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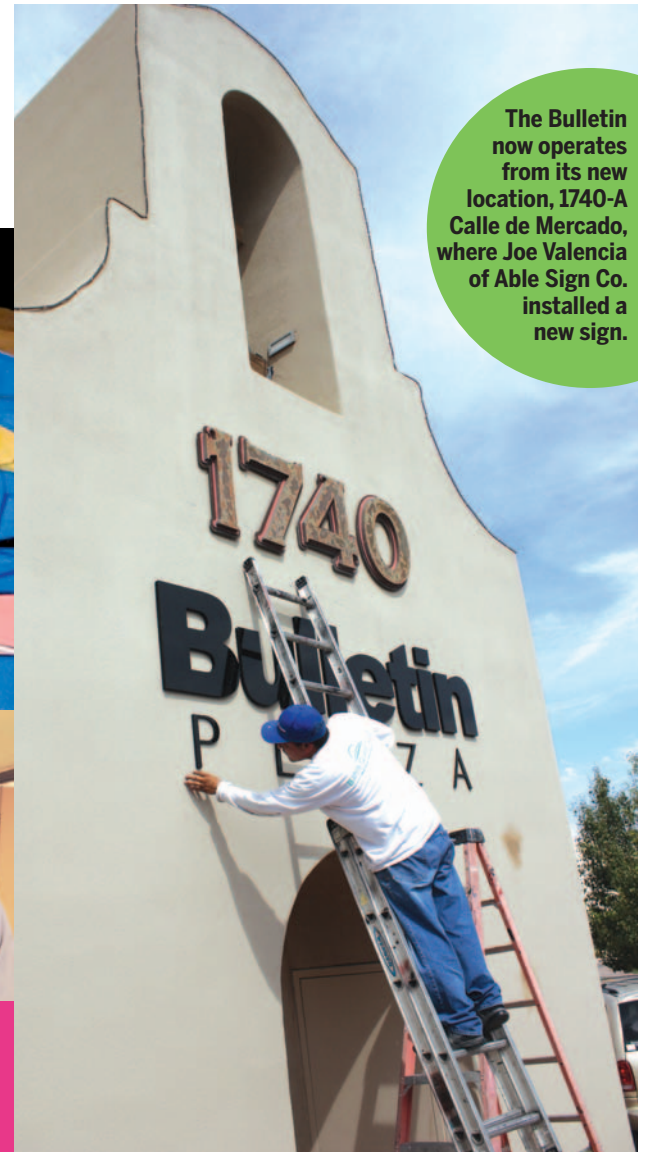
Ollie the dog has a blast at the splash pad at the new Plaza de Las Cruces in downtown Las Cruces, during the new plaza's dedication in September.



The Burrell College of Medicine opened its doors as a private school near the campus of New Mexico State University in September.

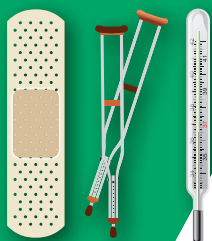


Democratic candidates Jeff Steinborn, left, and Nathan Small, both won seats in the New Mexico Legislature on election night, Nov. 8. Democrats won the majority of local elections.



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# Jetport enters a new era

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The system allows pilots to access ambient temperature, dew point, wind speed/direction, visibility, liquid precipitation and thunderstorm information. The system was purchased with legislative capital outlay funds.

The AWOS transmits the information on VHF frequency 124.175 MHz and can be accessed by telephone at (575) 589-2643. Internet access will be added when

the modern equipment is available.

Having certified weather observations available will allow charter companies that require certified weather to land at the Jetport.

Weather conditions may be accessed from anywhere in the world, so pilots can plan to use the Jetport when filing a flight plan either domestically or internationally, thereby making the Jetport a legal alternate in case the weather is below landing minimums at El Paso or Las Cruces.

"We anticipate that this will greatly increase the transient aircraft traffic through the Jetport," said Jet-

port Manager William Provanca.

Along with commissioning the AWOS system, the FAA has now changed the official name of the airport to Doña Ana County International Jetport with a corresponding identifier change from 5T6 to DNA.

A change to a three letter identifier from a number identifier indicates the airport has grown and is a significant airport in the region. These changes culminate more than five years of efforts to achieve the improved status for the facility, Provanca said.

The Doña Ana County International Jetport is located near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry.



## Application window open for jetport advisory board

Applications are available for residents of Doña Ana County willing to serve on the Jetport Advisory Board for the Doña Ana County International Jetport at Santa Teresa. Due to a resignation, one open seat is available.

The Jetport Advisory Board comprises seven members serving staggered three-year terms. The Jetport Advisory Board meets monthly or as needed to identify issues of jetport importance related to safety, growth, development and administration. Board members work closely with the jetport manager, county engineer and planning director, as well as a representative of the Doña Ana County Attorney's Office.

The Jetport Advisory Board is charged with periodically reporting to the Board of County Commissioners about issues of concern and then making recommendations for future operations. All meetings of the Jetport Advisory Board comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

The application form seeks information related to interest in serving, knowledge of aviation and/or Jetport issues and other general information about the applicant's qualifications to serve. Licensed pilots are encouraged to apply. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.

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# Festival of Lights



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A celebratory menorah was lit for Hanukkah on the plaza in Old Mesilla on Monday, Dec. 26. Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima were on hand to help light the display. The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah ran from Dec. 24, 2016 to Jan. 1, 2017.

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## CITY BRIEFS

**Assistant city manager resigns**

Las Cruces Assistant City Manager Daniel Avila has resigned effective Dec. 31, City Manager Stuart Ed said.

"The City of Las Cruces and I wish him well," Ed said.

Ed said he would not comment further on Avila's resignation.

"It's not my place to," he said. "Everybody's entitled to their personal and legal privacy."

Ed said city Public Works Director Loretta

Reyes was promoted to assistant city manager when Avila was placed on paid leave earlier this year. He said she will continue in that position until a national search is conducted and a permanent assistant city manager is selected.

"The needs of the community were met and the services of the city continued uninterrupted," he said.

Avila was named Las Cruces assistant city manager and chief operations officer in June 2015.

He served as interim assistant city manager after the retirement of Robert Garza, beginning May 31 and continuing for the next 90 days.

Ed said the city will choose "the very best and brightest" as the new assistant city manager, and said that person may be from Las Cruces or somewhere else across the country.

**Utah Avenue construction begins**

Utah Avenue from El Paseo Road to Mesquite

Street was closed to through traffic for approximately six months beginning Monday, Dec. 26, for construction operations. Speeding fines will be doubled in the area. The closure will not affect RoadRUNNER Transit.

For more information, call 575-528-3098. The TTY number is 575-541-2182.

**New Year's Day holiday schedule**

City Hall and most other City of Las Cruces offices will be closed to the public Monday, Jan.

2 for the New Year's Day Holiday.

Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected.

The following is a list of services/closures for Jan. 2

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- Meerscheidt Recre-

ation Center CLOSED (also closed Jan. 1)

- Thomas Branigan Library CLOSED (also closed Jan. 1)

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And looked up  
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eyes

He said,  
"Granddaddy,  
tell me again

How it was  
when you were  
my size."

The old man remem-  
bered with care  
And the memories  
flooded his mind.

He said, "It was wild  
and free in the west

But that was before  
your time

I had me a little blue  
roan

And son, he could run  
like the wind.

And right over there  
where the parking lot is  
we raced and always  
would win.

Where they put up the  
State Valley Bank

The Indians would  
camp on the site

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ture store

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ber the time  
When Buffalo  
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the Daltons and

they shot it out

It was down by the sav-  
ings and loan.

And Grandma, may  
she rest in peace

Would wait for me

down by the strand

And finally, one day, I  
gave her a ring

That spot's now a ham-  
burger stand.

Asphalt and pavement  
now run

Over all of my boyhood  
days

People need people and  
out west they came

But I don't begrudge'm  
their ways

Oh, yes, it was different  
back then

And everything's  
changed so it seems

But deep in my heart I  
miss it sometimes

So I have to go back in  
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# Wisdom, thoughtfulness

## We and our leaders should hone these traits in 2017

**T**he year 2016 probably had no more deaths than a typical year, but both at the local and national levels, it sure seemed that way.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

In January 2016, many Las Cruceans were shocked to learn of the sudden death at age 55 of former city councillor Miguel Silva. Silva had been a councillor for several years, and years prior to that was appointed to fill an opening on the Doña Ana County Commission.

Many lauded his balanced, thoughtful approach to local governing, but that's not what most people remember. People remember his smile and his warm, easy manner. People will also remember his bowties and interesting assortment of hats.

Silva's death came on the heels of rock music legend David Bowie's passing, and a few months before the death of another music star, Prince.

Prince and Bowie were geniuses whose extensive substance was sometimes dimmed by their own often-outrageous style. Bowie practically invented glam rock and purveyed multiple personas. Prince trafficked famously in purple, lace and high-heeled boots.

Similarly, Silva's colorful wardrobe may have overshadowed his efforts and skill at governing his constituency, as well as his simple, peaceful humanity.

The year marked change in several other positions of leadership in Doña Ana County. There were enough changes that 2016-17 could be seen as a time of transition in our community's history.

Here's a rundown of some of the new faces.

- Brig. Gen. Eric Sanchez took over command at White Sands Missile Range. Change of command is normal every couple of years. However, as a native New Mexican and a graduate of New Mexico State University, Sanchez is the first Aggie ever to lead WSMR.

- Stuart Ed took over as Las Cruces city manager, after his predecessor and longtime city employee Robert Garza retired.

- Gregory Ewing took over as Las Cruces Public Schools superintendent, replacing Stan Rounds, who served for a decade.

- Eric Enriquez, a native Las Crucean who also went to NMSU, returned home to lead the Las Cruces Fire Department. He replaces Travis Brown, who retired after 27 years with LCFD, and was named the state's outstanding fire chief in his last year.

- Debbi Moore arrived in May as the new president/CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. She brings 25 years of chamber experience and most recently led the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce for 14 years.

- Paul Weir, a longtime NMSU assistant, became the new Aggies' men's basketball coach, taking over for Marvin Menzies, who is now the head coach at University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Weir has gotten off to a great start, with an 11-2 mark so far this season, victories against rivals UTEP and UNM, and a great road victory Dec. 17 against Arizona State. If you're reading this on Friday, Dec. 30, get out to the Pan Am tonight as the Aggies host UTEP at 7 p.m.

in the home version of the I-10 rivalry.

- Jeremiah, the son of Brandon Young and Lori Paulson, was named the new honorary captain of the NMSU Aggie football team. Jeremiah, 10, took over for his mom, Lori, who passed away in March, from pancreatic cancer. Paulson had been a powerful inspiration to the Aggie football team, and the entire NMSU community, before, during and after her two-year battle with the disease.

- November's elections brought several new faces to both the state legislature and Doña Ana County. Here's hoping these elected officials will listen to their new constituents and lead with wisdom and thoughtfulness.

We as Las Cruceans are each members of a number of different constituencies – political, social, professional and more. We, and all Americans, need to strive to find more wisdom and thoughtfulness ourselves. As the national campaigns and their responses proved, we could all use some practice on our wisdom and thoughtfulness. Perhaps that is a good wish for 2017.

### We want your letters

The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com. They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 1740 A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, 88005. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.





# For 2017, let us wag more and bark less

**THE YEAR 2016 WILL GO DOWN AS BEING EXTRA CONTENTIOUS.** Every presidential election brings out the barbs by partisans, but this one was worse. I hope 2017 features the mantra: wag more and bark less. I saw that on a bumper sticker and liked it.

The problem is that many people continue spewing hate from the election which didn't change things then nor now. There are many still trying to change the presidential election but that hay is in the barn. Others have gotten addicted to the ways of spewing poison and do so whenever possible.

This is very apparent on our roadways where nice driving is an exception rather than the rule. The other day I was behind a woman who was waiting for someone to finish their



**MICHAEL SWICKARD**  
In My Opinion

turn. Neither the woman nor I could proceed but the person behind me was losing his mind. Yes, it was a young man. He was honking and waving at me but I couldn't move.

We were making this young man be several seconds late. Oh my. He finally came by me waving and cursing and swerving at me and the lady in front. Oh my. It appeared he intended to pull in front of me and come back and punch me which would not have ended well since I was armed.

Instead he screeched off and ran a red light. Oh my. In a matter of seconds his road rage almost caused several accidents. Why did this person feel entitled to act like an idiot? Perhaps it is because he does so online continually and his troll behavior has gone to his driving.

There is an epidemic of rage driving and dare I say new rules might be needed. I'm not one to want more legislation since we have a million rules for every person. Still, this might need something like if you are caught driving aggressively the first time, you lose your driver's license for five years. That will make you older and you will be so glad to get your license back.

Note, I have been told that if you take the drivers' license away they will just

drive and threaten people anyway. I believe we can incarcerate them until they are too old to drive if they want to be mule-headed.

Wait. I was wanting to talk about wagging more and barking less. Shuck-ins, it is so easy to bark. And there are things that should be barked at but I want this next year to be one of more wagging and less barking. So first, we must heal the partisan wounds and become one nation rather than two fighting camps.

Again, that won't be easy since many Americans have gotten such a thrill out of being a jack-ass to the other people in our country. Mostly, this is online and in the media. When I lived in a small New Mexico town for many years, this was

rarely done.

The reason was simple: if you said something rude about one of the people you would see that person at coffee break and at lunch and at the town meeting. That person would play pitty-pat with your head for being such a wise guy. So, we were a bit more genteel because any slight was dealt with right away.

To their credit, there are some media editors that attempt to take the slights out of discussion but it is like trying to wipe the stripes off a tiger. We Americans are getting wrapped around the political axle about Russia or China or countries in the Middle East.

The truth is contained in a statement made in 1848

by Henry John Temple Palmerston, "We have no eternal allies, and we have no perpetual enemies. Our interests are eternal and perpetual, and those interests it is our duty to follow."

The same is true for both of our political parties where it doesn't matter which party, it matters which interest. My interest is that Americans get along better and not be so belligerent to those around them. For the year 2017 and beyond let us Americans wag more and bark less. A very Happy New Year my friends.

*Email: drswickard@comcast.net - Swickard's new novel, Hideaway Hills, is available at Amazon.com*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Keep the buses rolling

The recently introduced South Central Regional Transit District bus services throughout Doña Ana County need time to grow. Time for people to learn how to use a transit system. Time to see that the buses are going to keep running. The largely rural North Central Regional Transit District, centered in Española, grew from under 50,000 riders its first year to almost a quarter million riders four years later.

The SCRTD does bring in some direct funding and has already secured over \$500,000 in state and federal money. That

will significantly reduce what is needed from the county. However, just like the plaza, the downtown revitalization, the convention center, etc., the biggest return on investment in a transit service is the multiplier effect.

Most of the new jobs in Santa Teresa go to Texans, even though New Mexico provides the incentives. The SCRTD is working on a van service to get New Mexicans to those jobs. That will raise the income levels in our communities.

Many riders go to NMSU or DACC. According to AAA, the cost to own and operate a vehicle is about \$8,698 per year. Taking the

bus frees up a lot of money for tuition and books. This multiplier effect helps NMSU and DACC.

Public transit is a wise investment offering a high return and a multiplier effect

on our local economy. Plus it is a valuable resource to residents. Let's make sure the buses keep rolling in Doña Ana County.

*Sharon Shoemaker  
Las Cruces*

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Long-planned downtown plaza becomes reality

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Las Cruces Parks and Recreation City Council and Constituent Services Coordinator Jamey L. Rickman said the city received about 280 recommendations for its new plaza.

City Councillor Jack Eakman suggested the name "Inspiration Plaza" or "Plaza Inspiración" because, he said, "When I walk by the plaza, it inspires me. My spirits are lifted."

Councillor Kasandra Gandara suggested the name "Plaza de Consuelo," which means "comfort" or "solace."

Former Las Cruces City Councillor

Dolores Archuleta was the only member of the public to speak on the proposed resolution at the council meeting.

"I would like to name it "Plaza de Las Cruces," Archuleta said. "That really describes who we are," she said.

Archuleta's voice rang true for decision-makers, and the Plaza de Las Cruces officially opened Sept. 17.

The \$5.6 million plaza is 180 feet by 320 feet, and expandable by temporarily closing off adjoining streets to traffic. It can seat up to about 1,200 people.

Bob Diven created the work of art "Prehistoric Parade" on the splashpad on the new Plaza de Las Cruces.



Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders campaigns in May in Vado.

### Las Cruces welcomes Burrell College of Medicine

In August 2016, just three years after the idea was conceived, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine opened its doors for its first class of 162 medical students.

The new building grew quickly at the southeast corner of the New Mexico State University campus, and in three more years, the college will be at its capacity of 648 students. The medical school has already had a significant impact on Las Cruces and the region, adding a boost to the economy and partnership opportunities for existing healthcare and medical entities.

### Bill Clinton visits Las Cruces

Former President Bill Clinton visited Picacho Middle School in Las Cruces on June 2 as he campaigned for his wife,

presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, during the Democrat primary season. Hillary Clinton won New Mexico during the primary and in the general election, but lost the race to Republican Donald Trump in November, 2016.

### Feel in' the Bern in Vado

President-elect Donald Trump visited Albuquerque on May 24. Former president Bill Clinton also spent time in the Land of Enchantment, stumping on behalf of his wife Hillary in Las Cruces.

But the only presidential candidate that visited the southern part of the state was Democrat Bernie Sanders, who followed his May 20 Albuquerque and Santa Fe visits with a stop in Vado, New Mexico on his "A Future to Believe In" tour on May 21. The

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rally was held at Vado Elementary School.

Sanders highlighted some of New Mexico's problems into his speech.

"It is unacceptable to me that almost 30 percent of the children in New Mexico are living in poverty," he said. "We should not be a nation in which we see more and more millionaires and billionaires when we have the highest rate of childhood poverty of any major country on Earth."



KINTE

### Teen named New Mexico Youth of the Year

Selected among six outstanding youth, Franklin "Kinte" Gilbert has been named the New Mexico Youth of the Year by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). The Youth of the Year title is an honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to a healthy lifestyle. As the New Mexico Youth of the Year, Gilbert will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state, will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship from BGCA and a \$1,000 scholarship from the New Mexico Boys & Girls Clubs Area Council.

Branding himself as a leader, Gilbert hopes to encourage his peers to stay away from drugs and wants to be a role model for other kids who may be facing the same issues with one or more parent.

Gilbert, an upcoming sophomore at Arrowhead Park Early College, has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club for more than four years.

### Council hires new city manager

By a unanimous vote on Oct. 3, the Las Cruces City Council approved the hiring of Stuart Ed as the new Las Cruces city manager.

Ed (rhymes with "deed") was president/ CEO of



New Las Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed, center, with Ed's wife, Beverly, and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima at the city hall reception welcoming Ed to Las Cruces in November.

Goodwill Industries of El Paso until July of this year, according to the City of Las Cruces. Since leaving that position, he has served as a consultant to the El Paso Independent School District.

Ed replaced Robert Garza, who retired at the end of May.

### LCFD sees chief transition

Former Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown ended his career on a high note.

He retired at the end of May after 27 years with the department, and in September was recognized as the Fire Chief of the Year for 2015-16 at the New Mexico Fire and EMS Expo.

Taking over for Brown was a familiar face, Eric Enriquez, a Las Cruces native and a 12-year vet of the LCFD. Enriquez came back after serving since as Fire Marshal of the Hobbs Fire Department, where he had worked since 2009.

In July, Enriquez, was one of just 63 public executives from across the United States and several other countries to attend the 2016 Harvard Kennedy School executive class at Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"We're not going to mess with the history and tradi-

tion" that make the department what it is, Enriquez said. "We are trying to improve it and make it better. When that bell goes off, we're going to respond."

