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Hall of fame college basketball coach Lou Henson meets on the court of the Pan American Center with Pistol Pete and members of the New Mexico State University cheerleading squad Saturday, Jan. 30 during the NMSU men's basketball game against UT Rio Grande Valley. Henson, who also coached at Las Cruces High, has more wins than any other coach in NMSU history. He enjoyed a 92-68 Aggie victory.

Hoping for safety

Thousands of children cross border to escape gang violence

By Elva K. Österreich
Las Cruces Bulletin

They come in a variety of ways. They walk, climb on the top of freight trains and take busses. Somehow more than 20,000 unaccompanied children, ages 17 and under, have crossed the border from Mexico into the United States since Oct. 1, 2015. Some of those children are now finding themselves, via the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), at Alamogordo's Holloman Air Force Base.

Most of those children come from Central American countries, Honduras,

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School board responds to Skandera

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I'm not trying to overstep my authority in any way, but that has been misunderstood," Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education President Maria

Flores told about 200 people attending a Tuesday, Feb. 2 board meeting.

Flores was responding to a Jan. 26 letter sent to the board by New Mexico Public Education Department Secretary Hanna Skandera

that was critical of the board because of complaints "received by my office regarding the behavior of the board both individually and collectively."

"These complaints have included allegations of roll-

ing quorums and other open meeting violations, overstepping of the board's authority regarding the day-to-day operations of the district, and the unwillingness

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water sampling kit from 8:30 a.m.-noon, or 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The kit includes an instruction sheet explaining how to collect your sample and submit it for free testing.

The samples are shipped to a commercial laboratory in Albuquerque and tested for the presence of coliform, fluoride, arsenic and other contaminants.

Results are provided to property owners within three weeks.

The service is part of a research project conducted by the New Mexico Department of Health and the state Water Resources Research Institute at New Mexico State University.

For more information, contact the Doña Ana County Extension Office at (575) 525-6649.

DASO offering use-of-force class

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will offer a unique, one-day class on Feb. 20, 2016 to educate the public on the use of force in police work, and the split-second decisions law enforcement officers are trained to make in potentially deadly situations.

"Law Enforcement Use of Force: What the Community Needs to Know" will be hosted at the DASO main headquarters, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The class is free and open to the public. Due to the subject matter, the class is limited to the first 25 qualified people who apply.

"This class has been very popular with people in our community who want to educate themselves on how officers are trained, and how the federal judiciary views the use of force by law enforcement," said Major Brent Barlow, who will present the class along with Detective Lawrence Louick. "Everyone who has taken the class in the past has described it as a real eye-opener."

The class also includes a shoot/don't shoot simulated scenario for participants, along with detailed information on the various classes and curriculum that law enforcement officers are required to learn to earn and sustain their certification.

To apply, email Kelly Jameson at kellyj@donaanacounty.org or send a private message via the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Facebook page. For security purposes, applicants must provide their date of birth, a valid driver's license, email address and phone number.

Commission to remember Silva

The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and one of the items on the agenda is a proclamation in memory of the life, service and spirit of former District 2 Doña Ana County Commissioner Miguel G. Silva.

The proclamation has bipartisan sponsorship by District 2 Commissioner Dr. David J. Garcia, a Democrat, and District 3 Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson, a Republican.

The proclamation that will go before the Commission for consideration reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of the County's residents, and

WHEREAS, Miguel Silva was appointed to the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners by former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson in July of 2000 to fill the District 2 commission seat following the death of the incumbent, and he served through the rest of the year, narrowly losing his bid to retain the seat by popular election, and

WHEREAS, Miguel Silva's character became known and his service to his community deepened as he went on to handily win two consecutive elections to the Las Cruces City Council representing District 1, holding that seat through the end of 2015, and he garnered more than 35 percent of the 2015 popular vote in a three-person contest to be elected Mayor of the City of Las Cruces, and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as a city councilor, Miguel Silva also served with distinction on the boards of directors of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley and the South Central Solid Waste Authority, and



MIGUEL G. SILVA

WHEREAS, Miguel Silva was known for his infectious smile, his eclectic collection of hats and his penchant for wearing bright bow ties, and upon being asked how he was doing, Miguel's standard answer was always the same: "I'm blessed," he'd say, and

WHEREAS, For reasons no one but Miguel can ever truly understand, this gentle-hearted and good-humored man made the decision on Jan. 17, 2016, to end his own

life, sending a shockwave through the community that loved and respected his spirit, enthusiasm, service and style, and in the aftermath of his untimely death, we are reminded that each person has his or her own struggles and pain about which we may never know, and we are wise to emulate the way Miguel consistently lifted people up with his smile, his service and his optimism, despite whatever issues he was wrestling within, and in his name and memory, we ask all residents of Doña Ana County to reach out for help when they feel low for whatever reason, secure in the knowledge that help is available in our community for anyone who needs it and reaches out for it, and

WHEREAS, it is the distinct privilege of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners to bestow Proclamations, and all residents of Doña Ana County are represented by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, and, therefore, speak with a united voice through the actions and deeds of this Board,

NOW THEREFORE, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Feb. 16, 2016 – which would have been his 56th birthday – to be MIGUEL G. SILVA DAY throughout Doña Ana County, and all residents are encouraged to remember him by wearing a funny hat, a bow tie and/or a smile throughout the day in his memory.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

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Cancer can't conquer Paulson's legacy

Brandon Betancourt loves Ramen noodles.

Who doesn't, really?

In Betancourt's case, though, his fondness of Ramen indirectly ignited the flame of a much bigger, unextinguishable inferno of love that has touched hundreds of lives.

Betancourt was a standout athlete at Mayfield High School and earned a football scholarship to New Mexico State University. In addition to football, another constant in his life has been Lori Paulson.

Paulson, a longtime family friend, has been like a second mom or a watchful big sister to Betancourt.

During Betancourt's freshman year, the fall of 2011, Paulson visited his dorm room. She saw the stacks of Ramen noodles, the crackers and the other foodstuffs Betancourt and his roommate used to fill in the gaps on the weekends and between cafeteria visits.

Paulson invited them to join her, her husband Brandon Young and son Jeremiah (known as 'Miah) for a real dinner.

Betancourt, still a growing young man with the doubly large appetite of a teenager and a football player, was greatly appreciative. Soon, Paulson, a 2002 and 2004 NMSU grad, was inviting more Aggie footballers for dinner.

The other players were appreciative too. The legend of Lori quickly grew among the NMSU football family.

"At first she was the crazy lady having 20 players at her house for dinner," said Aggie wide receiver Josh Bowen. "There were three rules: You can't leave hungry; you can't leave without a plate; and you can't leave without a smile on your face."

If you've ever been around Lori Paulson for at least nine seconds, you know that last rule was unnecessary.

In February 2014, however, Paulson's life changed. Doctors diagnosed her with a rare form of pancreatic cancer. Tears now entered the picture, but the smiles only increased, both in quantity and quality. The bond between Paulson and Aggie football only strengthened.

