelings of those who do.

I wish them strength, hope and healing, and I am grateful for the caregivers who devote their lives to helping women just like me navigate their lives, in good times and in bad.