### Ewing selected as LCPS superintendent

After a five-month nationwide search, the Las Cruces Board of Education selected Dr. Gregory Ewing from Marietta, Georgia, as the district's new superintendent, in early November. The board voted 5-0 at a special meeting to select him from the three finalists that were being considered.

Ewing was the chief accountability and research officer with the Cobb County School District in Marietta, Georgia. He has a total of 29 years of educational experience as a teacher and administrator. He began his new job with LCPS on Dec. 5, at a salary of \$165,000.

"I am humbled," Ewing said during a telephone call made to him immediately after the Board voted to offer him the job. "It will be my honor and privilege to be your next superintendent. I'm very excited to work with the teachers, staff, students, parents and community to make (the school district) even better."

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LCPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing, center, joins former Interim Superintendent Dr. Steven Sanchez, and Gov. Susana Martinez, during an education event.

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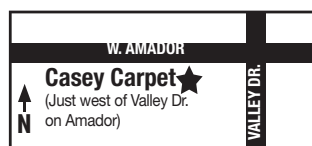


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Ewing's experience also includes 10 years as the district's curriculum and instruction supervisor. He is also an assistant professor at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, where he has taught for 20 years.



**Brig. Gen. Eric L. Sanchez spoke at a changing-of-command ceremony as he became the new commander at White Sands Missile Range.**

### Aggie takes control at WSMR

Brig. Gen. Eric L. Sanchez became the new commander at White Sands Missile Range in August. Sanchez, a 1987 New Mexico State University graduate and a native of Santa Fe, had been commander of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He took the reins at WSMR from Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin, who had been at WSMR since July 2014.

### End of an era: My Brother's Place closes

My Brother's Place, established in 1972, had its home on the corner of Main Street and Amador Avenue for 44 years. The restaurant was closed and razed to make way for developers to create space for restaurants and other tenants.



**The longtime Las Cruces eatery My Brother's Place was torn down in 2016.**

For many Las Cruces, going to My Brother's Place was just like visiting family and friends. Many in the community shared their stories and memories with the Bulletin, as well as paid their respects and gave final farewells at the



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restaurant during its last week of operation.

### Contentious UDC narrowly passes

Many people argued for it, several argued passionately against it, but in the end the Doña Ana County Commission approved the Unified Development Code, 3-2, at its regular meeting on Dec. 13.

Billy Garrett, Wayne Hancock and David Garcia were those who voted for the code, which will affect what property owners can and can't do on their land and how development happens across the county.

Leticia Duarte-Benavidez and Benjamin Rawson voted against the code, for different reasons.

"I think that the UDC document is a good code—I don't disagree with that," Benavidez said.

"My concern is that there are some kinks that need to be (fixed). If we can fix them now (before adoption), it's going to be better for the residents of Doña Ana County."

Rawson said he was concerned how the UDC would affect farmers in rural parts of the county.



Attendees comfort one another during a vigil held in Las Cruces to remember the victims of a mass shooting at an Orlando, Florida nightclub in June.

More than a dozen amendments to the UDC were proposed by the county's Planning & Zoning Commission (P & Z), and before the vote on whether to adopt the UDC, the county commission voted, 5-0, in favor of whether to adopt the amendments.

### Hundreds attend vigil for Orlando mass shooting victims

Hundreds of people attended a candlelight vigil held Sunday evening, June 12, in Pioneer Women's Park for the victims

and the families of victims of the mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando.

People of all ages, races and sexual preference spoke at the event, including a number of elected officials. Speakers' words were interpreted in American Sign Language, and one deaf speaker's words were interpreted by a hearing person. The event was organized by Las Cruces activist Carrie Hamblen.

State Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Doña Ana, also spoke. Others attending included state Sen. Bill Soules, D-Doña Ana, and

candidates Merrie Lee Soules, a Democrat running against U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., former city councilor Nathan Small, a Democrat running against state Rep. Andy Nuñez, R-Doña Ana, and Chief Deputy County Clerk Scott Krahling, who is ran for and won the clerk's seat.

### H.O.M.E. for a hero

U.S. Bank's Housing Opportunities after Military Engagement (H.O.M.E) program, in conjunction with Freedom Alliance's Heroes to Homeowners

program, presented the keys to a newly renovated, mortgage-free home to medically retired Army Sgt. Nicholas Hinds and his family in August.


"My family and I are so grateful," Hinds said. "A mortgage-free home will significantly help ease our financial challenges and give us a fresh start, both with our finances and surroundings."

Hinds spent 15 years in the Armed Forces in both the Navy and Army, and was deployed five times. In 1998, he joined the Navy serving both active duty and later transferring to the Navy Reserves, where he was assigned to the USS Teddy Roosevelt aircraft carrier in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2008, Hinds decided to join the Army full time. His service included a deployment to Iraq, where he established refueling sites for helicopters. These locations were often a target for enemy attacks, which forced Hinds to dive for cover.

The veteran now suffers from neck injuries and post-traumatic stress. Hinds, his wife and three children arrived in Las Cruces to set up house in the new home.

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## Monks harvest grapes for local winery

Harvesting grapes is not an activity typical of a monastery, but this is the second year the monks of Our Lady of Guadalupe have done so.

"Last year what happened is we got hit with two hailstorms back-to-back and it just devastated everything," said Rio Grande Winery proprietor Gordon Steel.

Upon hearing this, the monastery's Father Prior got into contact with Steel, offering the labor of the monastery's monks in harvesting the damaged crop. In exchange, Steel offered to make the monastery's sacramental wine.

Aug. 16 was the monks' first day at the winery, and for the rest of the harvest season, the monks came twice a week and worked for 12 to 16 hours a day harvesting grapes.

In the 73 rows of Rio Grande Winery's vineyard, the monks cut clusters of grapes off the vine with miniature scythes called rooster-tails and spoke with ease.



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Monks help harvest grapes at Rio Grande Winery in August.



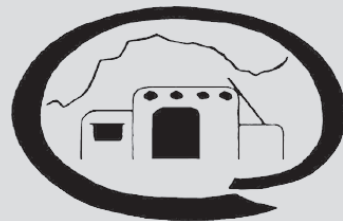
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“This makes me feel like I’m in the Amazon jungle,” said one. “You ever been in the Amazon, Brother?”

“I make it down there pretty regularly,” said another.

On their first day, they picked nearly 7,000 pounds of grapes in less than eight hours, which Steel processed in less than an hour to begin the fermentation process for making cabernet sauvignon.

## Coleman Collectors Club Convention comes to Cruces

The first International Coleman Collectors Club Convention took place in Las Cruces, June 24-25, at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Las Cruces Mel Taylor, owner of Mel’s Lawn & Landscape Maintenance, said his collection has more than 100 pieces. His prized possession is Coleman’s first outdoor lantern, called an arc lantern, originally produced in 1914. He first started collecting six years ago.

Taylor said he would buy around 20 to 30 vintage Coleman pieces from eBay each year. More recently, he’s constrained himself to two to three pieces a year, along with occasional pieces bought from other collectors. The appeal of collecting Coleman is a combination of the products’ aesthetics and utility, he said.

## City council honors veterans

The Las Cruces City Council honored Purple Heart recipients and World War II veteran Harvey Brown – a private first class in the U.S. Army and a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division — in January 2016, and unanimously voted to accept an appropriation of \$7,000 from the New Mexico Legislature to create and install a Purple Heart monument at Las Cruces’ Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 N. Roadrunner Pkwy.

Las Cruces became New Mexico’s second Purple Heart city in August 2015, and approximately the 100th city with the designation nationwide.

## Bulletin finds new digs

The Las Cruces Bulletin moved its offices in spring 2016. The Bulletin now operates from its new location, 1740-A Calle de Mercado. The Bulletin spent nearly 12 years on Telshor Boulevard, and for many years before that, offices were on Madrid Avenue.

## Ground broken for women veterans’ monument

“Women have always served” in the United States military, Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown said in keynote remarks on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the groundbreaking ceremony for the women veterans’ monument at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway.



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A Vietnam-era Huey helicopter is permanently installed at the Vietnam Memorial at Veteran's Memorial Park.



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Brown, a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, was joined at the ceremony by retired and active-duty military, elected officials and others.

The groundbreaking was hosted by the United Military Women of the Southwest (UMWSW). The Las Cruces City Council accepted \$406,500 in state

capital appropriation funding to construct the monument.

“The monument will include (bronze) sculptures of six service women representing all the branches of service and several eras during which women served in the military,” according to city documents. “Construction is anticipated to start in early September, with completion, including installation of the sculptures, anticipated in late summer 2017.”

### New roof

Crews worked Wednesday, June 22, to replace the copper roof on St. Paul's Methodist Church at Alameda Boulevard and Griggs Avenue. Years of wear and tear and recent hail finally did the roof in. Church staff assures the new one will retain the trademark copper top. The church, established in 1912, built at this location in 1965 and added the copper roof in 1993.

### Ten years of tough

In 2007, June Mumme attended a New Mexico State University rodeo and saw Denny and Geraldine Calhoun wearing pink shirts, emblazoned with

“Tough Enough to Wear Pink.”

She asked the Calhouns what it was about, and they told her how it was part of a Wrangler Jeans and National Finals Rodeo campaign to promote breast cancer awareness. The sight of rodeo cowboys wearing pink certainly drew attention. If it could work for rodeo, June Mumme wondered, why not for an NMSU football game?

As it happened, she had a pretty good connection. She was married to the then-Aggie head football coach, Hal Mumme.

Soon on board for the project were three energetic ladies who, like June Mumme, were also breast cancer survivors: Pat Sisbarro, Laura Conniff and Magellia Boston. Boston's husband, McKinley, was the Aggie athletics director at the time. Soon the wheels were turning.

The year 2016 was the 10th edition of the “NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink.” Serving as a logistical arm for TETWP's fundraising is the longestablished Cowboys for Cancer Research, now co-chaired by the Calhouns. Since Tough Enough to Wear Pink came on line, the two entities have generated more than \$4 million.

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## Mesilla Park listed in National Register of Historic Places

Mesilla Park was formally recognized as a historic district worthy of preservation by the National Park Service (NPS) on April 12. The district also was listed in the New Mexico State Register of Historic Places two months earlier on Feb. 12, said Janet Clements, Mesilla Park resident and organizer of the effort.

The historic neighborhood was developed in the late 1800s, and is among the first suburbs of Las Cruces to be developed as a complete town with commercial, industrial and residential areas, all organized along the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe rail line that runs alongside South Main Street. The town site's founder, George D. Bowman, built his red brick home in 1892 that still stands at the corner of Bowman Street and Conway Avenue.

The nomination was approved by the New Mexico Historic Preservation Review Committee, and forwarded, under the guidance of Mr. Steven Moffson, State and National Register Coordinator, for national consideration.

### Mesilla sportsplex fails to fire

Although Scott Bannister continued to

lobby the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve his application for the development of a private, for-profit sportsplex on a 50-acre lot located on Motel Blvd., major Mesilla push back quashed businessman's plan.

About 50 Mesilla residents, many of whom live on the border of what would have been a comprehensive athletic set up housing 22 sports fields with concession facilities, listened as Bannister addressed concerns of the Commission on Monday, Jan. 4 at the Mesilla Community Center.

Commissioners Tamra McLeod, Dan Apodaca, Yolanda Lucero and Roman Prieto

were joined at the front table by Hernandez, Community Development Coordinator Larry Shannon and Bannister. It was announced that no decision on Bannister's application would be made at the meeting.

Issues initially brought up by the commissioners included questions about the septic system and how it would tie into the city lines, the status of an active well to be used for all irrigation, trees and fencing to provide a buffer between the sportsplex and nearby homes, and the plan for the parking area. Bannister fielded the questions by deferring to the expertise of the

project's engineer, and offered to come up with adequate answers to any questions not addressed at the time of the meeting.

Update: On Tuesday, Jan. 12, a proposal brought before the Mesilla Planning, Zoning and Historical Appropriateness Commission by businessman Scott Bannister for a 50-acre sports complex was withdrawn.

Bannister will continue to lobby for the development of

a private, for-profit sportsplex elsewhere, most likely in the city of Las Cruces, which is better equipped to build and maintain such a facility.

### Mesilla Fire Department offering new live-in resident program

In addition to a newly remodeled fire station, the Mesilla Fire Department (MFD) reached out to potential volunteer firefighters with a new program to make

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## City remembers former councillor

### Miguel Silva



Miguel Silva, former councillor on the Las Cruces City Council, died Jan. 17, 2016 of an apparent suicide.

"I sat next to

Miguel Silva for four years on this council," said former City Councillor Dolores Connor. "Miguel had a big heart with lots of ideas and thoughts. Goodbye to my good friend and to that guy who loved being a public servant."

Councillor Gill Sorg said he and Silva often had lunch together on Mondays before city council meetings. "I got a lot of tips, information, especially when I was first on the council. He was very helpful," Sorg said. Because Silva was "a mental health advocate," Sorg said, dealing with the community's mental health issues would be a good way to honor him.

His official obituary states: Miguel, 55, was born in Willcox, Arizona, on Feb. 16, 1960. As an accomplished magician and family clown, Miguel was a wonderful source of joy to his many nieces and nephews.

A graduate of New Mexico State University and the "School of Silva Sanitation," Miguel was passionate about the environment and conservation. He shared his passion and expertise for eight years as the Las Cruces councilman for District 1. Miguel encouraged environmental, structural, and social changes for the city of Las Cruces and was proud of the downtown renovation, especially the farmers market. He also served briefly as a Dona Ana County commissioner.

Miguel was involved in many community projects, which ranged from being one of the founders of Mesilla Dia de los Muertos celebration, to being involved in the tax parade. He served on the board of the Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley. He volunteered at the former Court Youth Center, Las Esperanzas and the Border Book Festival. He was a great supporter of the LGBT community and the Doña Ana Arts Council

### Jose Chavez



Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez was killed Friday, Aug. 12 in the line of duty — fatally shot during a traffic stop. He was a two-year veteran of

the Hatch Police Department and a 2013 graduate of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Cadet Law Enforcement Academy.

A 38-year-old man who reportedly had an outstanding warrant for aggravated murder in Ohio was arrested and charged in the shooting death.

A law enforcement-escorted procession traveled with the hearse carrying Chavez's body from Albuquerque to his hometown of Las Cruces and members of the public said "goodbye" during a funeral on Aug. 21 at the Pan American Center at New Mexico State University.

### Ann Palormo



Ann Palormo, perhaps best remembered for her 25 years working with KRWG-FM, died on Nov. 4.

Outside of media work, Palormo volunteered at El Caldito Soup Kitchen, the annual Empty Bowls event and at the Renaissance Faire, where she delivered home-baked breads and other goods to the artists and vol-

unteers.

"Ann was a pillar of our community, a woman of distinction, an inspiration to me and the members of the American Association of University Women organization (AAUW, which sponsors Girls Can!), a water aerobics buddy and a believer in all," said Susan M. DeMar, president of NMSU Women's Club. "Her goodness will live in our hearts forever."

### TJ Diaz

According to her obituary: After a courageous ten-year battle with stage 4 cancer, TJ (Tamra Jean) Diaz shed her broken body and stepped into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday, May 11. TJ was born on June 15, 1960 in Clovis, NM to Thomas and Dorothy Wilcox. Although she spent most of her childhood in Hobbs, NM, she loved all things ocean, beach and, especially, all things Hawaii. She inherited a love for adventure, camping and the outdoors from her family, which she shared with her children and anyone who would tag along on her annual "TJ's Camping Trip." As a teenager, she learned to pilot both glider and powered planes and was, at the time, the youngest person in New Mexico to fly solo.

After graduating from Hobbs High School, TJ attended New Mexico State University where she met the love of her life, Dennis Diaz, and on December 19, 1981 they married. Together they became missionaries with Campus Crusade for Christ. In 1984 they changed their focus to local church youth ministry. In 1993, they returned to Las Cruces, to serve at Mesilla Park Community (Baptist) Church. While Dennis pastored the church, TJ did everything else — sing, children and youth ministry, greet, janitorial and anything else that needed to be done. Her passion, however, was always working with teenagers. Young people were drawn to her like a magnet, and countless lives have been



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touched and changed by TJ's love, encouragement, counsel and prayers. As many have said, "Miss TJ is the kindest, nicest, most joyful person I have ever met. When I grow up, I want to be just like her."

### Dan Sosa Jr.

On Sept. 4, 2016, Dan Sosa Jr. died in the same house he was born in 92 years earlier.

As a college student in 1941, his studies were interrupted by the attack on Pearl Harbor. Sosa enlisted in the United States Armed Forces and survived a crash landing on Normandy beach under enemy fire and after completing 35 successful combat missions over Nazi-occupied Europe, he left the military with the rank of lieutenant.

Following his service, Sosa returned to NMSU and graduated with a bachelor's in business.

During law school at the University of New Mexico, Sosa met Rita Ortiz, who would be his wife for the next 66 years. They had seven children, who gave their parents 26 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Sosa was a municipal judge in Las Cruces, and served for eight years as district attorneys

for the counties of Doña Ana, Otero and Lincoln before being appointed by Gov. Jerry Apodaca as a state Supreme Court justice.

### Brian Haines

Brian Haines, who served Doña Ana County as an auditor, a financial services director and county manager, died Aug. 16 at his home. The Las Cruces native was 60 years old.

Haines worked for Kriegel and Co., as a government auditor. During his tenure at Kriegel, Haines was the audit partner in charge of Doña Ana County's annual audit. He joined the county in May 2001 when he was hired as a temporary employee assigned to audit analyses. He became a fulltime audit control analyst the following November.

### Joe M. Lujan

December 29, 1932 to June 17, 2016

Joe M. Lujan died at 83 on June 17, 2016 at Mount Air View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

Lujan was married for 59 years to Martha Ludwig Lujan, with whom he had two children who gave him five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lujan was born in Mesilla on Dec. 29, 1932. At the age of five, the Lujan Family purchased a

farm in Hill, N.M., just north of Las Cruces where he was raised and lived until his death.

After high school, Lujan was drafted into the United States Army and sent to Mainz, Germany with the 259th Missile Battalion. He was honorably discharged due to the death of his father. A month after returning, he met Martha. He proposed on her high school graduation day.

Joe and his brothers took over their parents' business, Lujan Farms, earning fame for selling long green chile.

### Frances Janette Cleary

Frances Janette Cleary died on Dec. 2, 2016 at 84.

She was married to Edward James Cleary for 57 years, living in Missouri, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Cleary was born in Kansas and graduated from Central Missouri State and then received her master's degree from Columbia University in education. She taught children in Missouri until she had children. After they were grown, she returned to teaching, at James B. Rolle Elementary School in Yuma, Arizona.

### Lori Paulson

Lori Paulson, honorary captain of the NMSU football team, died March 16 after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer two years before.

Before the 2014 season, Aggie football coach Doug Martin approached her about being an honorary team captain.

"We started this thinking it would be a great way to inspire Lori in her fight," Martin said. "But it was just the opposite. She inspired us."

The university football program re-named its meeting room at the Aggie Hall of Legends for Paulson. Her family also gave \$100,000 to establish the Lori J. Paulson Football Excellence Fund.

### Maria Isabel Oakeley Hubbard

Maria Isabel Oakeley Hubbard died March 7, 2016.

Born Feb. 17, 1964 in Taos, she moved to Las Cruces with her family four years later.

She attended Las Cruces High School and New Mexico State University. In 1992 Oakeley married Dru Hubbard. Together they had two amazing, loving sons.

### Karen Davidson

Karin Davidson, described by her friends as "a beacon" of the Las Cruces realty industry, died Saturday, June 4.

Since 2005, Davidson had worked with Exit Realty Horizons. She also volunteered extensively with the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) and was that organization's president at the time of

her death.

After graduating from NMSU in 1984 with a master's degree in horticulture/agronomy, Davidson worked as a manager for an Arizona farm.

### C. Quentin Ford

C. Quentin Ford, former interim dean of the College of Engineering from 1980 to 1981, died April 30 at the age of 92.

Ford came to New Mexico State University in 1946 to obtain his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He had previously received a bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., in 1944.