Paulson began writing about her experiences and the accompanying emotional tidal waves in her blog "The Big C in LC," at www.thebigcinlc.wordpress.com. Let me warn you, though. Don't go to the site unless you're prepared for about five hours of laughing and crying out loud. It's so powerfully and frankly written, you'll want to binge-read.

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,"



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Lori Paulson visits with New Mexico State University Regent Kari Mitchell and Athletics Director Mario Moccia Thursday, Jan. 28, before a ceremony naming the Aggie football team meeting room in honor of Paulson, a tireless supporter and honorary team captain.

Martin said. "But it was just the opposite. She inspired us."

If you've ever heard Paulson talk about her cancer, with such humor, with such honesty, with such grit, you understand that inspiration.

Former Aggie center Valerian Ume-Ezeoke, who spent 2015 on the NFL Atlanta Falcons' roster, put it this way: "Just every so often, God allows us to cross paths with a truly exceptional person who changes the way we love, think, give and live our lives."

In a ceremony last week, the football program re-named its meeting room at the Aggie Hall of Legends for Paulson. And for the program to which she gave her heart and soul, Paulson and her family will also be giving money. Their gift of \$100,000 establishes the Lori J. Paulson Football Excellence Fund, to which you can also donate, by going to advancing.nmsu.edu/givenow.

"No amount of words can express what strength and courage is all about," Bowen said to Paulson at the

ceremony. "It's defined by the way you live your life. It's not defined by cancer."

NMSU athletic director Mario Moccia delivered an emotional speech about Paulson, honoring her spiritual contributions to the program and describing her legacy.

"There's a big lesson for me, for the community, you guys," Moccia said to the football players gathered in the room that now bears Paulson's name. "And that's be positive."

If she can be positive in the face of this, Moccia said, then we can certainly be positive about our chances, even if we're down by two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

How do you describe this unlikely and indescribable bond between a college football team and a once-in-a-lifetime person? Maybe it's best left to that once-in-a-lifetime person.

"There's always room for love," Paulson said. "It's a fast-paced world, but there's always room for love."

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Neat and tidy calving

This is the time of year when cow people don't get much sleep. If you boiled "raisin' cattle" down to its bare bones, the whole business revolves around gettin' a live calf on the ground.

Folks outside the wonderful world of calvin' season probably have some peculiar ideas about what happens. Maybe they think a heifer calves like chickens lay eggs – nice and clean, no muss, no fuss. Others

might picture a sterile operating room with attendants gathered around in masks and rubber gloves saying things like "Push!" and "Nurse, wipe my brow and clamp the cord!"

A neat, tidy procedure done in antiseptic surroundings, not unlike the manufacturing of venison sausage.

Neat is not the word I think of when assisting at a calving. But instead,

insulated coveralls come to mind. As well as mud boots, chapped hands, rope burns, slippery chains, wet knees, sweating at 10 degrees above zero and midnight. In fact, calving involves a whole lot more than simply inserting a coin, punching a button and watching a can of Diet Coke be born with a thunk!

There's that busi-

ness-like confidence that guides you when you check the heifer pen before turning in. You see one that's still trying. You can't leave her in that condition all night so you get'er up and slog her into the trap or calvin' shed. While you're gatherin' up the O.B. chains and pullin' off your jacket, a wave of nervous worry washes over you and settles into

your gut.

Anticipation builds as you reach in for your first feel around. Hope surges when you make the initial pull on the calf. If luck is on your side, an enormous sense of relief follows. If not, that sinkin' feelin' soaks in right down to your bones.

It's then that you do

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CORRECTION

A story in the Jan. 22 edition of the Bulletin should have reported that Las Cruces City Councilors Gill Sorg, Kasandra Gandara, Olga Pedroza and Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith voted to deny an appeal of a city Planning and Zoning Commission decision made last September that denied a special use permit application to Verizon Wireless/Tectonic Engineering to construct a cell tower at 4790 Stern Drive. Councillor Jack Eakman voted to overturn the denial and approve the request. Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Councillor Ceil Levatino did not attend the meeting.



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The five rights we need to use

We are living in angry times. Anger drives much of what we do. With the New Mexico Legislature in session there is more anger than normal. The political animals realize they only have a small amount of time to get what they want. So they spew anger to get their way.

It makes me think of what Aristotle observed: "Anybody can become angry. That is easy. But to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way... that is not within everybody's power and is not easy."

There are big things driving anger in this Legislature, like the impasse caused by driver's licenses. Some want a driver's license for those who are in our country legally and another license for those without legal status.

The anger has ratcheted up in the dialog so that thinking people want nothing to do with the debate since the flammers will scorch everyone who does not conform. That fight involves the political bases of both parties.

Another flash point for anger is the desire of political animals to have

**Michael
Swickard**
*In My
Opinion*



their way regardless of the rules and regardless of any promises made earlier. Example: When Spaceport America was first proposed, the idea was to get the construction paid by Doña Ana and Sierra County taxpayers. Those taxpayers stood to gain the most from an active and vibrant Spaceport.

And I supported the idea of a spaceport since, at the time many years ago, this was going to be the first one and the promises were rosy to say the least. Gov. Bill Richardson, who was putting together a presidential bid, was looking for high profile projects and this fit the bill, er, the Bill.

About the same time presidential candidate Bill Richardson unveiled the Richardson for President Rail Runner Express Transit system from Belen to Santa Fe which proclaimed Richardson's stature nationally that he understood mass transit.

The enabling legislation never mentioned a rail project; it was aimed at New Mexico highways.

That seemed a good idea and then the political animals dashed in and sprung the Rail Runner on New Mexico taxpayers without the taxpayers having any way to avoid the financial consequences which are huge.

What do the Rail Runner and Spaceport America have in common? Both started with a political push and both are now mired in controversy about their financing. The Rail Runner is a deep hole in the Earth into which New Mexico taxpayers must pour money.

I am not sure about the ultimate fate of Spaceport America. But the leaders of the project are doing things that anger New Mexico taxpayers, and that is not good. The Spaceport is clearly not going as we expected when it started and putting lipstick on the project with cheerful press releases has not helped.

State Sen. Lee Cotter (District 36) who represents Doña Ana County has Senate Bill 157 to stop Spaceport America from paying salaries and other expenses with tax dollars intended to pay off the facility debt.

Cotter has sponsored this bill previously. The proponents of hijacking

the dollars say they need the money. But they don't want to come to the Legislature for those funds because they are afraid the Legislature will say no.

Senator Cotter said, "Doña Ana and Sierra County taxpayers are hurt when their taxes are diverted and do not go towards paying down the debt faster."

Exactly. He points out that it is all borrowed money. If New Mexico had the money to begin with that would be one thing, but both Rail Runner and Spaceport are with borrowed money.

With the Rail Runner there is a day coming when many millions of dollars will be due. And it can only come from the taxpayers. We always need to do these projects with the five rights: the right people; to the right degree; at the right time; for the right purpose; and in the right way.