He served in the U.S. Navy before coming to NMSU, and after graduating he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1950 and then Michigan State University in 1959 where he received master's and doctoral degrees respectively. He served on the faculties at both institutions.

Returning to NMSU after completing his doctorate, Ford served as head of the Mechanical Engineering Department from 1959 until 1971, becoming the first head in the department's history to hold a Ph.D. He served as associate dean of the College of Engineering from 1974 to 1980, then from 1981 to 1988, when he retired.

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## COMING UP

### Mesilla Valley Stamp Club meeting

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5 the Mesilla Valley Stamp Club meets in the Roadrunner Room, Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free and open to anyone interested in stamp collecting. Info: Richard Hiss at 575-202-1937

### Las Cruces Ukcs changes practice days

The Las Cruces Ukcs welcomes new members to weekly practices starting in January at Good Samaritan - Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Practices are Thursday evenings, with a strum for fun/beginner group meeting from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and the performance group practicing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is no charge and loaner ukuleles are available. Info: [www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com](http://www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com) or by calling 575-405-7133.

### Espina Street project ongoing

The Espina Street restriping and installation of bicycle lanes is ongoing and is expected to be done by Jan. 10. Espina Street will be narrowed to three lanes and two bike lanes from just north of the first crosswalk between the ASNMSU Center for the Arts and the Music Building to Wells Street during the winter holiday break.

### Las Cruces Civitan Club meets

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly at on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

### Vital Records Office hours

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1170 N. Solano Dr. (Office is closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) Info: Las Cruces Vital Records Office at 575-528-5046.

### Quilt Guild meets third Monday

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests are welcome. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show and tell and door prizes. Starting in November, the guild meets at 1:30 p.m. for six months of daytime meetings. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, [linneanfce@aol.com](mailto:linneanfce@aol.com) or visit [www.lcqq.org](http://www.lcqq.org).

### Gene's Gesters Toastmaster Club meets on Tuesdays

From 7 to 8 a.m. every Tuesday the Gene's Gesters Toastmaster Club meets at the Doña Ana Community

College (DACC) Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, you are cordially invited to attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: [clobato@nmsu.edu](mailto:clobato@nmsu.edu), or visit the Toastmasters International website at <http://www.toastmasters.org/>.

### Las Cruces Shrine meets second Monday

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. Info: 575-526-8396.

### Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-8683.

### Story time, discounted shopping

At 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 300 El Molino Street Tutti Bambini hosts a children's story time. Attendees can shop for children's clothes at half price. Info: 575-526-9752.

### Toastmaster Club meets every Wednesday

Las Cruces Toastmasters Club meetings are held: at NMSU, from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday; at Good Samaritan, Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-640-8951 or email [lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com), or visit the Toastmasters International website at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

### Ukulele kids club meets second, fourth Saturday

The Las Cruces Ukcs Kids Club meets from 10:30-11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo Street, just east of the downtown post office. The club is free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play the ukulele and loaner ukuleles are available for those who don't have their own. No experience is necessary. Info: [www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com](http://www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com), [www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes](http://www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes), or by calling 575-405-7133.

### Business Builders meet Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Sonoma Ranch Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Open networking, questions and answers, coffee and water with food available to order. Bring business cards. Info: Cheryl 575-524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

### Brown Bag lecture at Las Cruces Railroad Museum

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts a free lunch time lecture at noon on the second Tuesday of the month at 351 N. Mesilla St. Admission to the Railroad Museum is free. Info: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

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# NMSU students, employees display giving spirit at El Caldito

By ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ  
For the Bulletin

Ann Palormo, who worked at New Mexico State University for 25 years and passed away in November, loved giving back to the Las Cruces community, especially El Caldito Soup Kitchen.

Recently, a group from NMSU's University Advancement and Marketing and Communications offices honored Palormo's memory by volunteering their time at El Caldito, an organization in constant need of volunteers and funds to keep going.

"It was a lovely gesture to honor someone," said Kristin Casteel, a regular volunteer at El Caldito and a staff member in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at NMSU. "We had a crowded kitchen and it was so much fun."

Martin Nanna, kitchen manager at El Caldito, said overall there are about 30 to 40 NMSU students and nearly 20 NMSU employees who volunteer their time every month. All those hands make it easier for volunteers to serve dozens, if not hundreds, of people in need of a good meal. On Thanksgiving alone, El Caldito served about 400 meals. During the first two Sundays in December, volunteers served between 140 to 180 people.

"There's that old adage that says 'Many hands make light work,'" Nanna



NMSU PHOTO BY KRISTIE GARCIA

**New Mexico State University staff members Kristie Garcia, left, and Desma Montellano prepare dessert at El Caldito soup kitchen. A number of volunteers from NMSU recently volunteered at El Caldito in memory of staff member Ann Palormo, who died in November.**

said. "Having a lot of volunteers makes things go a lot smoother and easier."

Several NMSU employees regularly give their time to El Caldito year round, including Marilyn Heide, who is also a staff member in the College of ACES. Heide said the kitchen relies on volunteers willing to do anything from pulling meat off of donated rotisserie chickens to detangling freshly-laundered apron strings.

"Our job is to make sure people get the food they need when they need it," Heide said. "There's a lot to do besides cook, serve and prep. There's laundry and dishwashing and cleaning out the fridge."

Casteel has been volunteering at El Caldito for more than 15 years and worked alongside

Palormo at times. Casteel said that while sometimes it saddens her to see people from different walks of life at El Caldito, everyone there is grateful for the food and assistance they receive.

"I get so much more out

of (volunteering) than I put into it," Casteel said. "I feel good when I go home, even though I'm really tired."

Since Casteel started volunteering at El Caldito, she's also seen

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Hank DiMatteo, Ph.D.

DiMatteo is a retired commander with the El Paso Police Department, where he served in numerous capacities for 34 years. He completed his Ph.D. at NMSU and is a valued asset to the program at DACC. DiMatteo is responsible for managing the programs, teaching courses, and various activities which serve the students. He continues to encourage students to complete their education, value their character, and view everything from a critical perspective.



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### MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location subject to change. Info: 575-373-5130 or lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

### 'Blast from the Past' discussions

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2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at Mountain-View Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Info: 575-522-0503.

### Soroptimist International meets 2nd, 4th Wednesday

Soroptimist International of Las Cruces, a women's advocacy group, meets at noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Good Samaritan Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net.

### Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5017.

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# League of Women Voters host legislators

## BULLETIN REPORT

The League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces held its annual Legislative Breakfast on Dec. 10 and welcomed members and five area legislators. League members gave presentations on five special interests of the local league, including affordable housing, water, immigration, education and health care. Each legislator then spoke on the issues. Ethics, campaign finance reform, housing and transparency were some of the problems discussed. The state's financial problems and the issue of special tax treatment of corporations also were mentioned.



Legislators who attended the annual League of Women Voters Legislative Breakfast on Dec. 10 included (L to R) Rep. Nathan Small, Rep. Joanne Ferrary, Sen. Jeff Steinborn, Sen. Joseph Cervantes and Rep. Rudy Martinez.

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different types of fellow volunteers. One important lesson she stresses, Casteel said, is that volunteers must treat others, including patrons, with respect and love.

"These people deserve our respect. You must accept the way they are with no judgment," Casteel said. "A number of people we feed aren't necessarily in need. They're just lonely."

Casteel said that while the kitchen receives several donations of food during the holidays and year round, what the kitchen is most in need of are funds to pay utilities and purchase necessities such as food service gloves, hair nets,

detergent, paper bags and plastic food storage bags. Nanna said the kitchen is also in need of coffee, olive oil, plastic sandwich bags, garlic powder, parsley and other spices.

Nanna said that it takes \$10,000 a month to keep the kitchen open. He said that in the new year, he will explore various grants and foundations that might help keep El Caldito afloat. He said that while there's an increase in volunteers during the holidays, he also needs volunteers year round, especially in June.

"June is a really slow month for us as far as volunteers, but it's a large month for us in feeding people," Nanna said. "Las Cruces is a very giving community. It's a very easy sell, but like today there are only nine of us.

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# Aggie Cupboard food pantry receives more than \$9,000

By AMANDA BRADFORD

For the Bulletin

An important resource in the fight against food insecurity at New Mexico State University got a much-needed surge of support as a result of the university's recent GivingTuesday event and its new crowdfunding platform.

Aggie Cupboard, a food pantry that provides bags of nutritious, non-perishable food items to students and employees at NMSU and Dona Ana Community College, received more than \$9,000 as a result of the global day of giving, which NMSU took part in for the second time on Nov. 29, along with matching pledges from NMSU administrators.

The funding will help Aggie Cupboard continue to address a growing problem. A comprehensive national study on hunger and university students conducted this year found that food insecurity is a much more common issue for college students than previously understood. For a majority of students, the study found that struggling to make ends meet while working through college and receiving financial aid is not at all unusual.

"Our university community continues to show its generosity and willingness to tackle this problem," said Lori Martinez, an NMSU social worker and founder of Aggie Cupboard. "We have the resources in our community to address food insecurity, and having this support from so many GivingTuesday donors helps us continue to turn a spotlight on this ongoing need."

Martinez said each dollar the pantry receives can be stretched into one full meal for a student or employee in need. The pantry's impact has grown significantly since it was founded in 2012. That first academic year, Aggie Cupboard distributed 543 bags of food; during the 2015-16 school year, the volunteer staff gave out 966 bags, helping nearly 250 people make ends meet during that time.

Martinez accepted the funds during the NMSU Foundation's annual holiday celebration last week. Staff members in the alumni, development and marketing and communications departments also continued a tradition started after last year's GivingTuesday success by filling a 6-foot banquet table to overflowing with



Lori Martinez, a New Mexico State University social worker and founder of Aggie Cupboard food pantry, accepts a check for the food pantry during the NMSU Foundation's annual holiday party on Dec. 15. From left to right are Foundation President Andrea Tawney, NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Martinez, NMSU Provost Dan Howard, Foundation Chief Operating Officer Tina Byford, Associate Vice President Leslie Cervantes and Associate Vice President Terra Winter.

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food items for the pantry.

The check for \$9,093 included a GivingTuesday matching challenge of \$2,000 offered up by NMSU Provost Dan Howard and his wife, Jenifer Lichtenfels, and another \$2,000 matching challenge from NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and his wife, Kathy.

Another giving challenge extended by Andrea Tawney, president of the NMSU Foundation, and other leaders in the fundraising office was a personal pledge to encourage even more giving from their staff.

"Our team truly believes in our mission of supporting the success of our students and programs throughout the NMSU system," said Tawney. She and associate vice presidents Leslie Cervantes and Terra Winter, KRWG Director Glen Cerny and NMSU Foundation Chief Operating Officer Tina Byford promised to pony up the match-

ing money if – and only if – every staff member made a gift during GivingTuesday. "They rose to the occasion last year, so we knew what we were getting ourselves into. We're proud of the work they did to make GivingTuesday a success, and proud of the work they do every day to carry out our mission to serve our students."

In total, GivingTuesday raised more than \$2 million for the university system from 1,425 donors – including 598 NMSU system faculty and staff donors. Gifts to Aggie Cupboard came in through online and in-person gifts, as well as a new crowdfunding platform at NMSU called Make A STATEment, which allows NMSU groups to appeal to potential donors with video messages about their cause.

Aggie Cupboard needs donations of food, funds and volunteer time all year. Non-perishable food items can be

dropped off Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at Regents Row, Room B114, located at 3055 Williams Ave., near Zuhl Library in the center of campus. Tax-deductible monetary gifts can be made any time at [giving.nmsu.edu](http://giving.nmsu.edu) – just specify Aggie Cupboard as the fund for the gift.

Aggie Cupboard will be closed during NMSU's winter break, Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, and will reopen on Jan. 4.

Food is distributed from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Regents Row, Room B114, and anyone with a current NMSU identification card may pick up items. During the winter break, Aggie Cupboard will distribute food on Wednesdays only. Regular Wednesday and Thursday hours will resume when the semester starts.

For more information about Aggie Cupboard, including volunteer opportunities, contact Martinez at [mlori@nmsu.edu](mailto:mlori@nmsu.edu) or 575-646-2731.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## City buys Jornada Water for \$16 million

### BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces bought Jornada Water Company for more than \$16 million in July.

The Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved a resolution condemning the company's water utility assets before conducting a bond sale to raise the \$16.4 million needed to pay the negotiated price for the water company's assets.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima referred to the council's actions as a "friendly condemnation." Jornada approached the city about purchasing the company.

"Acquiring the company's water utility assets will allow the city to provide water service to areas inside and outside the city limits where the utility already provides wastewater and natural gas service," Las Cruces Utilities director Jorge Garcia said in a city news release.

Jornada "serves approximately 3,500 residential and commercial customers on the East Mesa and in Mesilla

Park, the South Valley and Las Alturas areas," according to the news release.

"The sale includes all water system infrastructure and 5,961 acre feet of perfected and unperfected groundwater rights," the news release said. "Parts of the company system already meet Las Cruces Utilities' standards and include 20 well sites, eight booster stations, eight storage tanks and approximately 90 miles of two-inch to 12-inch water lines."

### Marriott coming to University Avenue

By 2018, a Marriott Hotel will open in the vicinity of the Las Cruces Convention Center. The parcel of land the hotel will be built on was leased by the Aggie Development Inc. on April 7 and approved by the New Mexico State Board of regents on April 10.

The hotel will neither be owned nor developed by NMSU, said NMSU officials.

The hotel is expected to be built by 2018.

### City approves Amador Hotel renovations

In February the Las Cruces City Council approved a preliminary plan to renovate the Amador Hotel, which "has been a jail, a county courthouse, an events center, hotel, bank, a county building," said Amador Foundation President Heather Pollard.

The hotel had sat empty at 180 W. Amador Ave. since 2006.

Construction started after Thanksgiving and should be completed in late fall 2017.

### Partners reinvent Meson de Mesilla

Meson de Mesilla turned into Hotel Mesilla and NM Grille & Bar in March.

"It's not Mexican, it's New Mexican," said Cali Szczawinski, proprietor, of the cuisine that inspired her to reinvent her business to feature southern New Mexico comfort food for the casual diner — good food at reasonable prices.

Pollard said about \$195,000 will be spent to restore the old hotel's columns,

and another \$100,000 will go for asbestos abatement. Altogether, the foundation has raised nearly \$600,000 to date for the restoration, with support from state legislators, including State Sen. Mary Kay Papen. Additional funding will come from the city and the city's Tax Increment Development District, as well as private investors, she said.

### I-10 Hampton Inn hosts ribbon cutting

The Hampton Inn at 1641 Hickory Loop, completed in February, showed off its modern style and facilities, including an indoor pool, at a Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 2. Cutting the ribbon were Imesh Vaidya of Premier Hospitality; Amy Hartley, director of sales for the new Hampton Inn; Randi Castaneda, general manager of the first Las Cruces Hampton Inn built in 2007 at Interstate 25. Mark Terrazas, the new general manager for the hotel, held the chamber proclamation marking the occasion.

## Hail storms boost demand for roofing services

The hail that bombarded Las Cruces in October 2015 created a 2016 bonanza of business for roofers, but they struggled to keep up.

As of April, most roofers were three to six months behind schedule.

For building owners, the storm ranged from a nui-

sance to a disaster, depending on the severity of damage, the length of time they've had to wait for service and whether they found a reputable roofer to fix the problem.

Jason Harshman, co-owner of Engel Coatings, which specializes in elastomeric coatings for flat roofs, said

the Sonoma Ranch was hardest hit, while some buildings Downtown and in Picacho Hills also sustained damage.

He said the surge in demand for re-roofing began a week or two after the damaging storm, probably peaked a month ago and was starting to subside in spring 2016.



Jesus Rodriguez of CRS, a Las Cruces commercial roofing company, works on the roof of Mesilla Valley Center for Dental Medicine at 608 S. Alameda Blvd. Roofers were in high demand during the first half of 2016 as building owners looked to repair damage from October 2015 hail storms.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Good deeds abound in business community

### Emporium supports MVH

Downtown's elegant vintage and fine furniture shop, The Emporium, celebrated its first anniversary in June.

The shop at 106 S. Water St. looks a lot like antique shops everywhere, but its business model is unique. It was organized under the auspices of Mesilla Valley Hospice (MVH), a 501(c)3.

The Emporium each month writes a check averaging \$5,000 a month to MVH.

### LCHBA 2015 Anniversary House aids 17 nonprofits

The Las Cruces Home Builders Association (LCHBA) gave away \$86,000 to community nonprofits at a meeting and celebration March 10.

The beneficiaries were 17 nonprofits.

The money came from the sale of the 2015 LCHBA 2015 Anniversary House built by Veloz Homes. Many subcontractors and building trades business owners

also gave their time and talent to complete the three-bedroom, two-bath Spanish Colonial home purchased by Paul Saiz.

### MoneySmart Week spreads financial literacy

During Money Smart week, April 23-30, volunteers presented free financial literacy sessions for high school students and adults in English and Spanish throughout Doña Ana County.

In all, they gave 75 public presentations.

Working together to bring Money Smart to New Mexico are the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber and nine banks that sponsor the program locally. They partner with reg-



Alyssa Burton of Desert Hills Elementary School and Natalia Ruiz of Doña Ana Elementary School play a consumer game with Laura Holguin, branch manager for Century Bank and a member of the MoneySmart education committee at the MoneySmart Week kickoff April 23 Downtown.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Lithia Dodge invests \$1.5 million

Lithia Dodge, at 860 N. Telshor Blvd., celebrated its growth in June 2016 with a triple ribbon cutting.

General Manager Vince Armijo said the Las Cruces dealership spent more than \$1.5 million improving its facilities and enlarging its footprint.

That money went into the coffers of local businesses, he said.

At the ceremony, Armijo cut the ribbons of all three local chambers of commerce — the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

The parts and service departments have more than doubled while the store's revenue has increased more than 200 percent since the 2012 opening, Armijo said.

As a result, he said, the business that started with 18 employees employs almost 50, and they are local.

Armijo said Lithia partnered with all the local colleges and with Western Tech in El Paso to staff its operations.

He said last year Lithia Dodge of Las Cruces spent about \$500,000 developing the north lot adjacent to the main facility, with project dollars spent locally and Las Cruces general contracting company Nova Co. overseeing the work.

DND Contractors Inc. of Las Cruces was the general contractor for the recent \$750,000 expansion of the shop.

### Vescovo builds bigger facility

Vescovo Toyota is building a facility that will double its space for sales and service. The dealership held a groundbreaking

ceremony Feb. 19.

The property at 780 S. Valley Drive is three times the size of the current Vescovo Toyota lot across the street. At 30,000-square-feet, the new building will feature customer amenities such as a café, lounge and kid's play area.

General Manager George Vescovo said his parents — who operated the Las Cruces dealership on the east side of Valley Drive for more than 30 years — purchased the land several years ago.

### Walmart opens neighborhood market

Construction began on May 19 on Las Cruces' first Neighborhood Market, a small-format Walmart at 150 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. The store opened in the fall of 2016. The Neighborhood Market is 40,000-square-feet, about one-fifth the size of a Supercenter.

### Positive Energy rebrands

June 1, Positive Energy Solar announced its designation as a master dealer with SunPower at a triple chamber ceremony.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce joined forces to congratulate the newly renamed SunPower by Positive Energy Solar.

Following the ceremony, Mark Westbrook, branch manager and vice president, said Positive Energy has grown in 10 years from a company with one Las Cruces employee — himself — running the business out of his home, to 20 employees in 2016. Statewide, the company now employs 80,



**Cindy Armijo of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce prepares Lithia Dodge staff and chamber representatives for the ribbon cutting while an employee continues to work in the background. Participating in the ribbon cutting are City Councillor Ceil Levatino; Janet Acosta, chair of the Chamber's Conquistadores; Nancy Simmons, membership chair for The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce; and Greater Chamber ribbon holder Jeffrey Silva.**

he said.

Westbrook said Positive Energy has been using Sun Power products for about 10 years because they are "the most efficient panels in the world."

### D.A.M. moves to larger site

Doña Ana Munitions LLC has moved up the West Mesa

to a larger space, where the company has added a shooting range and family-focused outdoor recreation features, owner Paul McClarin said.

He opened his manufacturing and sales business in 2011 in a smaller building at 3100 W. Picacho Ave., but later elected to move out into the county

where he would have room to build a shooting range.

### Tortilla production moves forward; building on hold

Gov. Susana Martinez in June 2014 announced California-based tortilla producer Franco Whole Foods LLC would expand its operations into Las Cruces, bringing 160 new jobs with an average salary of \$37,000 plus benefits.

The company's intended facility at 845 W. Amador Ave. remains vacant, but the company is producing tortillas in Las Cruces.

Franco Whole Foods currently employs 66 people, and continues to project employing 160 when the Amador plant comes online, said Mike Franco.

### Major motion picture filmed at spaceport

"The Space Between Us," the first major motion picture filmed at Spaceport America, opened in theaters Aug. 19.

Shooting on the interplanetary adventure film directed by Peter Chelsom began in September 2015.

The production employed at least 100 New Mexico crew members and approximately 30 New Mexico principal actors and an estimated 1,000 local background talent.

"We were pleased to host the filming of this exciting movie at Spaceport America" said Christine Anderson, Spaceport America CEO. "The cast and crew were super to work with."

"Spaceport America was a fantastic location to capture the opening sequences of our new STX motion picture."



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Chamber of Commerce names new president/CEO



MOORE

**Debbi Moore** was named as the new president and CEO of the Board of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce in March and started at the beginning of May.

Moore has more than 30 years' experience with various chambers and nonprofits in Texas and New Mexico.

Russell Allen, chairman of the board of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, said Moore was selected from among a dozen candidates.

"Her 14 years (in Albuquerque) and in Hobbs, and her talents just shined and we were very impressed," he said. "We made her an offer and we're happy she accepted."

Moore began working with chambers of commerce in the early 1980s in Waxahachie, Texas, where she earned degrees in business administration and education at Southwestern College.



BRYAN

**Tracey Bryan** has returned to the position of president and CEO of the Bridge. Bryan led the organization from 2010-13, before leaving Las Cruces to move to Washington, D.C., where she was with Widmeyer Communications' PreK-12 team for three years.

"Being in Washington, D.C. gave me an even greater appreciation for just how visionary the leadership of this county has been ... not just discussing the need to better connect education and success in the workforce, but devising innovative solutions that work for young people," Bryan said. "Now that the national conversation has caught up with us, there are huge opportunities to equip even more children and youth, unleash their potential, and transform our economy for the long-term."

Bryan steps back into the leadership role after the recent departure of Denni Cheney, who led the organization during the past year.

The Bridge partners with the business community and education leaders to help young people become New Mexico's future labor force, entrepreneurs, innovators and civic leaders.

The Bridge laid the foundation for the state's first early college high school, Arrowhead Park Early College High School in Las Cruces, and now supports four more statewide.

**Royal Jones'** MVT Transportation was named Large Business of the Year by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Jones owned and drove a truck for 27 years before co-founding MVT. The innovative practices he implemented at MVT earned the company recognition in 2014 as an Environmental Protection Agency's Smart Way Excel-

lence Award. MVT currently encompasses 14 companies that employ 3,500, not including owner-drivers. His latest venture, Border International maintenance, repair and sales of medium and heavy-duty trucks opened in late 2015 at 2701 W. Amador Ave. The 55,000 square foot building sits on 11 acres.



ROSEMOND

### Curtis Rosemond

has been named president and CEO of the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as chairman of the Board for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber and for the past two years as vice president of the Hispanic Chamber. He served as Walmart store director for 30 years.

Rosemond is the director of operations for VIP Southwest Services and Tours. He is the executive advisor to the New Mexico Office of African American Affairs and serves as president for the Doña Ana County NAACP Branch

**Miriam B. Kotkowski**, president, Omega Trucking Inc., Sunland Park. The 2016 Small Business Administration New Mexico Small Business Week award winners included Exporter of the Year Miriam B. Kotkowski. Omega Trucking, Inc. is a family owned business that began operations in 1998 in El Paso, Sunland Park and Ciudad Juarez.

**Tammara Anderton** joined Spaceport America in March 2016 as its first director of marketing.

She is a native New Mexican returning after a 25-year career in international brand strategy and marketing communication.

Anderton held international executive management positions with Saatchi Saatchi, OTM Brand, Unaxis, and Cell-Trust.

"We only became operational in 2014," she said. "We are building a business development pipeline, and it's working."

"This year we're covering 75 percent of our operating expenses, next year 90 percent. We're well on our way to meeting our goal of being self sufficient."

Las Cruces native **Jon Barela** in October transitioned from New Mexico cabinet secretary for economic development to CEO of the Borderplex Alliance.

In his new position, Barela is charged with articulating — and implementing — a new vision of regional economic growth that works for southern New Mexico, El Paso and Ciudad Juárez/Chihuahua.

Barela previously served as New Mexico's assistant attorney general and director of the Civil Division.

In the private sector, Barela was community and government affairs manager for Intel Corp.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**  
2 to 4 p.m. **Small Business Development Center workshop, Steps to Starting Your Business**, at the Small Business Development Center, Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Register at [www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces/or](http://www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces/or) 575-527-7676.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17**  
11th annual **Agricultural Employer Conference** in Las Cruces. Info: [www.ag-growers.com](http://www.ag-growers.com) or call Angela at New Mexico Workforce Connection, 575-740-6484.

**Friday, Jan. 20**  
6 to 9 p.m. **Chamber Choice Awards & Gala**. Info: Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 575-524-1968.

**Saturday, Jan. 28- Monday, Jan. 30**  
**2017 Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe**, an annual event held in Santa Fe 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. A block of rooms has

been reserved at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa, 309 W. San Francisco, for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe guests. Hotel reservations: 800-955-4455. Event info: [www.lascruces.org](http://www.lascruces.org); 575-524-1968.

# Roadrunner Food Bank takes multi-faceted approach to helping the needy in Doña Ana

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Roadrunner Food Bank (RRFB) of New Mexico feeds about 70,000 people statewide each week, and supplies food to more than 500 programs that distribute it to needy people in Doña Ana and every other county in New Mexico.

RRFB is part of Feeding America, a nationwide network of about 200 food banks that supply food to all but about 17 of the more than 3,100 counties in the United States, said RRFB Chief Development Officer Wally Verdooren.

RRFB has 17 partners in the county, including Casa de Peregrinos emergency food bank, the Gospel Rescue Mission, soup kitchens and shelters. Casa de Peregrinos is the largest food distributor to the needy in Doña Ana County, and larger than almost all RRFB's other food distribution partners across the state.

RRFB ships food throughout the state from its distribution center in Albuquerque. The local agencies that receive the food "know their people," said RRFB Community Programs Manager Amanda Cuba, who works in RRFB's Las Cruces office. The food bank has worked in Las Cruces since 2011, she said.

"We really are the food-distribution hub for nonprofit organizations in the state," said Verdooren, who joined RRFB in Albuquerque in August 2015 after many years with Feeding America in Chicago.

In 2015, RRFB distributed about 32 million pounds of food all over the state, including more than 10 million pounds of fresh produce.

RRFB receives food donations from major retailers all over the state, Verdooren said. The Walmart regional distribution center in Los Lunas, for example, donates millions of pounds of food each year to the food bank. Other major partners include Albertsons, Smiths, American Home furniture and T.J. Maxx.

Most of the food we get is called 'food rescue,'" he said. "That means it's not



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being sold by a food retailer because of an irregular shape (a very large or very small potato, for example) or minor damage (one broken egg in a carton) or it's slightly passed its best-buy date – which is not an expiration date."

The food RRFB distributes is "always safe, always nutritious," Verdooren said.

"Every bit of food that goes out meets incredibly rigorous safety standards," he said.

RRFB collects millions pounds of food through food rescue from food manufacturers, retailers and farmers across the state, he said.

Nationwide, about 70 billion pounds of food is thrown away in the U.S. every

year, Verdooren said, and that doesn't count the 40 to 50 billion pounds of food tossed out by consumers.

Food insecurity remains a big problem in New Mexico, as it does throughout the U.S. The term "hungry" means missing a meal. Food insecure means you literally do not know where your next meal is coming from, Cuba said. That's usually a result of living in poverty, but it's often also about access to food.

And access isn't just a problem in rural parts of the state.

To understand the food access issue better, Verdooren suggests that you plot the distance from where you live to the

nearest grocery store on Google Maps. It might only be five or 10 minutes' drive. But imagine if you had to wait going each way for public transportation, or if you had no transportation at all, or if you were disabled or a single parent.

About one in six New Mexicans (about 360,000 people) is food insecure, according to statistics compiled by RRFB. That includes nearly 16 percent of the population of Doña Ana County, which equals about 32,000 people, Cuba said.

The child food insecurity rate in the county is above 27 percent.



## RRFB

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“That truly is a crisis level,” he Verdooren said.

To help feed hungry children, RRFB has begun the Child Hunger Initiative (CHI), which includes backpacks filled with food provided to children that are also helping to feed hungry siblings, parents and grandparents.

There are five CHI sites in the county (and 78 statewide) which include mobile food pantries. All five are schools, and RRFB is working with Las Cruces Public Schools to set up additional sites, Cuba said.

“Food insecurity is one symptom of people who are vulnerable and in poverty,” Verdooren said. That’s why RRFB offers works with other agencies to provide food while individuals and families are waiting for other services like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits or flu shots, he said.

And because food insecurity impacts health, RRFB is also helping clients connect with dentists and doctors.

RRFB’s mission is to feed, seed and lead. That means feeding every person today, seeding partnerships with social services organizations and leading people out of poverty and hunger.

The goal is “not just to feed hungry people, Verdooren said.

“We are trying to be part of building healthy communities,” he said.

RRFB’s vision is ending hunger in New Mexico. That’s “a complicated enterprise,” Verdooren said. The best

way to do it is to “make sure somebody there has a good-paying job,” he said. In New Mexico, that means job training and more affordable housing and childcare.

The hunger problem in the state won’t be solved “just by providing more food to people,” he said.

The food bank has a job-training program at its Albuquerque warehouse that gives second chances to ex-prison inmates who are employed as warehouse workers and works with local community colleges to train truck drivers. About half of RRFB’s warehouse workers and another one-half of its drivers have come through the program, including three managers, Verdooren said. All told, RRFB employs 65 people and has 14 or 15 delivery trucks, he said.

RRFB has an annual budget of about \$7 million, Verdooren said, and about \$5 million of that amount comes from private donations. The best way to support the food bank is through cash donations, he said. Ever dollar donated provides five meals to people in need. That’s possible “because of our wonderful relationship with donors, manufacturers, retailers, distributors and farmers,” he said.

Three RRFB will match all December donations to the food bank up to \$80,000, he said.

The Las Cruces RRFB office is located at 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 149 A, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit [www.rrfb.org](http://www.rrfb.org) and [www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap](http://www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap).



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Casa de Peregrinos is the largest food distributor to the needy in Doña Ana County and larger than almost all of Roadrunner Food Bank’s other food distribution partners across the state.

## Casa de Peregrinos distributes more than 2.25 million pounds of food in county

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Casa de Peregrinos and other smaller agencies here in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County are the boots on the ground,” Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank Executive Director Lorenzo Alba said. “We are the ones providing direct services to this area.

“We currently have 20 mobile food pantries in our county,” Alba said, including 13 in rural communities which we strategically placed there because much poverty is saturated in those areas.

Additionally, there are five pantries at senior centers in Las Cruces and one at both of the Las Cruces Doña Ana Community College campuses.

“As of Nov. 30, Casa de Peregrinos has distributed 2.25 mil-

lion pounds of food through our flagship pantry, 20 mobile food pantries and by sharing food with smaller agencies in our community,” Alba said. “That has already shattered our numbers from last year. We have basically grown out of our current facility and are in the planning stages of building a new infrastructure in the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope campus, where our flagship pantry currently resides.

“We are very proud of being the local safety net for those in need of food. We are blessed to have the support of our local community via individuals, families, businesses, religious organization, civic groups, the municipality and county. People here in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County have embraced our mission and love that we keep everything local.

“Our rural food pantries are primarily and currently funded by Doña Ana County and Blue Cross and Blue Shield on New Mexico,” he said. “We fund the other through donations.”

To donate to Casa de Peregrinos online, visit <http://casadeperegrinos.org/home/donations>. You can take donations to Mesilla Valley Community of Hope at 999 W. Amador Ave., Suite F. Business and donation hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. \$50 provides 250 meals, \$100 feeds an average family for a month.

Food assistance hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bring ID and recent proof of address for food assistance.

Volunteers are also welcome. For information, call 575-523-5542 or visit [casadeperegrinos.org](http://casadeperegrinos.org).



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## Legal Notice

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. D-307-CV-2016-2725  
Judge James T. Martin

MIKE MERRICK, a/k/a MICHAEL MERRICK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY

OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff

I, Claude Bowman, Court Administrator of the Third Judicial District Court in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, do hereby cause to be issued this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process on any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff by publication.

The names of the Plaintiff, Defendants, and the Court in

which said cause is pending and the civil cause number are set out hereinabove.

The Defendants against whom service by publication is sought to be obtained are ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff.

The general object of this action is to quiet and to set at rest the title of Plaintiff in and to the lands described herein against any adverse claims of the Defendants and that the Defendants be barred and estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, any right or title to the estate of Plaintiff in and to said lands, or any portion thereof, adverse to the Plaintiff.

The property which is affected and concerned by this pending action is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 36, Organ Townsite, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 48, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on November 3, 1883, and recorded in Book 3, pages 12, Plat records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Also known as Doña Ana County Parcel No. 03-12939, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The name of the Plaintiffs attorney is as follows: Dana M. Kyle of The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, (575) 525-0020.

ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff, against whom constructive service is sought to be obtained, are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion with this Court within twenty (20) days after the date of the third and last publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such suit against them by default.

WITNESS MY HAND

AND SEAL this 20 day of December, 2016.  
Claude Bowman  
Court Administrator

(Seal)

By: /s/Maria Zamora

Dates: 12/30, 2016  
01/06, 01/13, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 28, 2016, Fletcher Farms, Inc. c/o: Leslie Fletcher, President, 6105 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-864-POD3, OSE File Nos.: LRG-864 & LRG-6603-31, 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-864-POD3 to a depth of 500 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near where 1,456,020.76 ft., Y = 508,733.12 ft. NMS, Central NAD83 on land owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc., which will supplement existing well LRG-864-POD2, located on property owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc. within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) & more specifically described where X = 1,456,381.07 ft., X = 508,789.76 ft. NMS, 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 122.04 acres of land, owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc., located within the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> & SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E NMPM as described in Subfile No.: LRRN-28-004-0008 Rights B & C of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-864-POD3 will be located northwest of Las Cruces, NM & may be found approximately 0.41 mile northwest of the intersection of Trails End Rd & N Valley Dr.

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 11, 2016 Halsell Farm LTD Partnership, PO Box 695, Hatch, NM, filed application numbered LRG-4053-POD12, OSE File No. LRG-4053 & LRG-4053-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to begin using existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 for irrigation purposes which is located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 27, Township 19S, Range 02W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°37'52.544"N and 107°1'30.31"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, & which will supplement existing wells, located on land owned by the applicant described as follows:

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, & include the writer's complete name, phone number & 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; &/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 & 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 & 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.

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Well number  
Where Latitude  
and Longitude intersect

LRG-5348-S-2  
32°37'29.368"N  
107°1'33.911"W

LRG-5348-S-3  
32°37'24.16"N  
107°1'27.879"W

LRG-4053  
32°37'57.084"N  
107°2'1.011"W

LRG-4053-S  
32°37'50.812"N  
107°2'0.793"W

LRG-4053-A  
32°38'16.254"N  
107°1'50.864"W

LRG-4053-POD6  
32°37'37.694"N  
107°1'28.312"W

LRG-4053-POD7  
32°38'6.621"N  
107°1'40.618"W

LRG-4053-POD8  
32°37'59.233"N  
107°1'19.2"W

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 593.83 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located in the following:

| Section, Township & Range (PLSS)                      |
|---|
| SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sect. 22 Twn 19S, R2W, |
| SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sect. 23 Twn 19S, R2W  |
| SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sect. 25 Twn 19S, R2W  |
| NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sect.26 Twn 19S, R2W   |
| NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sect.26 Twn 19S, R2W   |
| S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Sect. 26 Twn 19S, R2W   |
| SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sect. 27 Twn 19S, R2W  |
| NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sect. 27 Twn 19S, R2W  |

as described in part by Subfile No.: LRR-28-010-0013 Right A, & LRR-28-010-0017-A Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, and also described by Subfile Order No., LRR-28-010-0013-A & LRR-28-010-0017, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use existing exploratory well



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LRG-4053-POD12 for irrigation purposes under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 is located south of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 3.7 miles southeast of the intersection of Rincon Rd. & Kit Carson Rd & further described at the property address of 4000 & 4205 Kit Carson Rd, Rincon, NM.

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: 12/23, 12/30, 2016  
01/06, 2017

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 17, 2017:

(1) **Council Bill No. 17-016; Ordinance No. 2802:** An Ordinance Amending Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended, (LCMC) Article II, Fire Protection

Code, Chapter 11, Fire Prevention and Protection, by Repealing the Adopted 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code and Enacting the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code as Amended with Certain Related Appendices.

(2) **Council Bill No. 17-017; Ordinance No. 2803:** An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Division 17, Building Standards of Chapter 30, Buildings and Building Regulations of the Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, as Amended, (LCMC) and Enacting Construction Codes as Implemented by the State of New Mexico Construction Industries Division. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 26th day of December, 2016.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-00235

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PEGGY A. WHITAKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PEGGY A. WHITAKER;**

**NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; POND-SCAPES, LLC, 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7890 Inca Dove Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK B, INSPIRATION HEIGHTS, PHASE 1, IN DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIG-

NATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 25, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 202-203 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on January 12, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 foreclosure Judgment granted on November 3, 2016, in the total amount of \$180,606.63, with interest at the rate of 5.8400% per annum from April 29, 2016 through the date of the sale.

The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Bank of America, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environ-

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority is opening the waiting list for the SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM.

The waiting list will open on the following dates and times:

January 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You will be required to bring in copies of each of the following documents for all household members in order to complete the pre-application to determine if you qualify for this program:

- ✓ Current Driver's License/State I.D./Permanent Residence Card (18 yrs. or older)
- ✓ Certified Birth Certificate/Birth Certification
- ✓ Social Security Cards/Social Security Certification
- ✓ Currently Monthly Income (Wages, TANF, Food Stamps, Child Support, SS/SSI/SSD, Unemployment, Contributions, VA Benefits, Pension, Self-Employment)
- ✓ Current Monthly Expenses (Medical, Prescription, Child Care)
- ✓ Current Asset Information (Bank Statement, Properties)

The PHA will reference the following chart in determining the appropriate voucher size for a family:  
(See guidelines below)

| NUMBER OF BEDROOMS | MINIMUM # OF PEOPLE | MAXIMUM # OF PEOPLE |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0                  | 1                   | 1                   |
| 1                  | 1                   | 2                   |
| 2                  | 2                   | 4                   |
| 3                  | 4                   | 6                   |
| 4                  | 6                   | 8                   |
| 5                  | 8                   | 10                  |

Families will be selected in order by the assigned number when the waiting list is sorted using a lottery system.