Hey, since the Iowa Caucus is now done, can New Mexico lose the ethanol mandate? Why give that money to the Iowa farmers and take it away from New Mexicans? Why indeed.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New Las Cruces Postmaster

As Las Cruces' new Postmaster, I would like to take an opportunity to introduce myself to you and your readers.

I've been with the Postal Service for almost 17 years now, and I am excited to have this chance to serve the residents of Las Cruces along with our team of 153 outstanding Las Cruces Post Office employees.

I joined the Postal Service in Aurora, Colorado, as a rural letter carrier in 1999, was promoted to a supervisory position there in 2006, and later that year was appointed as Alamogordo's Postmaster.

While Las Cruces is a bigger city, my focus and that for all our employees will be the same as always – to

provide excellent customer service and treat others as you'd want to be treated. That philosophy has worked well for me at each other stop of my career, and I'm sure it will here in Las Cruces, too.

I'd also like to take a moment to remind you that the Postal Service receives no tax dollars for its operations and continues to bind our nation together. In particular, we've seen huge recent growth in package volume – especially during the holiday season, when we delivered about 20 percent more packages than we did a year ago.

I thank the people of Las Cruces for welcoming me and I'm proud of our employees' role in this community. I look forward to meeting many of you as we strive to provide the service you expect and deserve.

— Wes Redmond

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The wind is cold on your back. Snowflakes melt on your cheek. In the presence of this miracle, you don't notice.

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COMING UP

Lunch and Learn First Friday series

At 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, Executive Director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Carrie Hamblen will present "How to Network-for Businesses and Nonprofits." All talks are free and open to the public on the first Friday of the month at the Branigan Library Roadrunner Room unless otherwise indicated. Call 541-1583 or agarcia@wesst.org.

Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter hosts family event

Nonprofit Hands & Voices New Mexico, that supports families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, is holding a family event 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 at Arrowhead Park Early College High School,

3600 Arrowhead Drive. Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting will be provided. Learn about: Hands & Voices New Mexico, the Guide By Your Side program, Growing up deaf with Ellie Gallegos Lee, and what local providers offer, including the NM Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. All ages, communication modalities and educational choices welcome. RVSP hvn.org or [facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm](https://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm), or call 505-553-4365.

Storydancer Terry Alvarez presents 'The Many Faces of Story'

From 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Desert Roots Gallery, 1001 S. Solano, storydancer Terry Alvarez performs a 'spoken word-song-movement' presentation as a part of For Love of Arts Month.

Book signing after the show. For information, email storydancerta@gmail.com.

Astronomical Society's Explore the Universe event Feb. 6

From 3:30 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Leasburg Dam State Park, explore the wonders of the Milky Way galaxy and the Universe with the State Park Observatory's 16-inch telescope and others provided by Society members. Astronomy quiz for prizes is 3:30 to 5 p.m. Dress warmly and bring a RED LIGHT flashlight. Weather permitting. Gate closes at 9 pm. Cost is free with appropriate park entrance or camping fees. Info: outreach@aslc-nm.org, president@aslc-nm.org or call the park at 524-4068.

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary holds adoption event

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Tractor Supply Company, 1440 E. Picacho Ave. four to six dogs will be available for adoption from Safe Haven. "We only bring dogs to the offsite events, as cats do not travel well," said SHAS volun-

teer Tricia Quillen. However, SHAS staff will have the shelter's adoption profile book at the event, which has pictures of all the dogs and cats available for adoption at the sanctuary. You can also find them at www.shas-pets.com.

Las Cruces Symphony fundraiser at NM Farm and Ranch Museum

Join music lovers for Lonnie's Mardi Gras Bash fundraiser for the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. "Jest for Fun" features cocktails, dinner, dancing, silent auction. \$45 per person. Tickets: 646-3709.

LC Association of Educational Retirees meet

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees meets at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the NMSU Golf Course restaurant ballroom, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Guest speaker: Celso Enciso, medical training captain with Doña Ana County Fire and Emer-

gency Services. Topic: "What happens when you call 911 and request an ambulance...how to help the EMTs." Cost is \$12.50 per person. Reservations or information: Barbara Weskot at 373-1045 or Linda Morgan at 522-0203.

Presentation about Dignity project at tent city set for Feb. 9

Matt Holt, a local attorney and law professor at NMSU, who is the visionary behind the Dignity project shower and bathroom facilities for the tent city, presents the project Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Stucky Auditorium, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. For information, visit www.mvcommunityofhope.org or call 524-8812.

Brown Bag Lecture at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum

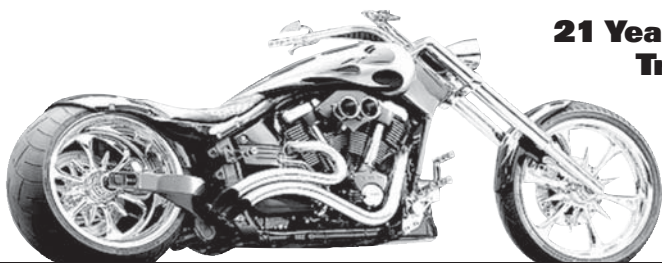
The Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., hosts a free Brown Bag Lecture at noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Join us Feb. 9 to learn about the history of steam. For information, visit: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 647-4480.

Jaguar talk at Southwest Environmental Center

The Southwest Environmental Center hosts a monthly Tuesday Talk Feb. 9 at 275 N. Main St. at 7 p.m. "Protecting Jaguars of the U.S./Mexico Borderlands" will be presented by Diana Hadley, president of the Northern Jaguar Project. Free and open to the public. For information, contact kali@wildmesquite.org or call 522-5552.

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Vietnam-era helicopter on display Saturday, Feb. 6

From noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 in the parking lot of the Walmart located at 3331 Rinconada Blvd. a Huey Helicopter used in the Vietnam War will be on display. Hats, shirts, posters and pins will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to the Vietnam War Memorial Monument. For more information, call Chaplain Lawrence at 621-1738.

Branigan Library free intro to computer/file management class

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library announces free computer literacy classes in the Computer Training Lab, second floor. Registration is not required, however, only the first five attendees are guaranteed a computer.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptops if space permits. Branigan Library is located at 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Introduction to Computers: File Management

Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., is a basic class where students learn how to manage files by saving, attaching and storing information. For information call 528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org. Anyone requiring accommodation for a disability to attend this event, please notify the library 48 hours in advance at 528-4005.

Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

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

Branigan Library knitting class

A beginning class for those who have never knitted; develop a solid foundation in 10 weeks. For men and women 18 and over. Class meets 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Thursdays from Feb. 11 to April 14. Supplies for the class are \$5. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Carmella Lee at 575-528-4024 or calee@las-cruces.org.

Thomas Branigan Library announces bookmark scavenger hunt

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

Children's story time and discounted shopping at Tutti Bambini

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

AARP/CAA free tax preparation

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

Doña Ana County Republican Party offices hours

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

Elite Business Builders Group meets on Wednesdays

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

or 520-730-4456.