Landlord and criminal background checks will be conducted in order to qualify for assistance. Applicants already on waiting lists for other housing programs must apply separately for this program. Such applicants will not lose their place on other waiting lists if they apply for Section 8.

If you or anyone in your household requires a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our services, please contact our office.

**YOU MAY APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:**

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority  
926 S. San Pedro • Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Telephone: (575) 528-2000  
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## NOTICIA PÚBLICA

### Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority abrirá la lista de espera para el Programa de Vales de Elección de Vivienda (Sección 8)

La lista de espera abrirá los siguientes días y horarios:

23, 24, 25, y 26 de Enero, 2017 de 8 a.m. hasta las 3 p.m.

Es requerido llenar una pre-aplicación y traer copias de los siguientes documentos para cada miembro de su familia para determinar si califica para este programa:

- ✓ Licencia de Manejo/Identificación del Estado/Tarjeta de Residencia Permanente (18 años y mayor)
- ✓ Certificado de nacimiento original/Acta de Nacimiento
- ✓ Tarjeta de Seguro Social/Certificación de Seguro Social
- ✓ Ingresos actuales por mes (Salarios, TANF, Estampillas de Comida, Sostenimiento de Menores, SS/SSI/SSD, Desempleo, Contribuciones, Beneficios de Veteranos, Pensión, Empleo por Cuenta Propia)
- ✓ Gastos actuales por mes (Médico, Medicamentos, Cuidados de Niños [Guardería])
- ✓ Información de sus bienes (cuentas de banco, lista de propiedades)

La Agencia de Vivienda Pública utilizará la siguiente tabla para determinar el tamaño adecuado del vale para la familia.

| NUMERO DE RECAMARAS | # MINIMO DE PERSONAS | # MAXIMO DE PERSONAS |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0                   | 1                    | 1                    |
| 1                   | 1                    | 2                    |
| 2                   | 2                    | 4                    |
| 3                   | 4                    | 6                    |
| 4                   | 6                    | 8                    |
| 5                   | 8                    | 10                   |

Familias serán seleccionadas solamente por medio de un sistema de lotería.

Verificación de historia de renta y antecedentes penales serán efectuados para poder determinar si califica para participar en el programa.

Solicitantes que estén en listas de espera para otros programas de viviendas tendrán que aplicar por separado para este programa. Estos solicitantes no perderán su lugar en otras listas si aplican para este programa de Housing Choice Voucher (Vales de Elección de Vivienda Sección 8).

Si usted o algún miembro de su familia es una persona discapacitada y requiere una adecuación específica para poder utilizar nuestros servicios, por favor póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina.

**PUEDA APLICAR EN LA SIGUIENTE DIRECCIÓN:**

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority  
926 S. San Pedro • Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Telephone: (575) 528-2000  
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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mental 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 COURT**

Case No.  
D-307-DM 2016-1367  
Judge: Rosner

**Karina Estrada, Petitioner,**

v.

**Jose L. Estrada,  
Respondent.**

**Issued NOTICE OF SUIT**

**TO Jose L. Estrada,  
RESPONDENT:**

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.

Karina Estarda  
2013 S. Triviz #737  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
575-650-8896

WITNESS the Honorable Mary W Rosner, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of

New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 14th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

BY: Susana Tyfarr  
DEPUTY

Dates: 12/30, 01/06, 01/13,  
2016

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

**No.D-307-PB-2016-00116  
Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta**

**In the Matter of the Estate  
Mary Elizabeth Burguete  
Deceased.**

**AMENDED NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Sharon Louise Carrillo has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed within the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin & Lutz, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001.

DATED this 8th day of December, 2016.

/s/Sharon Louise Carrillo  
Sharon Louise Carrillo  
Personal Representative  
3915 Powers Dr.  
Las Cruces, N.M. 88012

Date: 12/16, 12/23,  
12/30, 2016

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

DM-2016-900  
Judge: Rosner

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**PETITION FOR GRAND-  
PARENT VISITATION  
PRIVILEGES OF TERRI  
AND SCOTT KINNEY**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**TO RESPONDENT,  
JOSEPH LACKEY:**

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioners, requesting grandparent privileges of the minor child, Terralyn Rose Kinney.

You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Law Office of Jill V Johnson  
Vigil  
1475 N Main St Ste E  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
575.527.5405  
Attorney for Petitioners

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 6th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Joe M Martinez  
Deputy - Joe M Martinez

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,  
2016

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

NO. D-307-CV-2016-00231

**FRANKLIN AMERICAN  
MORTGAGE COMPA-  
NY, Plaintiff,**

v.

**LUZ E. BRIVASCAS, LAS  
CRUCES MEDICAL  
CENTER LLC D/B/A  
MOUNTAINVIEW RE-  
GIONAL MEDICAL  
CENTER, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on

**January 24, 2017 at 11:45 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, 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 NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 11 OF UNIT NO. 3 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 3 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 15, 1966 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 98-99.

The address of the real property is 1948 Peri Ann Drive, 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 September 15, 2016 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 \$112,514.24 plus interest from May 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.3750% 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,  
Suite A1  
Albuquerque,  
NM 87123  
(505)715-3711

Dates: 12/30, 2016  
01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 2017

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

No. CV-2016-02013  
Judge Beyer

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-  
CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS  
CRUCES, on behalf of the**

**LAS CRUCES POLICE  
DEPARTMENT,  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**TINA M. ACEVES, 1992  
HONDA ACCORD,  
TEAL; VIN:  
1HGCB7159NA016338;  
NEW MEXICO LICENSE  
PLATE NO. NJL905,  
Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

To: Respondent  
Tina M. Aceves:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1992 HONDA ACCORD, TEAL; VIN: 1HGCB7159NA016338; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NJL905.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
PO Box 20000  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Beyer, Marci, 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 1st day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
COURT EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER

By: Joe M. Martinez  
Deputy - Joe M Martinez

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,  
2016

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

No. CV-2016-02254  
Judge: Martin

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-  
CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS  
CRUCES, on behalf of the  
LAS CRUCES POLICE  
DEPARTMENT,  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**RACHEL L. ZAMORA,  
MARTIN ZAMORA, AND  
2007 FORD FUSION,  
BLACK; VIN:  
3FAHP06Z47R186145;  
NEW MEXICO LICENSE  
PLATE NO. 497SHK,  
Respondents**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent  
Rachel L. Zamora:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2007 Ford Fusion, Black; VIN: 3FAHP06Z47R186145; New Mexico License Plate No. 497SHK.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon  
Thomas R.A. Limon  
Assistant City Attorney  
PO Box 20000  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 9th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
COURT EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER

/s/Joe M. Martinez  
By: Deputy - Joe Martinez

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,  
2016

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

No. CV-2016-02251  
Judge: Martin

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-  
CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS  
CRUCES, on behalf of the  
LAS CRUCES POLICE  
DEPARTMENT,  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**SABRINA H. THEIS, NA-  
TIONWIDE BUDGET FI-  
NANCE, AND 2003  
BUICK CENTURY,  
SAND; VIN:  
2G4WS52J631143790;  
NEW MEXICO LICENSE  
PLATE NO. NHB978,  
Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent Sabrina  
H. Theis:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2003 Buick Century, Sand; VIN: 2G4WS52J631143790; New Mexico License Plate No. NHB978.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon  
Thomas R.A. Limon  
Assistant City Attorney  
PO Box 20000  
Las Cruces,  
NM 88004  
575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 2nd day of December, 2016.



# LEGAL NOTICES

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(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER

By: Rocio Delgado  
DEPUTY Rocio Delgado

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,  
2016

**THE STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-02385

**FEDERAL NATIONAL  
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"),  
A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING  
UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DAVID A. DIBBLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
DAVID A. DIBBLE; JERRY D. DIBBLE, IF  
LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN  
HEIRS OF JERRY D. DIBBLE, 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 711 Lenox Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, AND 1/2 OF THE ADJACENT VACATED ALLEY, BLOCK D, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, REPLAT NO. 1, REPLAT OF BLOCKS D AND I, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 659, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 7, 1966, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE 88, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on February 9, 2017**, 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 foreclosure Judgment granted on November 28, 2016, in the total amount of \$146,525.43, with interest at the rate of 5.25000% per annum from October 21, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

By: Robert A. Doyle,  
Special Master

c/o Legal Process Network  
P.O. Box 51526  
Albuquerque, NM 87181  
505-417-4113

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**THE STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No.: D-307-CV-2016-01478

**LSF8 MASTER PARTICI-  
PATION TRUST,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RAUL ESTRADA; TERE-  
SA ESTRADA; BENEFICIAL  
NEW MEXICO  
INC. DBA BENEFICIAL  
MORTGAGE CO.; BANK  
OF AMERICA, N.A.; OC-  
CUPANTS OF THE  
PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
to Defendants, Raul Estrada,  
Teresa Estrada, and the  
Occupants of the Property:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF8 MASTER PARTICI-PATION TRUST has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 1710 S Pecos St. Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 5 FARMERS SUBDI-  
VISION, LOCATED IN  
THE CITY OF LAS CRU-  
CES, DOÑA ANA COUN-  
TY, NEW MEXICO, AS  
SHOWN AND DESIGNA-  
TED ON THE PLAT  
THEREOF, FILED FOR  
RECORD IN THE OFFICE  
OF THE COUNTY CLERK  
OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO ON SEP-  
TEMBER 2, 1947 AND  
RECORDED IN BOOK 6  
AT PAGE 65, PLAT RE-  
CORDS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default

will be entered against you.

**McARTHUR &  
HOLTHUS, LLP**

By: /s/ Carrie Cook  
Karen Weaver  
Carrie Cook  
6501 Eagle Rock NE,  
Suite A-3  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87113  
Telephone No.:  
(505) 219-4900  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/23, 12/30, 2016  
01/02, 2017

**THE STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-00957

**NATIONSTAR MORT-  
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BEATRICE SMITH; THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
BEATRICE SMITH; OC-  
CUPANTS OF PROPER-  
TY; Defendants.**

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FORECLOSURE SALE**

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Lot 64, Block 24, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE VI-C 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 December 19, 2002, in Book 20 Pages 204-206 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on January 12, 2017**, 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

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By: Robert A. Doyle,  
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THIRD JUDICIAL  
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Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2013-02433

**NATIONSTAR MORT-  
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**KRISTINE D. HANSEN;  
THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF KRISTINE  
D. HANSEN IF ANY;  
CITIBANK FEDERAL  
SAVINGS BANK,  
Defendants.**

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DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02292

**WELLS FARGO BANK,  
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**GLORIA BARKER HAR-  
STAD, CALVIN D. HAR-  
STAD; UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA BY AND  
THROUGH THE SECRE-  
TARY OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOP-  
MENT; OCCUPANTS OF  
THE PROPERTY;**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

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RIA BARKER HAR-  
STAD, CALVIN D. HAR-  
STAD:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 115 Sundance Court, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

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Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW



Las Cruces International Film Festival honoree Danny Trejo.

Bri Bagwell, above, and Josh Grider, right, performed at the Country Music Festival.

Get caught up on what happened in Arts & Entertainment, beginning on page 34.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**THU JANUARY 5 • 7:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
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**SAT JANUARY 7 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
El Paso Pro Musica presents *The Complete Beethoven Trio*

**FRI JANUARY 20 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks present  
*Telluride Mountainfilm*

**SAT JANUARY 21 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
The NM Heritage Series continues with Randy Granger & Friends  
*Native Music & Stories*

**FRI JANUARY 27 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
*Awakening in Taos*, Premiere Screening and Gala Event for Independent  
Film about Mabel Dodge Lujan

**SAT JANUARY 28 • 1:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
Independent Film Screening & Workshop by Mark Gordon, Writer/  
Director of *Awakening in Taos*

**SAT JANUARY 28 • 6:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
*Awakening in Taos*, an Independent Film about Mabel Dodge Lujan

### ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Movie magic in the Mesilla Valley

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces International Film Festival is the successor to the White Sands International Film Festival, which began in Alamogordo more than a decade ago.

More than 100 films were shown throughout

the first weekend of March, ranging from four-minute shorts to full-length motion pictures as 3,800 people turned out for the festival.

The festival's first year offered fans a chance to meet honoree Danny Trejo who received the Outstanding Achieve-

ment in Entertainment award.

The film industry in Las Cruces is growing, with the advent of Film Las Cruces, a nonprofit meant to bring productions to southern New Mexico. Evidence of the industry's growth in the region is evident in the growth of New Mexico

State University's Creative Media Institute, which started out with a dozen or so majors in 2006, had no tenure-track faculty and was part of the now-defunct College of Extended Learning.

In December 2015, 40 NMSU students graduated with bachelor's degrees in creative media degrees, and the department had more than 330 majors returning this spring to take more than 40 different classes in digital filmmaking and animation and visual effects, said Department Head Amy Lanasa.

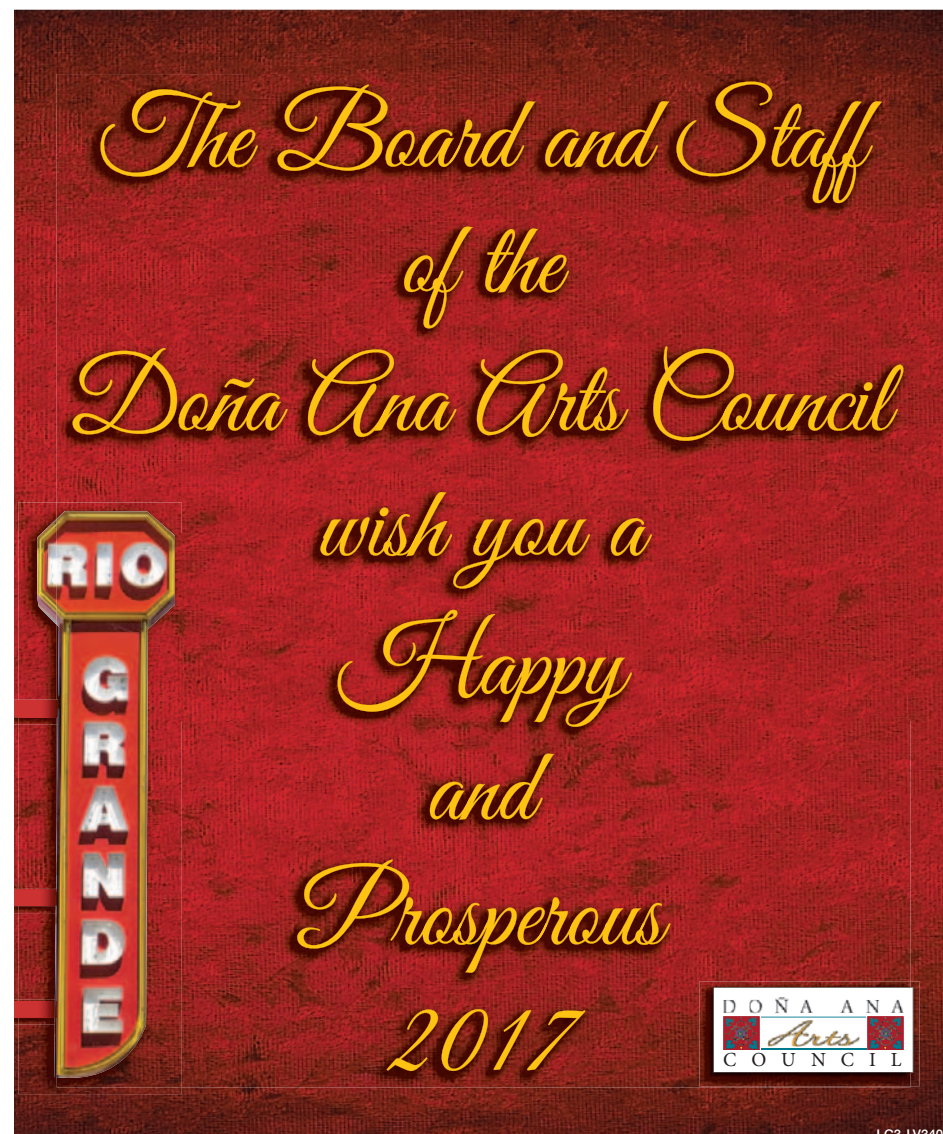
The 2017 LCIFF will take place in March as well.

Local films such as "The River" and "Lady Belladonna" held premieres in Las Cruces in 2016.

### Council gives nod to soundstage project

The Las Cruces City Council adopted a resolution authorizing city staff to "negotiate a property acquisition agreement" for a film and media soundstage in Las Cruces, on Dec. 5.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima opposed the agreement because he said it should include a lease between the city and Film Las Cruces (FLC) for the operation of the soundstage.



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Film Las Cruces is a nonprofit that has a three-year memorandum of understanding with the city to bring film and television production to Las Cruces. An amendment to the resolution that would have authorized the city to negotiate a lease with Film Las Cruces for the operation of the building was defeated on a 3-3 vote.

City funding for a soundstage would come from hold-harmless gross receipts tax revenue earmarked for economic development. It would also include nearly \$1 million in state capital outlay money.

State Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana, who also is the president of FLC, said three large film studios in northern New Mexico helped FLC develop cost estimates for a Las Cruces soundstage. Proposed funding would cover property acquisition, improvements to bring the building into compliance with film and television production standards, city-mandated improvements and operating funds, he said.

### Las Cruces Community Theatre gets help to save its home

One of the most beloved staples of Las Cruces is its vibrant and impressive community theater, which has called 313 N. Main in Downtown home for 40 years. In September 2014, LCCT started a capital campaign to raise \$1 million to purchase and renovate the building.

In June 2016, LCCT signed a lease with Las Cruces attorney Jose Coronado to keep building for at least the next 30 years, with an option for 10 more years after that.

“Getting this lease in place is going to make worlds of difference,” said LCCT Board President Janet Beatty-Payne, who signed the new lease along with LCCT treasurer Tom Warren. “Jose is really our hero for stepping in to solve this. His heart is really Downtown.”

### Country Music Festival arrives

Thousands of country music fans – and others who just like a plain, old good time – descended on Downtown Las Cruces April 29-30 for the fourth annual Las Cruces Country Music Festival.

Las Cruces natives Bri Bagwell and Josh Grider performed as well as the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Rick Trevino, Lee Ann Womack, David Nail, Cam and Aaron Watson.



SWIT

### 'M\*A\*S\*H' star Swit heads to Cruces for benefit performance

Emmy-winner Loretta Swit, Margaret “Hot Lips” Houlihan



SMITH

### Longtime theater educator leaving NMSU

Tom Smith resigned his position as professor in the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department and left Las Cruces in June to begin a job at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, where he will teach acting, script analysis, improvisation, theater management and other courses, Smith said.

For Smith, a native of Redmond, Washington, it will be a return home to many friends and family members.

Smith came to NMSU in 1998 as a freelance director through the American Southwest Theatre Company's (ASTC) guest artist program. He joined the NMSU theater arts faculty in 1999 and remained with the department for 17 years.

Smith, who earned an MFA in directing from the University of Missouri in 1994, has taught many theater classes at NMSU. He also served as Theatre Arts Department head for six years and was on the ASTC board for 13 years, including seven as artistic director and six as managing director.

of “M\*A\*S\*H,” starred in two fundraising productions in September benefiting the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

The production is a fundraiser to help upgrade lighting/technical/staging equipment at the Las Cruces Commu-

nity Theatre.

Swit had previously performed to raise funds for New Mexico State University Theatre Arts scholarships and for two local nonprofits: Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary and Singing Out, the local LGBTQA community chorus.



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## December 30-Jan 5

### The Handmaiden

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“A potent combination of larceny, taboo sexuality, and steamy love scenes enhanced by Seong-hie Ryu’s sumptuous set decor.” Chicago Reader  
\*\*This movie is free for current members.  
\*\*The theatre will be closed Dec. 31

## January 6-12

### Moonlight

“This indie drama touches on themes of race, sexuality and isolation in ways that are rarely depicted in cinema.”  
Us Weekly

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## NM films help highlight best of year

By **JEFF BERG**  
For the Bulletin

Once again, I take quill to paper to share with you, gentle reader, my thoughts on the best movies that I saw this year.

By no means complete and in no particular order, other than the one I feel was the best, I hope this offers some guidance for you when it is movie night at your home.

Ready?

• “Jane Got a Gun” and “In a Valley of Violence,” two Westerns, both shot in New Mexico and both

vastly underrated and under publicized. “Jane” had numerous production issues, was shot in 2013, but not released until this year. It stars Natalie Portman as a woman out to revenge the killings of her family and is a loose remake of an early ’70s Western, “Hannie Caulder,” which starred Raquel Welch and Robert Culp. It went through a couple of directors, but is still a handsome and interesting picture.

“In a Valley of Violence” stars Ethan Hawke in another revenge

Western, this one with a unique twist or two and features John Travolta in a rather interesting role.

It was a good year for Westerns, although the remake of “The Magnificent Seven” was anything but magnificent, and another Western, “The Keeping Room,” shot in Romania, was well worth the price of admission. This work is the story of three women defending themselves from a pair of Union soldiers who have deserted and come across the women’s homestead.

• “Knight of Cups,” directed by Terrence Malick probably won’t make many best of lists this year, but I found it to be a fascinating and unique look on a life of self-centeredness and greed gone wrong.

• The comedy, “Maggie’s Plan,” with Greta Gerwig was a fun look at a hapless lass and her attempts to get on with her life.

• “Moonlight,” which follows a young African-American gay man through three stages of his life, also overcame the hype and publicity and held its own. Fine acting and interesting directing and lighting make this one very good picture, which opens at the Fountain on Jan. 6.

• “Embrace of the Serpent” really held my interest, offering two stories using the same



Natalie Portman is a woman out to revenge the killings of her family in the movie “Jane Got a Gun,” which was filmed in New Mexico.

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lead character in two different times of his life as he assists and/or resists explorers intervening in his tribe’s life in South America.

• “A Street Cat Named Bob,” which starred the real cat of the title also slipped in rather unannounced, but was a wonderful story about a homeless man who is “adopted” by a homeless cat and the difference the cat makes in his life. “Nine Lives,” another fun cat movie, in which Kevin Spacey is turned into a cat was a silly and comically written film, geared for kids, but great for adults.

• The documentary “Weiner” was funny and unsettling at the same time, and I’m hoping to see that he (Anthony Weiner) finally pays the price for his idiotic behavior.

• “Son of Saul,” based on historical fact, about the Jews who were forced

by the Nazi’s to help eliminate their own people was the most depressing but also one of the best foreign films of the year.

• “Hell or High Water,” the first feature film ever shot (in part) in Portales, New Mexico was a great turn for Jeff Bridges, not to mention an effective and smart crime film, with a touch of film noir for good measure.

• “Hacksaw Ridge,” another work based on historical fact, is an outstanding World War II film about a young man who was a CO during the war but still served as a medic, saving dozens of soldiers in the Pacific campaign while winning the Medal of Honor in the process. The battle scenes are probably the most harrowing but realistic that I have ever seen in a movie.

• And as forewarned

when I reviewed it, “In-dignation” is my choice for best film of the year. A wonderful drama that I could relate to in many ways, it told the story of a young man in the ’50s who just doesn’t fit in. And the young woman who helps see that that continues.

Looking forward to 2017, I am looking forward to “Granite Mountain,” “Dunkirk,” “Soldado” and anything starring Tilda Swinton as long as she is not a fantasy character.

And not to forget the worst movie of the year, actually, one of the worst I’ve ever seen, “The Last Film Festival,” even though it starred the late Dennis Hopper and Jacqueline Bisset. It made \$70 in box office sales on its opening weekend last fall.

I hope to sit in the dark a lot this coming year.

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**Sing**  


**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** A koala named Buster Moon has one final chance to restore his theater to its former glory by producing the world's greatest singing competition.  
**Starring:** Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane

**Passengers**  

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A spacecraft traveling to a distant colony planet and transporting thousands of people has a malfunction in its sleep chambers. As a result, two passengers are awakened 90 years early.  
**Starring:** Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt

**Storks**  

**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** Storks have moved on from delivering babies to packages. But when an order for a baby appears, the best delivery stork must scramble to fix the error by delivering the baby.  
**Starring:** Eddie Redmayne, Alison Sudol

**Fences**  

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** An African-American father struggles with race relations in the United States while trying to raise his family in the 1950s and coming to terms with the events of his life.  
**Starring:** Denzel Washington, Viola Davis

**Manchester by the Sea**  

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** An uncle is forced to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy's father dies.  
**Starring:** Casey Affleck, Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler

**Moana**  


**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** A young woman uses her navigational talents to set sail for a fabled island. Joining her on the adventure is her hero, the legendary demi-god Maui.  
**Starring:** Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House

**Hacksaw Ridge**  

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss becomes the first man in American history to win the Medal of Honor without firing a shot.  
**Starring:** Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey

**Why Him?**  

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A holiday gathering threatens to go off the rails when Ned Fleming realizes that his daughter's Silicon Valley billionaire boyfriend boyfriend is about to pop the question.  
**Starring:** Zoey Deutch, James Franco,


**Assassin's Creed**  

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** When Callum Lynch explores the memories of his ancestor Aguilar and gains the skills of a Master Assassin, he discovers he is a descendant of the secret Assassins society.  
**Starring:** Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard, Jeremy Irons

**Office Christmas Party**  

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** When his uptight CEO sister threatens to shut down his branch, the branch manager throws an epic Christmas party in order to land a big client and save the day, but the party gets way out of hand.  
**Starring:** Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn, T.J. Miller

**Collateral Beauty**  

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Retreating from life after a tragedy, a man questions the universe by writing to Love, Time and Death. Receiving unexpected answers, he begins to see how these things interlock and how even loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty.  
**Starring:** Will Smith, Kate Winslet

**Rogue One**  

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow.  
**Starring:** Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk

## AT THE MOVIES

Your guide to the latest films

**Coming to DVD on Jan. 3**

**Top grossing Dec. 23-25**

**Blair Witch**  
**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Thriller, horror  
**Directors:** Adam Wingard

**Middle School**  
**Rated:** PG  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Director:** Steve Carr

**Denial**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** History, drama  
**Director:** Mick Jackson

**The Monkey King 2**  
**Rated:** NA  
**Genre:** Action, adventure  
**Director:** Soi Cheang

- 1. Rogue One**  
(Week No. 2) \$64,377,000
- 2. Sing**  
(Week No. 1) \$35,290,000
- 3. Passengers**  
(Week No. 1) \$14,850,000
- 4. Why Him?**  
(Week No. 1) \$11,050,000
- 5. Assassin's Creed**  
(Week No. 1) \$10,280,000
- 6. Moana**  
(Week 5) \$7,402,000
- 7. Fences**  
(Week No. 5) \$6,688,000
- 8. La La Land**  
(Week No. 3) \$5,729,000
- 9. Office Christmas Party**  
(Week 3) \$5,115,000
- 10. Collateral Beauty**  
(Week No. 2) \$4,275,000

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"The Handmaiden" sets a British novel in 1930s South Korea.

# 'Handmaiden' starts well but goes downhill

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

It's not terribly difficult to figure out "The Handmaiden," a work by Korean director Chan-wook Park, a sometimes-darkly comic kinky thriller, as it changes from being a somewhat likable art-house type film into a taxing, disagreeable contrivance using sex to try and hold our interest.

It's certainly not in the first part which cleverly departs the first third of a novel by Sarah Water Finger-

smith to Japanese-controlled Korea in the early 20th century. A lot hangs on the performance of newcomer Kim Tae-ri, who stars as Sookee, a young Korean girl who is chosen from her penniless family to serve Lady Hideko (Kim Min-hee), a repressed, hysterical grandee who lives in extravagant Trump-like imprisonment, on a huge country estate owned by her sadistic and twisted uncle (Cho Jin-woong).

Sookee is not the ingénue she pretends to be, rather she has been hired by a scheming but very dapper playboy called The Count to help him seduce Lady Hideko, marry her, and then drive her mad, presumably for her money. This is all offered in flashback, the first of many in this odd picture.

The conspiracy has a certain seductiveness, which might remind fans of Alfred Hitchcock (not me!), of his film, "Rebecca." There is even a hostile housekeeper who gives Sookee a grand tour, and who, as we learn later, has a more complex role in the film than we would have first thought.

To be honest, I despise all of Park's previous films – most especially his idiotic revenge epic "Oldboy" (2003), which was the first film I completely trashed during my time with the Bulletin. He has also done the equally-as-horrid "Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance" a dark and greasy vampire film, "Thirst" and another dark horror-fest "Stoker" which I reminded myself not to see.

Costuming is grand, something I always admire and even though the story points to bodice ripping, it doesn't really happen as the subtlety of the relationship between The Lady and Sookee develops ever so slowly into a liberating and passionate affair.

For those adverse to such things, the latter part of the film includes a fair amount of sexual activity

and suggestion and one might be hard-pressed to figure out whether it is erotic, or director Park's secret sensual fantasy. Viewer beware.

The plot deviates from Finger-smith's book, I am told, not long into the film, as the movie takes more focus on The Lady rather than the mostly interesting Sookee.

Uncle Cho is supposedly a book-obsessed marketer, but he is actually a breathing, moving creep who sports an ink-stained tongue and ominous black gloves, and comes rather close to being a parody of one of Park's usual film villains.

If it's a winding, callous icy piece of duplicity and seduction you want, this is a film for you. Though as the plot sickens, the movie loses its glamor and motivation, although it is much better than the hideous Oldboy.

*Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002.*

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"The Handmaiden" opens Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fountain Theatre at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla to play 7:30 p.m. daily. Please note the theater will be closed on New Year's Eve.

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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### 'Moons' exhibit continues at Tombaugh Gallery

The exhibit, "Moons, Mandalas & Meditations" continues at the Tombaugh Gallery, with a second opening at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 6. The artist Corina's exhibit includes acrylic, gold leaf and India ink mandala paintings, full moon photographs and inspirational meditations.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The gallery will be closed until Jan. 3. The exhibit continues through Jan. 27. For details call the church at 575-522-7281

### Three new exhibits open

Three new exhibits have opened at the Branigan Cultural Center at 501 N. Main St.

The new exhibits are: "An Enduring Tradition: 20th Century Navajo Weaving"; "Howard Clinton Tibbitts: Historic Advertising Photography of the Southwest"; "In Service to Country: Military Equipment 1860 to Present".

All will be on display through Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. Admission is

free to the Branigan Cultural Center.  
Info: 575-541-2154.

### Gallery features Tugel, Hendrickson

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature local artists Arlene J. Tugel and Sylvia Hendrickson.

Tugel likes the pure, glowing color that can be achieved with watercolor, her preferred medium. Hendrickson works with gourds and her technique includes carving and wood burning, using dyes, inks, paints, beads, feathers and leather with a variety of other natural products. She also conducts classes on the subject. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. For information, call 575-522-2933 or visit the web site at [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

### Blue Gate shows Estelle's works

Donnie Estelle's art works are on display at the Blue Gate gallery. She is a self-taught artist Estelle's working surfaces usually have textures, often weathered wood.

Also featured at Blue Gate will be paintings by Flo Hosa Dougherty.

Both exhibits will continue through December by appointment, 575-523-2950 or [bluegateflodoc@aol.com](mailto:bluegateflodoc@aol.com).

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If you have an announcement you'd like to see in the calendar or galleries, please send to [brook@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:brook@lascrucesbulletin.com).

### Woodcut exhibit

Artist Nancy Frost Begin has an exhibit at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Her exhibit features woodcuts, architectural images, and the "Avian Fashion Show," where she has taken favorite persons in history, art, science, music and made wood cuts with birds.

Info: 575-541-0658.

### Linda Lundeen Gallery hosts Desrochers

Jeri Desrochers is joining the other artists at the Linda Lundeen Gallery at the Lundeen Inn of the Arts. Desrochers is known for her electric style and using vibrant shades and colorful splashes portraying the chili fields of the Mesilla Valley.

The gallery is located at Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Info: 575-526-3326.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Call to Artists: Monument Artist in Residence program

The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017.

The Artist in Residence program educates and promotes the appreciation, protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources on public lands. The residency provides an artist and public an opportunity to interact to better enhance the understanding of the public lands as well as the unique qualities an artist's eye can capture.

Entries for the 2017 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Feb. 28, 2017.

For more information, see program details and application materials at: [organmountains-desertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/](http://organmountains-desertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/) or contact Ben Gabriel at 575-323-1423 or email [info@organmtfriends.org](mailto:info@organmtfriends.org).

### NM Vintage Wines offers music

NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla presents: Friday, Dec. 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. Coolside Collective, An eclectic jazz collective featuring three musicians.

### Free spirit dance offered

Spirit Dance - Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary. Takes place from 2-3 p.m., every Wednesday at the Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces at 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

### Barbershop quartet to sing at library meeting

The Friends of the Branigan Library will hold its Annual Meeting at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Good Samaritan Auditorium. The agenda will include year-end reports, review of by-laws and nomination and election of officers for the organization for 2017. The evening will also feature refreshments and musical entertainment. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Special entertainment for the event is the Cactus Chords barbershop quartet. The popular group performed for the first annual Real Men Sing Concert sponsored by the New Mexico State University Music Department and was named the 2016 gold medalist in the New Mexico Senior Olympics competition in the 65+ class, making them eligible for the national competition in Birmingham, Alabama, in June 2017.

The Friends organization looks forward to providing new opportunities and services as the Branigan Library moves through the 21st century. The Friends consist of more than 200 members, including individuals, families and businesses. For more information about becoming a Branigan Library Friend or giving to the library, visit the website, [libraryfriendslc.org](http://libraryfriendslc.org).

### Art classes offered

The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive:

- Beginning Drawing and Painting: Tuesdays 1-3:30 p.m.
  - Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting: Thursdays 1-3:30 p.m.
- High School Students are welcome in either class.

Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin anytime.

In addition, home school art classes offered for students be-

tween ages of 7 and 12, who may enroll in classes repeated every Wednesday from noon to 12:50 p.m. Price is \$25 for four classes. Instructor is Wayne Carl Huber,

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# WORSHIP SERVICES

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Unity of Las Cruces Burning Bowl service

Burning Bowl service will be, 4 p.m., Sat., Dec. 31 at 125 Wyatt Drive. Release the past and invite joy and happiness in the New Year. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 – No service. Info: [www.unityoflascruces.org](http://www.unityoflascruces.org)

### Temple Beth-El celebrates Hannukah

The community is welcome at Temple Beth-El to celebrate Hanukkah beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30 at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. At 6:15 p.m. a service for Sabbath of Hanukkah will include lighting Hanukkah candles (bring a menorah to light) and special music. Following the service, "dreidels and dessert" include Hanukkah delicacies and games. Info: 575-524-3380.

### 'Power of Decision' at MVCSL

Mesilla Valley Center for Spiritual Living hosts an eight-week series of classes entitled "The Power of Decision" with Dr. Carol Carnes Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 3 at 1740 B. Calle de Mercado, Bulletin Plaza. Learn how to think from cause to effect. Info on times and tuition: 575-524-5906 or [www.mvcsll.org](http://www.mvcsll.org).

## ONGOING

### Bible school and more at Agape Christian

Events at Agape begin at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 1400 6th St. The New Agape Christian Church in partnership with the Dream Center offers Sunday Bible School for all ages for those who work Sunday morning, or those

who like to sleep late on Sunday and for folks whose church no longer offers Bible School. Bible school is followed at 5:45 p.m. with Secret Church and Children's church. The adult study is a Biblical, historical, scientific, theological study. Communion served to all believers. Info: Herb Pinney 575-650-3915.

### Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod

At 10 a.m. Sundays at 2541 El Paseo Road is worship and fellowship, Sunday school and Bible class. Info: 575-649-5458.

### Course in Miracles at Tesoro Integrative Health Center

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at 1605 S. Main St. is a complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. A \$5 donation is suggested. Info: 575-541-5660.

### Holy Family America National Catholic events

At 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at 702 Parker Road is Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer in the St. Francis Chapel. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Evening prayer with mass; 6 p.m. Thursday Community meeting followed by dinner. Open to all. Info: 575-644-5025.

### Men's prayer meeting at Heart of the World

Heart of the World announces a 7 a.m. Saturday morning prayer meeting at 1605 S. Valley Dr. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Info: 575-523-1113.

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## Pope Francis visits Juárez, Mexico

Catholics in Las Cruces took advantage of a short 50-minute drive to spend time in the presence of Pope Francis on February 17. Homeowners in Las Cruces rented rooms in their homes to accommodate visitors for the celebration.



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## Sunday Experience starts at MVCSL

The Mesilla Valley Center for Spiritual Living (MVCSL) held its first Sunday Experience on Oct. 9 at The Mesilla Community Center. Rev. Carol Carnes, spiritual director of the center, spoke and guided attendees in meditation, based on the concepts of New Thought.

"New Thought shows us how to forgive and release the past moving our self-identity from victim of circumstances to master of our own destiny," Carnes said. Carnes is one of the Bulletin's new columnists and contributes "Ask the Opti-Mystic" and "Living Consciously."

## Phillips Chapel restored

With the help of Las Cruces community members who contributed time, money and materials, the restoration of Phillips Chapel CME Church, the oldest African American house of worship still in use in New Mexico, was completed on July 9. The chapel, at 638 North Tornillo St., on the corner of Lucero Ave., is listed on the National Register

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Crimson Mass

New Mexico State University Catholic Campus Ministry at St. Albert the Great Newman Center on Sept. 11 hosted the first-ever Crimson Mass. Similar to a Blue Mass which recognizes police, fire and emergency services personnel, the Crimson Mass recognized and blessed all NMSU and DACC faculty and staff, and is expected to become an annual event.



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## Hakes called as stake president of area LDS

At a special conference on June 12, a new stake presidency was called and sustained by the local members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Kim Hakes was called as stake president, with Robert Curnutt and David Knapp called as counselors. They replace former Stake President Jay Robb, and Mike Wallace, former counselor. Members of the stake presidency typically



HAKES

13 congregations of various sizes divided by geographic boundaries.

serve for 8-10 years and receive no pay. The Las Cruces stake encompasses an area that includes Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Hatch, Truth or Consequences and Cloudcroft and consists of

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## The pope visits Las Cruces, in a way

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

Las Cruces Bulletin

In July 1990, David Bawden and five others—Bawden's parents among them—followers of the true Catholic faith, gathered together in a general store in Delia, Kansas, to elect a new pope.

After the paper-slip tallies were counted, Bawden was chosen and he became Pope Michael. He came to Las Cruces during the summer of 2016.

Historically, Bawden points out that a vacancy was left by Pope Pius XII's death in 1958, followed



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BILLY HUNTSMAN

then by the Church separating itself from the faith in the '60s.

The Catholic Church and the Catholic faith separated in 1962 under John XXIII's papacy.

Every pope since then has actually been an antipope, misleading the souls of his followers, Bawden said.

The true Catholic faith is that which he and a few others follow.

After 26 years, Michael said he's beginning to build some momentum.

Michael maintains a website, www.vaticaninexile.com, and social media presences.

"I have about 30 dedicated followers," Michael said. "But there's always been a large group waiting on the sidelines. I think they're waiting for something to happen."

## Blessing of the Wolves in Santa Fe

Las Cruces' Southwest Environmental Center brought together religious leaders of several denominations to bless two wolf hybrids as part of the blessing of the animals on the Feast Day of Saint Francis, Oct. 4 in Santa Fe. The ceremony took place on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi under the statue of the patron saint of animals and the environment. The two wolves, four-year-old Ghost and four-month-old Spirit, were provided by Colorado Wolf Adventures of Woodland Park, Colorado.