American Gun Culture Club basic pistol class

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

NARFE Chapter 182 meets on Feb. 13

At 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 in the Esparanza room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association presents Shaunna Foster, who has worked for the City of Las Cruces for 15 years as a Recreation Leader Senior. She is the co-founder of the West End Art Depot, and runs art and hiking programs for kids. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45, and reservations are due Feb. 9 by calling Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Smith at 522-3033.

Republican Women meet

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley will meet at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Grand Buffet & Grill, located on Griggs St. (north of Walmart.) Speakers will be: candidates Ceil Levatino, NM Senate, and Craig Buckingham, Doña Ana County commissioner, District 5. Reservations not required. Visitors welcome. Information: 527-5574.

Community Education and Customized Training courses

CPR with Heartsaver First Aid. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, learn when CPR is needed, how to give CPR to an adult, child, and infant, and how to use an AED. A two-year certification from the American Heart Association will be awarded for the course. \$50.

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Man suspected of stealing, crashing pickup

A Las Cruces man is in jail following a bizarre crash in which it appears he attempted to steal a pickup with an 8-year-old in the backseat, fought with the truck's owner and crashed the vehicle into a building critically injuring the vehicle's owner.

Joseph Gaytan, Jr., 28, is charged with one count each of intentional child abuse, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, DWI causing great bodily harm and driving while license suspended.

Shortly before 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to the report of a vehicle that struck a building at 1505 La Fonda Dr. Officers arrived

to find a 43-year-old man pinned between the pickup and a house. Las Cruces firefighters attended to the victim who was airlifted in critical condition to University Medical Center of El Paso.



GAYTAN

The victim's condition stabilized overnight.

Detectives learned that the victim, who owns the 1998 GMC pickup, and another man were attaching the pickup to a trailer when Gaytan approached and entered the truck. The owner yelled at Gaytan who briefly exited the

pickup but then re-entered and tried to drive off with the owner's 8-year-old son in the backseat.

The 43-year-old owner of the pickup tried to pull Gaytan from the vehicle but was injured when the truck crashed into a light pole and then a nearby home. The 8-year-old boy escaped injury and the home was not occupied at the time of the crash.

Investigators believe Gaytan was intoxicated at the time and his driving privileges had previously been revoked by the State of New Mexico. It appears the owner of the vehicle and Gaytan were not acquainted with each other prior to the incident.

Woman accused of stealing roommate's ID arrested

The woman suspected of stealing her roommate's identification and tallying more than \$5,000 in purchases using credit cards she illegally obtained was arrested Monday, Feb. 1.

Nancy G. Melendez-Farfan, 23, is charged

with two counts of identity theft, two counts of fraudulently signing a credit or sales slip, and one count each of fraudulent use of an illegally obtained credit card, forgery and fraudulently taking or receiving a credit card.

Las Cruces Police learned that Melendez-Farfan was renting a room from a 56-year-old

woman in 2015. Investigators believe that on Nov. 7, Melendez-Farfan contacted Discover Card



MELENDEZ-FARFAN

under the guise of the 56-year-old roommate and applied for credit under the woman's name. Melendez-Farfan then added her name to

the fraudulent account and changed the billing address to her place of employment.

Investigators learned that from Nov. 13 through Dec. 2, Melendez-Farfan made 52 purchases totaling \$5,460 on the fraudulently-obtained Discover Card. The majority of those purchases were made in or from Las Cruces, but detectives also

discovered that Melendez-Farfan made additional purchases in Albuquerque, El Paso and Canutillo.

Investigators also discovered that Melendez-Farfan embezzled several hundred dollars from a now former employer, and subsequently used the Discover Card in an attempt to cover the stolen funds.

ATTENTION

THE NEW MEXICO PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING

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

IN THE NEWS

LCPD plans checkpoints, saturation patrols

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least two sobriety checkpoint and four saturation patrols during the month of February.

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

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

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

Anyone in need of a safe ride home on Fridays, Saturdays or holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. can take advantage of Project

Home, a program sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi. One or two people can receive a \$5 taxi ride home from anywhere within Doña Ana County. For up to four people the fee is \$10. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges. For Project Home taxi service call (575) 524-TAXI.

Spaceport America Drone Summit 2016 postponed

The date for the summit has been postponed due to the new FAA flight regulations for small drones. For more information, or to be contacted with updated information, sign-up at <http://spaceportdrone-summit.com/> to be notified when registration opens.

Rockstraw earns Fellow recognition

David A. Rockstraw, New Mexico State University's Chemical and

Materials Engineering Department Head, was selected as a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, which is the organization's highest level of membership.

An NMSU faculty member since 1995, Rockstraw holds three patents and is in high demand as an expert witness in litigations involving chemical engineering processes and phenomena.

NMSU online programs earn recognition

U.S. News & World Report released its annual ranking of the Best Online Education Programs offered by U.S. National Universities, and for the fourth consecutive year, New Mexico State University has placed in the top 200 of universities, with three NMSU online programs being recognized.

In 2016, NMSU ranks 75th in Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs, 166th in Best Online Graduate Education Programs and 183rd in Best Online Bachelor's Programs.

BOARD

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of the board to follow state law regarding the teacher evaluation system," Skandera wrote.

Student school board adviser Andre Gonzales, a senior at Centennial High School, called Skandera's letter "political grandstanding" that forces the school board to "talk about meeting minutes" instead of focusing on important education issues.

It's a "He said, she said" type of situation," Gonzales said. He said Skandera should come to Las Cruces to meet with students and parents "to discuss issues that really matter."

"We did the right thing," said board member Maury Castro. "We did what we were elected to do. I refute the allegations A to Z." Castro said he would welcome an investigation by New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas of the charges made by Skandera.

"The secretary of education got her facts wrong or completely misunderstood," Castro said. With "a simple phone call to our board president," Skandera could have "learned more about the situation," he said.

Board member Barbara Hall disagreed. The board, she said, is "not offering the kind of transparency and openness we need to offer." Hall said the board should "examine the Skandera letter carefully" and "see what we can do about it." Hall said some board members knew at

the time about issues raised in the letter, but she did not. "On so many occasions," Hall said, there were "discussions among two or three board members."

Board member Ed Frank said he fully understands the state's Open Meetings Act and has "painstakingly worked" to follow it. LCPS board members, he said, have "a tremendous amount" of experience and educational credentials. Skandera, he said, has no experience.

"So, is it surprising she got it all wrong in her scolding of the school board?" he asked.

Flores said she was "deeply troubled" by Skandera's letter. "I don't agree with its factual accuracy," she said. "I did the best I could."

The board unanimously approved a motion to direct the school board's attorney to prepare a letter of response to Skandera.

Earlier, the board voted to permanently table the "continued use of existing law firms to provide general legal services" to the school district. Flores, Castro, Frank, Hall and fellow board member Chuck Davis voted for the motion to table. Board members said they didn't need to vote on the matter since they voted in 2013 to have three firms in place with the district and a subsequent vote is, therefore, unnecessary. The school district's law firms are Cuddy & McCarthy, Modrall Sperling and Walsh Gallegos, all of Albuquerque.

The board then voted to

name Walsh Gallegos as the singular firm to handle all school board-related matters through June 30, 2016, which is when LCPS will issue a new request for proposal for legal services. Flores, Davis, Castro and Frank voted in favor of hiring Walsh Gallegos. Hall abstained.

One of the issues raised by Skandera in her letter was "the board president removing the district's long-time attorney and engaging a new attorney without the approval of the board."

The "long-time attorney" is Andy Sanchez of the Cuddy & McCarthy firm, which has served the school district for more than a decade. The "new attorney" is Elena Gallegos of Walsh Gallegos.

Hall said Sanchez had called her saying he had been fired by Flores.

"Mr. Sanchez misunderstood me," said Flores, who said she did not fire him in what Skandera called "a violation of the roles and responsibility of the superintendent as

chief executive officer of the district and an overstep of the board."

Flores also said it was "not my purpose to insult" Superintendent Stan Rounds by "asking the superintendent to leave an open meeting being held at a board retreat in order for the board to meet with principals," according to Skandera's letter.

"Minutes from the meeting quote the board president noting 'The board discussed the matter amongst themselves and decided the superintendent would not be part of the discussion.' The minutes do not reflect this discussion, indicating the discussion had been conducted outside of the meeting suggesting either a rolling quorum, a polling of the board, or an illegal meeting," according to the letter.

Flores said she didn't ask anyone to leave the retreat, which was held last school year. She said she only wanted principals to be able to speak freely about the superin-

tendent, since part of his evaluation by the board is related to his relationship with principals.

"I think we have an extremely good board, a great board" said NEA-Las Cruces Vice President Bruce Hartman during a public comment toward the end of the three-hour meeting. "This board really listens to the staff and the students. These are our elected officials and they are responsible to the stakeholders of our community. They've made a lot of hard decisions," he said.

LCPS parent Glenn Landers said he supports the school board. Skandera's charges, he said, are being made to stop the board from resolving "any problems facing the school district." Using "misinformation supplied by the su-

perintendent," Skandera "parachutes in and stops it dead," he said.

Las Cruces resident Dr. Earl Nissan said Las Cruces should demand a town hall meeting with Skandera. "She ought to be here as part of her duties to hold such a meeting," he said.

"One of Secretary Skandera's directives is for the Board to receive additional training on the Open Meetings Act," said Jo Galvan, LCPS chief communications officer. "As soon as we get direction from the school board, we'll assist in getting that training organized, possibly through the New Mexico School Boards' Association or through the board's attorney. It's imperative for any elected official to understand the intricacies of this law."

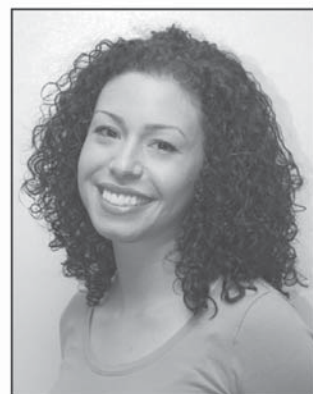
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Ash Wednesday ushers in Lenten season

If you see some of your fellow Las Crucesans walking around town Wednesday, Feb. 10 with a smudge of some sort on their foreheads, you might not want to spring into mom mode and dab a hankie with your tongue and try to wipe it off.

Because, if you look closely, there's a very good chance that smudge is not dirt. Even if you suspect the person was celebrating Fat Tuesday the night before and might have acquired said dirt in some bacchanal Mardi Gras face plant, first see if the "dirt" might actu-



Brook Stockberger

ally, quasi, sort of be in the shape of a cross.

Ah, yes. Then you'll remember. Ash Wednesday has arrived and a variety of Christians have started what

just might be the most important liturgical time of the church calendar.

Sure, many of you are already familiar, or somewhat familiar, with Lent. But still, let's take a quick look at this 40-day (not counting Sundays) time period that ends with Easter.

The ashes

As a life-long Lutheran, the feel of a pastor's finger on my forehead as he or she drew the cross and uttered the words, "Remember, dust you are and to dust you shall return," is a February tradition.

The ashes are created when palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. (Palm Sunday falls one week before Easter each year and is when people remember Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem.)

Ashes predate Christianity as a symbol of penance and are meant to be a solemn reminder that we are all mortal and remind us to be humble as we begin preparation to remember Christ's death and celebrate the resurrection.

Giving stuff up

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter, which this year is March 27.

Many, but not all, celebrants decide to give up something during Lent as a sacrifice. My past is littered with failed attempts at giving up fast food and chocolate.

Some people decide to fast at times throughout Lent and it is common for many to abstain from meat, especially on Fridays. Just check out the parking lot at Red Lobster the next six Friday nights!

Back in the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we'd often order large fish sandwiches either from a local Catholic Church that was putting on a fish fry, or from this great little hole-in-the-wall eatery/bar called Rainbow Inn. I'm salivating from the memory.

(Of course, ever since I was little, the idea of eating fish instead of "meat" never made any sense to me. Fish is still the flesh of an animal. But, oh well. It's all about personal sacrifice and the journey.)

In addition to, or instead of, giving something up, some folks dedicate themselves to a special project, or work to make a positive lifestyle change during Lent.

Who celebrates?

When I moved to southern New Mexico nearly two decades ago, I was surprised how many people I met who thought Lent was just a Roman Catholic thing.

Many Christians throughout the world celebrate Ash Wednesday and Lent, as they are very vital to preparation for Easter.

The Diocese of Las Cruces does a great job of ensuring worshippers throughout the area have ample opportunity to find a Mass or a service for the imposition of ashes. Many Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Orthodox, Methodist and other Christian denominations also conduct services on Ash Wednesday. If you are interested, you can check with your local place of worship to find out times of service.

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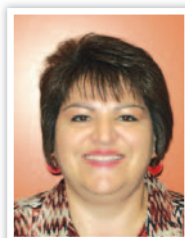
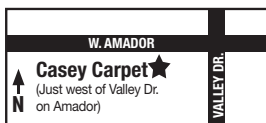
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CHILDREN

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El Salvador and Guatemala where fear of gangs drives families and children to take desperate measures.

“It’s an arduous journey and not very safe,” said Megan McKenna, communications director for Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), a national advocacy organization. “It can happen in a variety of ways. Often the children are targeted by gangs. In many cases the family will say, ‘You’ve got to go, we can’t protect you.’”

But children sometimes go on their own too, McKenna said.

“We have heard time and time again from the kids we work with that it’s the only choice they had,” she said. “It’s incredibly dangerous. Some parents are forced to put their children in the hands of smugglers because they are safer to risk that journey than to be raped or killed by gangs. It’s a very difficult choice.”

Most of the children, she said, are apprehended by the Department of Homeland Security at the border or very close to it. They are seeking protection in the U.S. – not trying to hide.

McKenna said there is no straightforward route across Mexico for the children and it is hard to know what happens to them on the way. She said KIND regards the issue as not one of law enforcement but rather a child-protection issue.