**Father Rob Yaksich of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe poses with Mexican gray wolves Spirit (left) and Ghost at the blessing of the wolves ceremony Oct. 4.**

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EVALYN BEMIS

## Women's healing retreat at Holy Cross

Restoring Balance, a women's healing retreat, explored ways to find healing through honoring all the images of the divine in life on Oct. 14, 15 and 16, at Holy Cross Retreat Center.

The open-faith retreat

was a combination of teaching, small-group discussion and learning through experience. Activities included an ice cream social, games and music.

The retreat was open to

all faiths, spiritual but not religious, or alternate faith understandings. Retreat leader was Rev. Elizabeth Lyman, MDiv, DMin, a spiritual director from Tucson who is an ordained Presbyterian minister.

## Enjoy the fireworks of the new year

**RING IN THE NEW YEAR BY ATTENDING THE CHILE DROP** on the new Plaza de Las Cruces. After the hugs and smooches, and the celebratory glass of bubbles, invite friends back to your place to unwind and to warm up.

Nothing's more comforting than a bowl of steaming hot soup served with warm tortillas drizzled with melted butter.

I share two soup favorites popular to Land of Enchanters: albondigas made distinct with fresh mint, and red posole underscored with a spicy, complex flavored base.

Before your head hits the pillow, savor one or two chile drops aka bourbon balls charged with pinches of cayenne pepper.

Enjoy the resultant fireworks. Have a safe and happy New Year!



**SUNNY CONLEY**  
Chile Knights

rots and string beans.

To prepare meatballs:

Mix rice into meat, adding fresh mint leaves and parsley, salt and pepper. Mix in raw egg. Form mixture into 1-inch meatballs.

To prepare soup:

Add meatballs to the simmering soup, one at a time. Cover and let simmer for ½ hour. Add peas about 5 minutes at the end of the ½ hour.

Add oregano and cayenne pepper. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste.

Note: If you enjoy mint, add more to the soup as it simmers. Garnish bowls of soup with dollops of sour cream and chopped fresh cilantro.

### Albondigas Soup (Mexican Meatball Soup) Serves 6-8

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 large garlic clove, minced  
3 quarts chicken or beef broth  
½ cup of tomato sauce  
½ pound green beans, strings, and ends removed, cut into 1 inch pieces  
2 large carrots, peeled and sliced  
1/3 cup of raw white rice  
1 pound ground beef (or substitute ground turkey)  
¼ cup of chopped fresh mint leaves  
¼ cup of chopped parsley  
1 raw egg  
1 ½ teaspoons salt  
¼ teaspoon black pepper  
¼- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 ½ cup of frozen or fresh peas  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped oregano  
Salt and pepper  
Garnish: Dollops of sour cream sprinkled with chopped fresh cilantro

To prepare soup base:

Heat oil in large (5-quart) heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Add onion and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook a minute more.

Add broth and tomato sauce. Bring to boil and reduce heat to simmer. Add car-

### Red Sauce Posole (Serves 6-8)

1 large head garlic  
12 cups water  
4 cups chicken broth  
4 pounds country-style pork ribs  
1 teaspoon dried oregano (preferably Mexican), crumbled  
2 ounces dried New Mexico red chiles  
1 ½ cups boiling-hot water  
¼ large white onion  
3 teaspoons salt  
2 (30-ounce) cans white hominy

#### SERVE POSOLE WITH BOWLS OF GARNISHES:

1 head of lettuce, finely shredded  
1 ½ cup onions, finely chopped  
1 ½ cup radishes, sliced thinly  
Ground chile piquín to taste  
Mexican oregano  
Tostados, crushed  
Limes cut into wedges  
Optional: avocado, chopped and sour cream

Peel garlic cloves and reserve 2 for chile sauce. Slice remaining garlic.

In a 7- to 8-quart heavy pot bring water and broth just to a boil with sliced garlic and pork. Skim foam from surface as necessary and add oregano. Gently simmer pork, uncovered, until tender, about

1 ½ hours.

While pork simmers, remove stems from chiles. In a bowl combine chiles with boiling-hot water. Soak chiles, turning them occasionally, for 30 minutes. Cut onion into large pieces and in a blender purée with chiles and soaking liquid, reserved garlic, and 2 teaspoons salt until smooth.

Transfer pork with tongs to a cutting board, reserving broth mixture. Shred pork, using 2 forks, and discard bones. Rinse and drain hominy. Return pork to broth mixture and add chile sauce, hominy, and remaining teaspoon salt. Simmer posole 30 minutes adding more salt to taste, if necessary. Posole may be made 2 days ahead and chilled, covered. ¡Buen provecho!

### Chile Drops (Yield: About 48 balls)

1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs

1 cup chopped pecans  
1 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar, separated  
2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa powder  
¼ cup bourbon  
1 ½ teaspoons light corn syrup  
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Combine wafer crumbs, finely chopped pecans, 1-cup confectioners' sugar, and cocoa.

Blend the bourbon, corn syrup, and cayenne pepper together.

Add the crumb mixture and mix well. Shape into 1-inch balls and roll in confectioners' sugar. Store in a tight container until serving time.

*Sunny Conley is an awarding-winning author and food columnist. "Life is better sprinkled and spiced with chile pepper!" Conley can be reached at chil-eknights575@gmail.com.*

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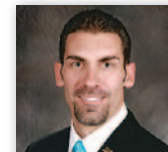
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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Las Cruces featured in 'Where to Retire' magazine

Las Cruces has been selected a top retirement destination by 'Where to Retire,' the only magazine in America geared toward helping people with retirement relocation decisions. Las Cruces was profiled in "Bicycling Bliss: 8 Pedal-Powered Cities" in the March/April 2016 issue.

'Where to Retire' magazine, launched in 1992 with the goal of helping its readers find the ideal place to retire, is published six times a year.

For a magazine subscription or to purchase a back issue, visit [WhereToRetire.com](http://WhereToRetire.com).



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## Home and Garden Show draws big crowds



"Bubba" does a safety demonstration at the Las Cruces Bulletin demonstration stage during the Home and Garden Show.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Hundreds of visitors were welcomed by more than 60 vendors at the 35th annual Las Cruces Home Builders Association Home and Garden Show, held Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Vendor offerings included solar energy, burglar alarms, remodeling, banks and credit unions, Habitat for Humanity, cabinetry, pool tables, Bundt cakes, blinds, pools,

spas, Realtors, lawn care, the New Mexico State University Doña Ana Cooperative Extension Services' master gardener program and much more.

More than a dozen speakers and demonstrations took place on the Las Cruces Bulletin-sponsored demonstration stage throughout the show on everything from gardening and safety training to raising chickens and crafting with kids.

## First Mesilla pecan festival begins

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Town of Mesilla hosted its first ever Pecan Festival Oct. 7 through 9 in Las Cruces and Mesilla.

The event, sponsored by the Town of Mesilla and Legacy Pecans, offered up an evening of

food and music and included a kids' zone.

Other events included the Run Like A Nut 5K race, a hot-air balloon send off (at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park), the Pecan Ball, a pecan pie competition, wine and beer tastings, a tractor and

car show, face painting, a dunking booth, a food-truck competition and the works of local and regional artists and craftsmen.

Food and alcohol vendors participated as well as live entertainment and a gala dance on the plaza.

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# FROM THE GROUND UP

[ BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK ]

BUILDING A  
NEW MEXICAN  
HOUSE, ONE  
STEP AT A TIME

FEB. 19

## From the ground up

Whatever your taste in houses, they all have one thing in common: construction starts from the ground and goes up.

The lot was chosen for its exceptional view of the Organ Mountains. Home designer Steve Calderazzo and Kolson resolved to keep as much of the natural terrain as possible on the 2.5-acre lot.

FEB. 26

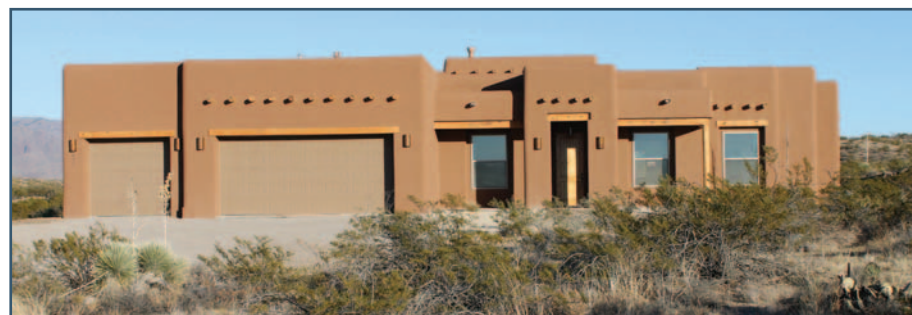
## Plans drawn

An artistic rendering of the home is ghosted onto the original photo of the lot. Rendering by Home Designer Steve Calderazzo.



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6915 Lazo del Norte is the address of the “From the Ground Up” home. This location was chosen for its spectacular views of the Organ Mountains.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

DEC. 16

## Almost done

Walls went up, tile went down, windows went in, showcasing an unbeatable view of the Organ Mountains. Softly curving interior walls in creamy eggshell give the home a fluidity like the desert surrounding it. When the sun hits them, the walls glow.

Crystal Lay at Steinborn Realty is listing the home in the low \$400,000s, and Kolson welcomes calls at 575-639-4031.



## JULY 29

### Inspections

This phase offers a peek into what goes behind the walls, which are still wooden frames, but now the “undergarments” of the house are in place: comfortable underwear (plumbing), a well-fitting brassiere (HVAC) and silky stockings (electrical), which is the culmination of work by three separate trade companies.

“Now we’re waiting on inspections,” Kolson said. “Lots of inspections.”

Kolson takes his wife, Sarah’s, opinion about some of the “softer” elements of the build, such as light fixtures, cabinets and appliances. As for color scheme, it will be from a “truly warm southwestern palette” inspired by the surrounding desert landscape, Sarah Kolson said.



The house in its “roughed-up” phase.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

## MARCH 25

### Paperwork

Thirty days into the project, Kolson is knee deep in paperwork: a copy of the original deed to ownership, the SWPP and grading and drainage plans, letters from Jornada Water and Johnny’s Septic and three identical sets of plans. Approval was expected within seven days, and, for Kolson’s house, came on March 10.

Kolson sent the plans out for bids from subcontractors to begin the dirt work. Gallardo Construction won the initial bid and, on March 14, broke ground with a bulldozer and leveled the area where the house will grow.

## APRIL 15

### A solid foundation

During the last week of March, 2016, the home site was prepared for the pouring of the foundation, which took about eight hours. The concrete cures for about two days.

Builder Daniel Kolson then started comparing estimates for building materials such as lumber, trusses, windows and doors.

## MAY 6

### If it looks like a house, and sounds like a house, it must be a house

With the frames of the walls in place, the house suddenly resembles a domicile.

And the sounds of construction give the site a lively feel; the sharp staccato of impact drivers, the popping exhalation of pneumatic nail guns, the piercing buzz of electric saws and, perhaps most important, the pervasive Mariachi music combine into a tune like none other.

“We’re finishing up the framing and there’s rough, exposed lumber visible and we’ll be putting in the windows and doors,” Kolson said.



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Builder Daniel Kolson used 2 X 6 boards to give the home a thick, southwestern feel.

## JUNE 6

### Flirting with completion

The house is blossoming. It has curves and soft angles. It shyly shows off panoramic views, and beckons visitors with unique extras. The house is starting to flirt.

“At this point, we are finished framing,” Kolson said. The house has walls, doors and windows. Even though the house is now, obviously, a house, it isn’t ready for inhabitants. The wooden bones of the wall frames need to be covered with drywall and “we’re working with the electricians, the plumbers and the HVAC installers,” Kolson said.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

The bones of the house leave much to the imagination.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

Capt. Luis Carlos Montalván and his service dog, Tuesday, were in El Paso for a talk and book signing on Feb. 5.

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## Wounded warrior who toured with service dog found dead

New York Times best-selling author Capt. Luis Carlos Montalván, a motivational speaker who discussed his experiences with his service dog, was found dead in a motel in El Paso on Dec. 5. He was 43. Montalván spoke on his tours of duty in the U.S. Army, and how his golden retriever, named Tuesday, helped him overcome his post-traumatic stress issues (PTSD).

Montalván received multiple decorations including two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor and the Combat Action

Badge. He also completed his master's of science from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

The purple-heart recipient and his golden retriever attended a book signing and meet-and-greet event at a fund-raising dinner event hosted by Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso on Feb. 5.

Montalván has two books focusing on his experience with his service dog, the New York Times-bestseller "Until Tuesday" and his children's book, "Tuesday Tucks Me In."

Tuesday is the recipient of the

2013-14 American Kennel Club's Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence – Service Dog. A donation page set up to memorialize Montalván by contributing to the nonprofit Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities, or ECAD, stated the dog Tuesday is alive and well.

"Tuesday is safe, happy, and will continue to be cared for by the ECAD family," it stated. "Luis's mission of advocacy and being an ECAD ambassador will continue through Tuesday." *Military.com contributed to this report.*



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The Animal Connection program brought dogs to the Round House in Santa Fe in February to lobby for laws to protect animals and provide some stress relief.

## Therapy dogs lower the stress level at the Legislature

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, Animal Protection Voters (APV) came to the New Mexico legislative session with three therapy dogs, to participate in The Animal Connection program. The dogs in the Roundhouse brought much-needed stress relief to those working in the Legislature during the 30-day session.

The Animal Connection program strives to create systemic change for the humane treatment of animals. When children are taught how to treat animals humanely, they also learn to treat people with compassion. They grow up into voters who care deeply for animals, people and the community.

## Chained-dog ordinance in full force in the county

As of Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, dogs throughout Doña Ana County were required to get relief from chains and tethers as a portion of the county's new animal-control ordinance took effect.

Following a nationwide trend to abolish or severely limit the amount of time dogs can legally be chained — as well as the conditions

under which limited chaining remains allowable — the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners has approved the following revisions, which Animal Control personnel in the field will enforce.

For more information about pet regulations in the country, visit [www.donaana-county.org/animal](http://www.donaana-county.org/animal).



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## A happy ending for two shelter dogs started down the yellow brick road

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Community Theatre, in conjunction with Tails from the Shelter, a rescue organization, made stars out of two unlikely actors: a poodle mix named Tori, and a terrier named Moto. Both dogs, who were saved from “death row” kill shelters in New Mexico, participated in a production of “The Wizard of Oz” in December and ultimately

were adopted through a cooperative campaign.

Kelly Barker of Tails from the Shelter, Susie Ouderkirk from the Bulletin and Janet Beatty-Payne, president of the Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT), came together to find two live dogs to play the role of Toto in the theatre’s December production of the Wizard of Oz. The dogs were put up for adoption to theater-goers during the three weeks

of the play.

“The idea was to bring awareness to the hundreds of wonderful dogs being put to sleep in kill shelters all over the country, and specifically around New Mexico,” said Ouderkirk.

“Kelly found two wonderful dogs from Artesia and Roswell who came to live with me for training and both became Toto in Janet’s fantastic holiday play.”

The dogs were an un-

conditional hit with audiences, and Tails from the Shelter identified a number of qualified applicants interested in giving one of the Totos a forever home.

After extensive vetting, Tori, a female black and white poodle mix was adopted by one of the applicants, and Moto, a male black and white terrier was adopted by the Garcia family, whose daughter, Clarivel, played Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz.



**Clarivel Garcia, who starred as Dorothy in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's December production of “The Wizard of Oz” poses with the rescued Totos, Moto (left) and Tori (right).**

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### Friskie

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### Junior

Junior came to the ASCMV as a stray back in September of 2015. This four-year-old black and white pitbull mix has a calm and peaceful personality suited to any home, and he promises a lifetime of love and friendship to his future family. He’s already fully vaccinated, neutered and ready to go to his forever home in time for the holidays!

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### Holiday hours

December 24th – Closing at 3pm  
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blankets and towels. Collars and leashes are also always needed. Donations can be dropped off during normal hours of operation or left at the door.

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

## Domenici Public Policy Conference tackled tough issues



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## Police relations, mental health care among conference topics

By AMANDA BRADFORD  
For the Bulletin

Some of the nation's most talked-about headlines fueled the discussions at the 2016 Domenici Public Policy Conference, including police-community relations

and the public trust; the state of mental health care and the criminal justice system; national security; and the coming presidential election.

Among the thought leaders and policymakers appearing at the event Sept.

14 and 15 at the Las Cruces Convention Center, were former U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, former U.S. Congressman and mental health advocate Patrick Kennedy, political strategist James Carville, author Kristen Soltis Anderson

and Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry.

The Domenici Institute for Public Policy at New Mexico State University, now in its ninth year as host of the conference, is named after New Mexico's longest-serving U.S. senator, Pete V.

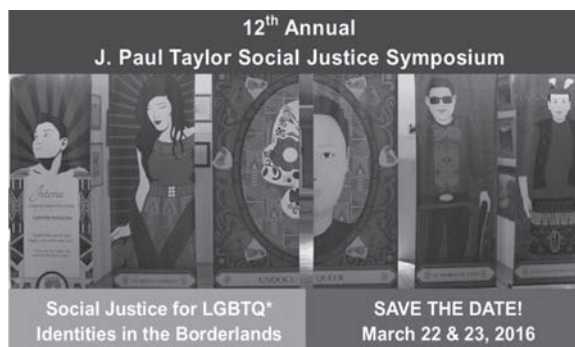
Domenici.

The institute was established at NMSU with the goal of continuing Domenici's legacy of service to the state of New Mexico and the nation by providing unique learning and policy research opportunities.

## J. Paul Taylor Symposium focused on LGBTQ rights

Social justice for LGBTQ identities in the Borderlands was the focus of New Mexico State University's 12th annual J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium beginning Saturday, March 19, followed by events on March 22-23.

This year's theme recognized that LGBTQ identities are made vulnerable through legislation and prejudice, explained symposium co-chairs Laura Anh Williams, director of NMSU's Women's Studies Program, and



NM STATE College of Arts & Sciences

Artist: Gabriela Hernandez  
Jotelia Undocumented

Catherine Jonet, assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies in the Women's Studies Program.

"LGBTQ popula-

tions still strive for civil rights, and these rights do not begin and end with marriage equality or military service," Williams said.



## Horseracing at Sunland Park halted due to virus

After halting horse racing and quarantining Sunland Park Racetrack and a number of nearby training facilities on Jan. 22, the New Mexico Racing Commission monitored an outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus making its way through the area. The Livestock Board and Racing Commission em-

phasized that EHV-1 is not contagious to humans, but spreads quickly through the equine population via direct contact, feed and water buckets, grooming equipment, tack, bridles and trailers.

There were 17 barns exposed to the virus that eventually were returned to non-exposed status.

One critical element that has facilitated the timely and effective handling of the Sunland Park virus outbreak is the proactive communication between track veterinarian Dr. Alexandra Eckhoff, who speaks both English and Spanish, and the track staff, employees and workers.

## Assisted-listening devices available at museums

### BULLETIN REPORT

Assisted-listening devices are now available at Las Cruces Museums for public programs thanks to donations from the Las Cruces Progress Club and Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. The addition of the Assisted Listening Devices makes the programs at the museums more accessible to the growing number of people in the community with hearing loss.

All City of Las Cruces museums now have assisted-listening devices available during public programming. These devices, either headphones or a neckloop that works with T-Coil-equipped hearing aids can be checked out from the front desk of the museum hosting a program.



COURTESY PHOTO

**All city of Las Cruces museums now have assisted listening devices in the form of headphones or neck loops.**

## OTC sunscreens downright unhealthy

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dr. Debra Bergstrom, dermatologist, wants everyone to know the truth about sunscreens, which involves getting educated about ingredients and making some tough lifestyle choices. Even faithful sunscreen users may be doing it wrong.

The typical, over-the-

counter sunscreens, regardless of the SPF number on the bottle, are ineffective at best, and harmful at worst.