“We need to send the message we need to protect these children,” she said. “It’s our responsibility to protect them.”

At Holloman, HHS is making an effort to do just that, although the children being housed at HAFB are just some of those who have identified



COURTESY PHOTO

Refugee children from Central American countries like Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala enjoys some recreation at their temporary shelter in Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo.

relatives or sponsors in the United States and who are waiting to be placed with those individuals.

“The (HHS) shelters are overflowing with children,” said Michael Espiritu, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce director and point of contact for the Holloman operation. “HHS partnered with DOD (Department of Defense) to find them a temporary shelter location. The goal is to give the kids a bed and reunite them with family members ASAP.”

Currently there are about 250 children at Holloman, averaging stays of 32 days,” he said.

“They are moving through the process with case workers to identify friends and families to be reunited with,” Espiritu said. “They have hired a whole host of people for different types of jobs, doctors, nurses, counsel-

ors, behavior science folks, etc. So this shelter has hired several hundred people from the region. And there are still positions open.”

Comprehensive Health Services is the organization contracted by HHS to manage the employment opportunities at the facility, Espiritu said. Holloman is just the landlord, HHS is the managing agency and has its own contractors.

The shelter is planning for a 700-800 child capacity and chsmmedical.com is the lead staffing agency, he said.

“We have received hundreds of calls from people volunteering to help and offering donations,” Espiritu said. “All the offers are appreciated but there is no need for all those things. HHS is taking care of it. I think the kids are very well taken of.”

Toby Merkt, HHS spokesman said in 2014, HHS got referrals of 58,000 of these children who crossed the border without parent or legal guardian. In 2015 there were 34,000.

“So we have been watching the numbers very carefully and starting to see an uptick so we started enlarging facilities,” he said. “We run about 100 permanent facilities with 250 miles of borders to cover. We had 7,900 beds which increased to 8,400 in November. In the last few months we saw an increase in the number of kids coming in.”

The location at Holloman has been repurposed to accommodate the children and includes dorm rooms, with girls and

boys in separate locations, rest rooms, dining room, kitchen and a full medical clinic on-site, Merkt said.

Children arriving there have already been processed by DOD, where they are not supposed to stay for more than 72 hours and have already been to HHS shelters where they received medical screenings, ID badges and initial contact with sponsors. When they arrive at the HAFB facility they receive another medical screening and have access to medical practitioners including doctors, nurses and mental health clinicians with whom they have weekly appointments.

At the Holloman shel-

ter they have a ratio of one care worker for eight children during the day and one to 16 at night, Merkt said.

“All of our staff are bilingual,” he said. “We are preparing for up to 250 kids as we expand to a total of 700 – hiring more staff and making sure our ratios are good.”

The children, while they cannot be deported immediately because they are not from countries adjoining the United States, are still slated to face immigration hearings in front of immigration judges, but the system is currently so backlogged that process could take years. According to DOD press information, most of them eventually will be deported to their country of origin.



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Fans are invited to book signing, reading by international author

Fans of fiction and magical realism are invited to a book signing and reading by J.J. Wilson, writer-in-residence at Western New Mexico University, for his new novel, "Damnificados."

The event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. – with a reading at 3 p.m. – Saturday, Feb. 13 at Casa Camino Real Bookstore & Gallery, located at 314 S. Tornillo St. in Las Cruces.

"Damnificados" is loosely based on the real-life occupation of a half-completed skyscraper in Caracas, Venezuela, the Tower of David. Wilson's idea to write the book originated during a visit to Venezuela in 2013.

The word damnificado refers to those who are injured, damaged, hurt or afflicted but in its larger sense it refers to the

denizens of the book who live in a marginal world of need and challenge.

The Tower of David was erected in 1990 and abandoned in 1994 when the Venezuelan government ran short of funds to complete the project due to the country's banking crisis. More than 2,500 people moved into the structure until they were eventually relocated in phases

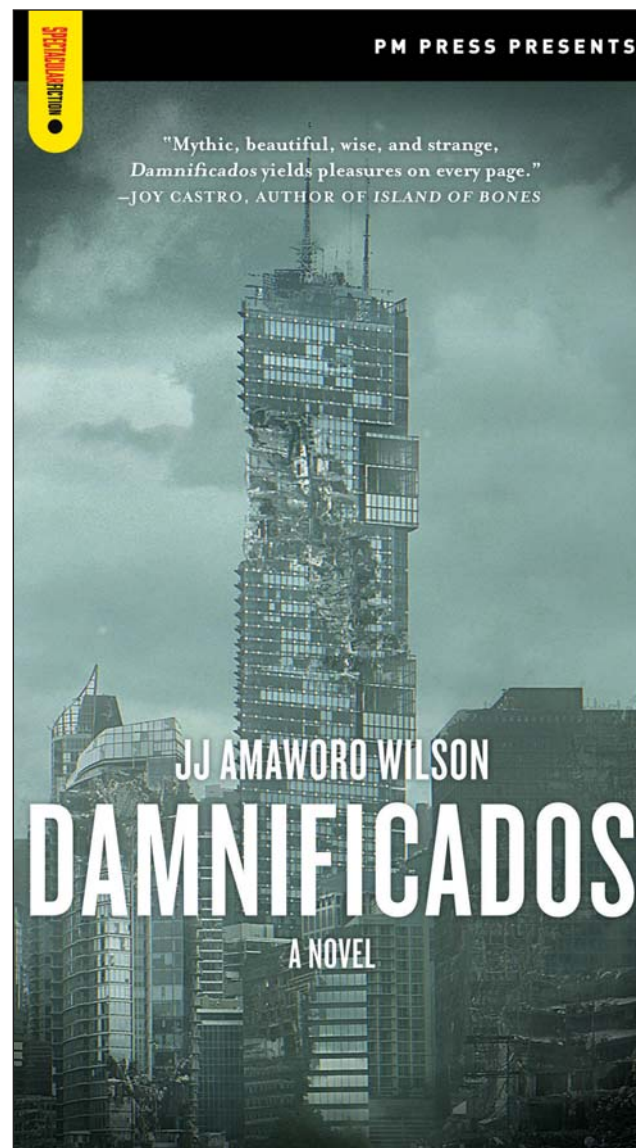
through July 2015.

In this fictional version, six hundred "damnificados" – vagabonds and misfits – take over an abandoned urban tower and set up a community complete with schools, stores, beauty salons, bakeries, and a ragtag defensive militia. And so begins an epic siege.

Their struggle for survival is detailed through magical realism including avenging wolves, biblical floods and multilingual ghosts.

Wilson, who was born in Germany, is half-Nigerian and half-British. He has lived in nine countries and visited more than 60. He is currently the writer-in-residence at Western New Mexico University. He blogs at jjawilson.wordpress.com.

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NMSU floriculture students lend beauty to campus

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you've attended a fundraising event or a ceremony honoring students or staff at New Mexico State University, the chances are pretty good the floral arrangements at the event were created by students in the NMSU Floral Program.

Students do weekly designs for class credit, and they create online portfolios they can submit "to any potential employer," said Sabine Green, who has been coordinator of the NMSU floriculture program since 2003. "It's all geared toward real-world situations" so students are "better prepared to go into the floral field," she said.

"Every single thing that they're doing if they're going into the industry is practical," Green said.

The floriculture program is part of the NMSU Plant and Environmental Sciences Department, which offers both bachelors and masters degrees in Ornamental Horticulture.

Green usually has 15 to 20 students in her beginning floriculture class and a dozen students in her advanced class, which includes a lot of individual one-on-one time with her.

They learn about the care and handling of cut flowers and plants, along with marketing, advertising and customer service, Green said. Students also work closely together on floral arrangements and terrariums; the design and creation of wearable flower art and headdresses; and the propagation and care of plants at the floral program's greenhouse.

And, floriculture students create table décor and stage decorations for events at NMSU and elsewhere, including awards ceremonies and employee



Students in the NMSU Floral Program construct weekly designs for class credit, and they create online portfolios and even participate in competitions.

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different playing field."

And, because Green received accreditation last summer as a certified floral designer from the American Institute of Floral Design (AIFD), her students will be able to compete for the first time ever in the AIFD symposium. The 2016 symposium will be held July 3 through 7 in Anaheim, California.

Green is one of only six nationally certified floral designers in New Mexico. There are about 12,000 internationally, she said.

In the national competition, students have four hours to complete five designs. They learn the design categories and the products they will use as they walk in the door for the competition, Green said. Students also attend

classes and workshops from 7 a.m. to midnight every day of the symposium.

"You've never seen so many people collaborating, creating, networking," she said.

As floral team members, students have to contribute at least 60 hours to the team every school year, work in the greenhouse (located in the Fabian Garcia Science Center, 113 W. University Ave.), participate in at least one fundraising event per year and help out with the team's weekly flower sales and other special events, Green said.

The floral program buys flowers and plants from four wholesalers in Albuquerque and El Paso, Green said. Their stock comes from all over the world. "We don't know if our flowers are coming from Bogotá, Columbia or if they're coming from Israel," she said.

Flower deliveries are made weekly to the floral program, located in Skeen Hall near the intersection of University Avenue and Espina Street. Because space is at a premium, flowers are stored in two small coolers, which helps students become experts at packing and hones their problem-solving skills, Green said.

Floral program students hold a flower sale from 9 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday from the end of January until May and from August until December in the lobby of the Gerald Thomas Hall, at the corner of Knox Street and College Avenue on the NMSU campus. Students take the program's floral inventory to the sale, customers pick the flowers they want and students do the floral design. Vases are provided, or customers can provide their own. Cash and checks are accepted. Proceeds from the sale help the floral team pay for travel and flowers used for floral-design and contest practice.

Any NMSU student can join the floral team, although enrollment in Horticulture 240 and 241 is recommended.

"The majority of the people in the industry are artists first and business professionals second," Green said in the UCom news release. "You must think outside of the box and have a general love for flowers."

For more information, contact Green at 646-3662 or swhitley@nmsu.edu. Visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/academics/clubs/floralteam/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Nmsu-FloralTeam>.

celebrations to fundraisers and homecoming events. The proceeds provide "a little profit" to help pay for travel for members of the NMSU Intercollegiate Floral Team, comprised mostly of floriculture students.

Travel opportunities include the Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo design competition every October, where beginning floriculture students "get their feet wet," Green said. "They get excited because they get a ribbon: 'Oh yeah, I really can design!'"

Up to 10 students on the

team also participate in regional competitions sponsored by the West Texas-New Mexico State Floral Association. At the 2015 competition, the team won a first-place and two second-place awards.

"It's important to note that the regional competition includes professionals," Green said in a September 2015 NMSU University Communications Department (UCom) news release. "Our students compete against other florists in the industry, not just collegiate competitors, so it presents a completely

NMSU celebrates Black History Month

By Kristie Garcia
For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University will celebrate Black History Month with 11 events on campus throughout the month of February.

Festus Addo-Yobo, director of Black Programs at NMSU, said that history, culture and identity are important reasons to host Black History Month events.

"African Americans have contributed greatly, not only to this nation, but to the world," Addo-Yobo said. "Having the faith to do good and bring people together and having a sense of belonging is very important.

"Unfortunately, our contributions

are sometimes rare in the annals of American history, so I think it's important for people of all cultures to know about our contributions, and above all, what our ancestors believed what we could become."

Addo-Yobo also expressed the importance of civil rights.

"Civil rights make us more aware of where we've been, where we are today and what can become of tomorrow," he said. "Seeking understanding for what has passed makes you aware of what you can contribute in the future."

The celebration begins Wednesday, Feb. 3, with a town-hall style discussion among NMSU faculty, students and staff about race, culture and identity in

contemporary America. The event will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Corbett Center Student Union auditorium.

Chris Love, president of the NMSU Black Students Association, took part in planning most of the activities scheduled for February. One addition this year is an interactive wax museum held in conjunction with a fashion show.

"The fashion show will feature children from the community of different backgrounds and cultures," Love said. "And during that event, faculty and students are going to dress up as historical African, Afro-Caribbean or African-American figures and leaders. Audience members will have the chance to engage each historical leader, who will tell a little bit about who they are and provide a little bit of a background of that figure."

The fashion show, interactive wax museum and social justice discussion were part of the Afro Heritage and Culture Celebration Thursday, Feb. 4, which was held in the Corbett Center auditorium.

Two events will be held Friday, Feb. 12. The Embracing Social Differences in Educational Practice workshop led by Prudence Carter begins at 9:30 a.m. in Room 50 of Milton Hall. A Valentine's Day dance – Ebony Soul Valentine's Night – will take place from 7-10 p.m. in the Corbett Center Aggie

Lounge.

The celebration continues Wednesday, Feb. 17, with a continuation of Embracing Social Differences in Educational Practice. This is a follow-up workshop and discussion with Mary Prentice and Monica Torres. The event is from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and will also take place in Room 50 of Milton Hall.

Attendees can unwind at Step for a Cause: Step Show and Comedy Night Friday, Feb. 19, in the Atkinson Recital Hall from 7 to 10 p.m. In its fifth year, this event features step teams from various fraternities and sororities, as well as a performance by All Def Digital Comedy.

Three events will be held Wednesday, Feb. 24. An in-depth discussion, titled Partial Visions, Multiple Perspectives: Views on Diversity from Around the Nation, will take place from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Held in Room 50 of Milton Hall, the discussion will focus on the implications of diversity at the institutional level.

The day will also feature an Afro-Cuban dance workshop and concert with world-renowned Cuban musical artist Danay Suarez. Suarez will perform and discuss the history of Afro-Cuban culture in terms of identity within the black and Latino communities at the workshop, which is 1 to 3 p.m. in the Corbett Center auditorium. A concert will follow from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Corbett Center ballrooms.