"The sunblocks that are made of avobenzone, oxybenzone etc. are all gone in 30 min or less," Bergstrom said. "The SPF reading is based 30 ml (2 tablespoons) per nine-inch square surface every 90 minutes." Two table-

spoons is about what it takes to fill a shotglass.

"If anyone actually did this every day, they would incur a lot of estrogen hormone exposure and become allergic to the chemicals. There are actually studies that show decreases in male semen count with "proper" use of these chemical sunblocks," Bergstrom said.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Zika virus finds its way to New Mexico

The Zika virus made waves all around the world to the extent that law makers took steps to proactively protect citizens from possible infection. New Mexican Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich in April joined Senate Democrats in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran calling for immediate passage of President Obama's emergency supplemental funding request of \$1.9 billion for prevention and treatment of the Zika virus outbreak.

"We're encouraging health care providers around the state to know the signs and symptoms of Zika virus and give out correct information to their patients," said New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Retta Ward, MPH.

"Zika virus is a threat, but no one should panic," said Dr. Paul Ettes-

tad, a veterinarian with the New Mexico Department of Health.

"Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus are the scientific names of species of mosquitoes that can transmit Zika virus as well as other diseases such as chikungunya and dengue," said Ettestad. "Those mosquitos are found in our southern border counties: Doña Ana, Eddy and Chavez. To prevent the Zika infection, we have to stop local transmission of the virus. The key is to get rid of the mosquitos' breeding sites."

Dr. Kathryn A. Hanley of the Department of Biology at New Mexico State University, spearheaded a program to better study and map the territory of the Zika mosquitos. Hanley received funding for a year that will allow for the "Systematic collecting in the southern part of the state and along the Rio Grande so we will be able to say 'yes we have that mosquito' and where.

## Record amount of food collected to feed the hungry in Doña Ana County

As the state's largest hunger-relief organization, Roadrunner Food Bank distributes food to 440 partner service agencies to organizations like Casa de Peregrinos in Las Cruces. This network of hunger-relief organizations brings food to 70,000 hungry children, seniors, women and men every single week.

Lorenzo Alba, executive director at Casa de Peregrinos said 2016 was "a record year for us. Partnerships allow us to do more for our hungry neighbors in Doña Ana County. This was possible because of the generosity of our community, donors, volunteers and supporters," he said.

Roadrunner Food

Bank works with about 46 sites in Doña Ana County to distribute food including mobile food pantry locations, senior hunger sites, school partners, food pantries, shelters and group homes.

Casa de Peregrinos is Las Cruces and Doña Ana County's largest and longest running food pantry.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Aging Department offers seniors new web chat for information, services

The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department announced that consumers can ask questions regarding resources for caregiving, aging and people with disabilities at the click of a mouse on a web chat through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The ADRC is designed to help inform people about resources, help them understand their options and advocate on their behalf, which supports the agency's

mission to keep New Mexicans living as independently as possible for as long as possible. If the constituent's question is complex, the coordinator will offer to have a counselor from the ADRC give them a call.

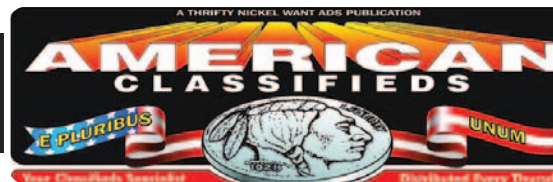
The web chat is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The web chat can be accessed on the ALTSD homepage at <http://www.nmag-ing.state.nm.us/>.



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Eugene Pettes won medals in discus, javelin, long jump, high jump and running races.

## Doña Ana County brings home Senior Olympic medals

### BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Senior Olympics were held in Roswell July 13 – 16 and 86 Las Cruces-area athletes brought home a wide variety of medals and awards in 27 different types of competition, ranging from track to dance. The competitions were held in five-year age groups from 50 to 100 years old.



Betty Burgess bested the competition on her way to a medal in the 1500-meter race walk.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Raptors take NMSU's Siakam in first round of NBA Draft

New Mexico State University men's basketball power forward Pascal Siakam secured his name in Aggie lore in June after being selected in the first round by the Toronto Raptors as the 27th pick overall in the 2016 NBA Draft.

Siakam (pronounced sy-ah'-kam) is just the third player in NM State history and the first in 46 years to be drafted in the first round since Sam Lacey (fifth overall) and Jimmy Collins (11th) in 1970. The Douala, Cameroon, native is also the first player drafted to the NBA since Randy Brown, who was the fourth pick in the second round of the 1991 NBA Draft.

The 6'9" forward had a breakout season in 2015-16, averaging 20.3 points and 11.6 rebounds and ended with Siakam earning AP All-America Honorable Mention. He also racked up Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year, NABC First-Team All-District VI, USBWA All-District VIII and Lou Henson All-America honors.

He led the nation with 27 double-doubles as a redshirt sophomore and finished in the top



Pascal Siakam

40 in several statistical categories, averaging 20.3 points (26th), 11.6 rebounds (eighth) and 2.4 blocks (32nd). Of the 22 players in 2015-16 that averaged a double-double, Siakam was the only player to score 20-plus points per game.

In just two seasons in Las Cruces, Siakam recorded 1,126 points – which ranks 21st in the

program's all-time scoring list. His two-year total in points is also the fourth-best in NM State history while his 658 career rebounds rank him 15th all-time.

Siakam finished 2016 averaging about 5.3 points per game and 3.5 rebounds per game for the Raptors through 30 games of the NBA season.

## NMSU women win WAC, head to NCAA Tourney

Another historic season came to an end in April for the New Mexico State women's basketball team, as the 15th-seeded Aggies fell to No. 2-seed Arizona State, 74-52, at Wells Fargo Arena in the first-round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Aggies' season ended with a 26-5 overall record, tying the 1987-88 team for the most wins in a season.

Coach Mark Trakh was named the Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for the second-straight year. Joining Trakh on an all-conference awards list are Sasha Weber, Moriah Mack and Brooke Salas.

The fifth-year head coach was picked by his peers after guiding NM State to a 13-1 mark in conference play. Trakh also led the Aggies to



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15-straight wins this season, tying the program record set back in the latter half of the 1987-88 season.

This was the second First-Team All-WAC honor for Weber, who wrapped up her senior

year averaging 12.1 points and 3.9 rebounds in the regular season. Mack flexed her muscle on the offensive end this season after headlining the all-defensive team last season, and earned First-Team All-WAC accolades this season on top of earning her second-straight all-defensive team honors. Salas averaged 9.1 points and 4.8 rebounds on the season while shooting 42 percent from the floor.

## Bulldawgs make it to championship game



The Las Cruces High School football team made it all the way to the Class 6A championship game, but fell to the Rio Rancho Rams, 39-17, on Saturday, Dec. 3. The Bulldawgs finished the season with an 11-2 record.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## NMSU wins second consecutive WAC Commissioner's Cup

For the second consecutive year, the NM State athletics department won the Western Athletic Conference annual Commissioner's Cup with 90.25 points, which tops the 2014-15 total of 89.25 points. The Commissioner's Cup is awarded to the WAC school that performs the best in each of the conference's 19 men's and women's sports. The Aggies have 15 teams that compete in the league.

"Winning the Western Athletic Conference commissioner's cup is an honor and reflects the hard work of all student-athletes, coaches and administrators," said Director of Athletics Mario Moccia. "One of our three core principles is competitive intensity, and winning this comprehensive athletic award is extremely rewarding. Congratulations to all involved and Aggie Nation should be proud of this accomplishment."

NM State completed the year with 10 WAC championships. Volleyball, women's basketball, men's basketball, men's tennis, women's tennis and softball each captured the regular season titles. In addition, volleyball, women's basketball, women's golf and men's tennis each won their respective conference tournaments to earn automatic berths in the NCAA postseason tournaments.



## LCPS wins appeal; Oñate gains back forfeited wins

Steven Sanchez, Las Cruces Public Schools Interim Superintendent, announced Monday, Oct. 17, that the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) Board of Directors modified an NMAA ruling based on an appeal by Las Cruces Public Schools on

behalf of Oñate High School, which reverses the previous forfeiture of four games by the Oñate Knights football team. Sanchez informed the team during a lunchtime gathering at Oñate.

The reversal restored Oñate's overall record to 5-2 at the

time and 3-0 in district play and gave back the program's historic victory against Mayfield High, the first since 1993.

The Knights qualified for the postseason and made it into the second round of the NMAA Class 6A Playoffs before losing.

## Oñate's Nuñez earns coaching honors

Oñate High School teacher and boys and girls head cross country and track and field coach, David Nuñez, was selected as a 2016 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Finalist for Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year.

The NHSACA encourages the recognition of outstanding athletic professionals in each state across the United States based on the organization's vision statement of promoting "professional growth, an attitude

of teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy lifestyles for athletes, coaches, and athletic directors."

Nuñez, who has been an AP government and United States history teacher as many years as he has coached, embarked on his 26th year with the Knights – a legacy that began in 1990 as an assistant coach, taking over the girls head cross country and track coach positions in 1994 and adding the boys head positions in 1998.

## Weir hired as NMSU Men's BB coach

New Mexico State University announced the hiring of NM State associate head coach Paul Weir as the 25th men's head basketball coach of the Aggies in April.

Weir, who has spent the last nine seasons on the NM State bench, had been the Aggies' associate head coach and defensive coordinator since July 2011 for his predecessor, Marvin Menzies, who earlier took the head coaching job at UNLV.

Weir helped coach the Aggies to five WAC Tournament Championships (2010, 2012-15) and five subsequent NCAA Tournament appearances. The Aggies collected three WAC championships during Weir's tenure, including back-to-back WAC regular season titles in

2015 and 2016 to go with their first WAC regular season title in 2008. Overall, NM State has claimed seven WAC titles during his nine years with the program.

Weir also directed the recruiting efforts for the Aggies. He was responsible for signing Daniel Mullings, the first WAC Player of the Year in school history and first AP All-American in 11 years at NM State in 2014. Mullings is the only player in school history to start on four-straight NCAA-Tournament teams. He also landed Sim Bhullar, two-time WAC Tournament MVP and the first Aggie in 24 years to play in the NBA. Bhullar was the first player of Indian descent in NBA history.

## Cruces teams snare titles

The Centennial High state baseball team brought home the Class 5A state baseball championship in 2016. The Centennial girls softball team also won a state title. After a move up to Class 6A in the fall, the Hawks' volleyball team captured the 2016 state championship.

Oñate was the 6A state softball champ in 2016.

In spring sports, the following titles were

earned:

C. Albersson/K. Albersson (Centennial) 5A state doubles tennis champs 2016

Jennifer Ramirez (Oñate) 6A 100-meter hurdles state champ 2016

Jennifer Ramirez (Oñate) 6A 300-meter hurdles state champ 2016

Dylan Udero (LCHS) 6A 132-lb. wrestling state champ 2016 (three-time champ)

## Golfers over-complicate golf; here's to keeping it simple, Herb Wimberly style

**HERB WIMBERLY IS A PGA TEACHING PROFESSIONAL.** He coached the New Mexico State University Aggie men's golf team for 31 years before turning the reins over in 1995 and soon after was inducted to the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame.

As a PGA professional golfer, competing mostly in the Sun Country PGA Section, Herb won more golf tournaments here in New Mexico and far west Texas than anyone could count. He used to go toe to toe with his friend Lee Trevino, sometimes winning, and has more true golf stories than you can imagine. In 1988, with the help of the then-NMSU Business School dean, Curtis Graham, he started the Professional Golf Management Program, which now is regarded nationally (among 20-plus programs) as the premier college training ground



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

for future PGA teachers and leaders. Herb Wimberly is the consummate golf professional's pro golfer.

He had also been my partner in Performance Golf Schools, which we started in 1999. I felt truly blessed to have linked up and been professionally associated with someone like Herb. Alas, accidents, surgeries, family requirements and aging finally caught up with us, and we concluded our last golf school in the Fall of 2012. This seasonal time of reflection and thanksgiving has given me pause to recall

and wonder at the skill and patience of this fine gentleman.

Let me share with you some of his wisdom.

The very first lesson that Herb teaches is that the golf swing is basically quite simple. That may sound crazy to some of you beginners with imperfect golf swings, but he does admit that it's really the game of golf that is complicated.

The game, which consists of many factors (e.g. long shots, chip shots, escapes from sand traps, putting, etc.), involves some awkward positions, bad lies, luck of both kinds, hazards, opponents, weather and variations in terrain of all sorts. He emphasizes that there is one basic swing, when you break it down to its essence, even though we use it with 14 different clubs.

The basic golf swing, when it is stripped to its bare roots, has only a few straightforward, simple

elements.

Bend slightly at the hips. Knees slightly bent. Grip the handle Vardon style. Hands forward of the clubhead. Feet shoulder-width apart. Alignment of body and eyes parallel to the target line. The swing is smooth, unrushed, and appointed with fine balance and rhythm.

That is Herb's tao of the golf move of body and club to the golf ball.

At one of our final golf schools we invited a 5-year-old boy, whom I had seen with his dad on the range a week earlier, to demonstrate how simple the golf swing really can be. This child, unfazed by 20 struggling adult golfers looking on, proceeded to smoothly belt out a couple of dozen golf balls

130 yards straight down the driving range.

Later that fall, as if to serve as the adult "poster child" for the swing just described, we had a middle-age business person, who had never before played golf, attended our weekend class at Sonoma Ranch. In two days, this woman was hitting shots that lofted high in the air and sailed 150 yards. She was able to quickly learn a proper grip, good posture, good timing and smooth wrist release by keeping an open mind and being attentive to expert coaching and feedback. These are the fundamentals of golf that Herb teaches.

For the more accomplished golfers Herb has some words of wisdom.

"Really good golf is often a matter of ordi-

nary people doing extraordinary things," he reflects. "When you play golf you're assured of mistakes, bad bounces and misfortune – and it's just called the 'rub of the green.'" But he observes that the golfer's mind is perhaps the key to success.

"Nobody's golf swing always holds up under pressure," Herb said, "but when you train it properly, it is the mind and the attitude that will surely hold up." He believes that we have little control over beating an opponent, but we do have the capability of winning the battle with ourselves. The mental secret, he advises, is to "calmly think of positive images and stay focused on only this shot."

How simple.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Ag football ends losing streak to Lobos; finishes with winning record at home

An Aggie nation of 17,852 celebrated Saturday night, Sept. 10 at Aggie Memorial Stadium when Tyler Rogers and company lined up on their 45-yard line in victory formation to give New Mexico State a 32-31 win against rival New Mexico.

The victory was the Aggies' first against the Lobos since 2011 and the first home win against UNM since 2010. The victory was one of three for NMSU at home for the 2016 season to give the Aggies a winning, 3-2 home record. The last time NM State had 3 or more wins at home during the season was back in 2007 when it was 4-3 in




Aggie Memorial Stadium.


In addition to UNM, the Aggies – who finished the year 3-9 – defeated Louisiana-Lafayette and Texas State at home.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Stephanie Chavez** is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She is on the Centennial High School POMS team and is team captain. In the four years on the POMS team, they have won numerous awards at competitions throughout New Mexico. Chavez is self-disciplined, respectful, responsible and kind. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. Outside of school and POM, Chavez enjoys working with young children and volunteered this past summer at Loma Heights Elementary School, working with four to nine-year-olds, teaching them to dance.



**Azriella Flores** is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She is captain of and base and main base position on the Centennial High School cheer team. The team won the state competition in 2016. Flores works well with others, is motivated and kind-hearted. She is a dedicated student with a 3.0 GPA and when out of the classroom and off the courts, Flores enjoys church, going to the gym and spending time with her family and friends.

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**A2 The Spottville Bugle**  
**Fortune Shines on  
Freckled Faces**

SPOTTVILLE, USA – The Spottville school board passed a new rule last night giving Spottville children with freckles more privileges than children without freckles.



Student Myron Fleming feels the new rule is "long overdue."

Freckled children will always sit at the front of the classroom and be first in line. They will get to use new pencils and the finest white paper. Children without freckles will have to sit at the back of the room or on the floor. Grocery bags will be used as paper for their assignments.

Many non-freckled children find the Freckle Rule unfair. "This rule stinks!" cried Alison Smythe, age 11. "I can't help it that I don't have freckles. Why can't I eat in the same cafeteria as my friends with freckles?"

Many children with freckles also disagree with the new Freckle Rule. "I plan to fight against this dumb idea," said Dottie Darling, a student at Spottville Elementary School. "Dr. Martin Luther King's message is that discrimination is always wrong, and this new rule is discrimination."

"Disgruntled nonsense," said school board president Spozz McDotter. "The rule is fair to the people that really matter most – people with freckles."

This story may seem a bit silly. Sadly, there is some truth to it. For many years, groups of people in the United States were treated differently just because of the way they looked.

**Dr. King's  
Dream of Equality**

Dr. Martin Luther King knew what it was like to be discriminated against. He had been called names and told he could not do all of things other people could do. It wasn't because of freckles that Dr. King had these problems. It was because his skin was black.

In the 1950s and 60s, many Americans, black and white, spoke out and even fought against unfair laws that discriminated against black people. Dr. King was one of the leaders of this struggle called the Civil Rights movement.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance of individual action and character.

**Could this be true?**

What if this news story were true? Are the schools in Spottville treating all children equally?

**Dottie Darling Disagrees**

Dottie and lots of kids from her school are speaking out against the Freckle Rule. Use the code to see what their signs say.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL!

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Spots or not, we all have a lot in common. Can you find at least 5 ways that each of my classmates and I are the same?

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Did Dottie and her friends get rid of the Freckle Rule? To find out, color the spaces with two dots RED and the squares with one dot BLUE.

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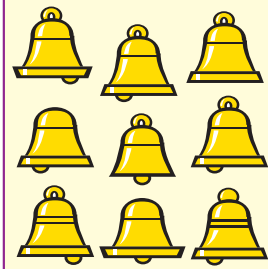
Standards Link: Follow simple directions.

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Spirit of Freedom**

Look through the newspaper for pictures and stories that show the freedoms Americans enjoy. Cut these out and make a poster called: "The Spirit of Freedom—The Spirit of America!"

Standards Link: History: Students understand the rights of citizenship.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**



**Let Freedom Ring**

After years of struggle, the Civil Rights Act made discrimination against the law. However, Dr. King knew it would take more than a law to change people's hearts and minds. He continued to teach people that discrimination was unfair.

Each year on his birthday, Americans remember this man who believed the dream of equality and freedom should ring true for all.

Find the two bells that are exactly the same.

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Follow written directions.

**Double Double Word Search**

- EQUALITY
- FORTUNE
- SIGNS
- FREEDOM
- MARTIN
- LUTHER
- KING
- DREAM
- TEACH
- STRUGGLE
- SPOTS
- SKIN
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- LAW

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Is the Dream Alive?**

Has Martin Luther King's dream come true? Look through the newspaper for examples that show the dream is alive. Do you see examples that show that his dream still isn't alive for all people?

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Students recognize the forms of diversity in their school and community and the benefits and challenges of a diverse population.

**Write On!**

**Leadership**

What are the qualities of a good leader? Who do you know that is a good leader? Why do you think of that person?

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE**

Make your celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day "a day on, not a day off." This year, thousands of people will do just that by volunteering.

**Missing Words**

Use the words in the word list to complete this news article.

**100 Hours of Service**

Longmont, Colo. – Julie Kraus, a \_\_\_\_\_ at Longmont High

School, is working to \_\_\_\_\_ a few of her own volunteer hours into 10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ of community service.

Kraus \_\_\_\_\_ a club with 100 students at her school who each \_\_\_\_\_ to volunteer 100 hours by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the school year. When 100 students volunteer 100 hours, that \_\_\_\_\_ 10,000 hours of community \_\_\_\_\_.

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| STUDENT | FORMED  |

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the importance of volunteering as a characteristic of American society.

**Kid Scoop-doku**

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word DONATE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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