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State Film Office wants to build database of Las Cruces locations

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico Film Office (NMFO) Contract Locations Coordinator Don Gray wants help from Las Cruces residents to build his database of film and television locations into the largest in the country.

Gray said he needs good-quality photos of locations throughout Las Cruces and southern New Mexico to add to the state's database. He was in Las Cruces in January, along with NMFO Director Nick Maniatis and other NMFO staff and film industry professionals from Santa Fe to talk about film and television production in Las Cruces.

Gray said he has put nearly 300,000 miles on his Toyota Tacoma shooting photos of potential locations all over New Mexico. "I travel the state and I take photographs," he said.

When Gray and the others arrived in Las Cruces for the Jan. 8 meeting, Gray said the first thing he did was take a drive down Baylor Canyon Road to get new photos of the Organ Mountains with their frosting of snow, surrounded by clouds in the late-evening light.

"I've sold New Mexico on the virtue of one or two photographs of just the right location," Gray said. But, his database of Las Cruces location photographs is quite small. "Help me," Gray said to

the more than 50 people who attended the meeting, which was held at the Rio Grande Theatre.

Gray said he needs photos of homes, businesses and other properties and scenery that are unique and interesting. "Show us your seedy underbelly. Hollywood loves that sort of stuff," Gray said.

"I'm your salesman. If you give me models on the salesroom floor, I will sell it for you," he said.

And the photos don't have to be professional grade, Gray said. They need to be good quality so the property and its unique appeal are clear, and that can include photos taken with cell phones as well as digital cameras. He said including good contact information with all photos submitted is essential, along with details about the property in the photos.

Local location photos can be uploaded to the NMFO website: www.nmfilm.com. Click on "Public Interest" at the top center of the page, and then click on "List Your Property as a Film Location." The entire process is explained on that page, including what photos to take and how to download them to the website.

Filmmakers can look at the website to see more than 60,000 locations in the state. Or, they can contact Gray, who will send them a photo package of potential locations based on the script they



International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 480 agent Jon Hendry, with his dog, Bobby, speaks at the NMFO meeting, as NMFO Director Nick Maniatis looks on.

are shooting from or a list of locations they need.

Gray said NMFO already has the third largest database of location photos of any film office in the United States, behind only Texas and New York. His goal is to surpass both.

Location photos, he said, are "a powerful way to sell your community to the film industry. If they can find something special here, they will come."

Gray and Maniatis

also encouraged local businesses to add listings to the NMFO database. The website's directory of film industry support services has more than 100 pages of listings from across the state, but only 25 businesses in Las Cruces are listed, Gray said. "They need your business," he said.

"If (film and television productions) know you're good and you will take care of them, they will come back time and time and time again," Maniatis said.

The database provides information to filmmakers and television producers about the resources available in a community, including lodging, dining and all kinds of services that may be needed in the course of making a film or a TV show. There is no charge to list a business on the NMFO website.

You can also register on the website for free to work as a crew member on a film. But, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

(IATSE) Local 480 agent Jon Hendry said at the meeting that crew members need an OSHA card, which means they have "completed a class or course that meets OSHA standards for general safety associated with working on a film and multimedia project," according to New Mexico state statute.

"IATSE Local 480 represents professional film technicians working 'below-the-line' on TV and movie productions in the state of New Mexico," according to www.iatselocal480.com. "Since 1988, Local 480 has covered experienced film workers in over ninety crafts within twenty departments."

Las Cruces filmmaker Dan Williams, who attended the meeting, said anyone who wants to work on a film crew should join Local 480. Williams said he will be teaching filmmaking classes again in 2016 at DACC, and said guest speakers will include filmmakers "who work every day in the industry."

To register as a crew member or list support services on the NMFO website, click on "Public Interest" at the top of the NMFO home page; then, click on "Industry Directory."

NMFO also wants to help local filmmakers, he said. A \$100 local student film "gets exactly the same service" as a \$100 million Hollywood film, Maniatis said.

Fiscal Year 2015 was "the best year we've ever had" for filmmaking in New Mexico, Maniatis said. "It's not stopping. I think we're going to have another big year."

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Chile conference hosts record number of attendees

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

What's red and green and hot all over?

The 2016 New Mexico Chile Conference, of course. On Feb. 1 and 2, chile growers, producers and processors met at Hotel Encanto for all

things Capsicum annum, and conference sponsor, the Chile Pepper Institute, did not disappoint.

"We had a record turnout," said Senior Research Specialist from the NMSU Chile Breeding Program Danise

Coon. "We had lots and lots of growers. It was a nice mix of growers, producers, processors and attendees," she said.

The New Mexico Chile Conference is Coon's project, which she puts together for the purpose of looking into "agricultural

practices, mechanization and disease and pest control," that affect the New Mexico chile industry.

In addition, commercial booths and current NMSU research posters were on display.

"We have attendees from as far away as

Korea and Japan," Coon said. "And a lot from Mexico."

Adan Delval, a program specialist at the Chile Pepper Institute, manned the Institute's table and explained that the sweetheart of this year's conference is the Ghost Pepper, which is certified by the Guinness World Records as the world's hottest chile pepper.

He had on display a variety of ghost pepper-infused products, most of them for use in the kitchen, and was quick to describe the many interesting properties of the fiery fruit.

What may seem unusual to New Mexicans, however, is the fact that the Ghost Pepper (Bhut jolokia) is not native to our chile-abundant state, and, in fact, doesn't grow well here.

"It's grown in India," Delval said, pointing to

a rack of seed packets. "People send for seeds from all over."

Joining Delval at the Chile Pepper Institute table were Horticulture, Plant and Environmental Sciences graduate student Kimberly Rodriguez and Brandon Brabson, who will graduate in May as an Agricultural Extension Education major.

They were on hand to assist Coon at the conference, which explored topical subjects such as disease and pest management and the latest updates on mechanization of the industry.

"We just had a speaker talking about 'unmanned aerial systems,' Coon said, which most of us know as 'drones.' Guest speaker Jerry Miller discussed the many uses of the spider-like machines, which promise to make chile production more efficient.

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Showing off a variety of chile products are (left to right) Adan Delval, Kimberly Rodriguez and Brandon Brabson, who assisted at the New Mexico Chile Conference at Hotel Encanto Feb. 1 and 2. All three represented the Chile Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University, which sponsored the conference.

Why do super-hot peppers pack a powerful punch?

By Justin Bannister
For the Bulletin

Researchers at New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute have discovered that super-hot chile peppers, those with more than one million Scoville Heat Units, are built differently than other peppers. Unlike regular chile peppers, super-hot peppers make the most of the interior space they have available, which can lead to some serious heat.

"What we were interested in finding was why super-hot chile peppers are able to get that hot," said Paul Bosland, an NMSU Regents Professor and director of the uni-

versity's Chile Pepper Institute.

According to Bosland, it has been known that a chile pepper's heat comes from the chemical compound capsaicin, and that capsaicinoids are found in yellow-colored sacs called vesicles. In most chile peppers, the capsaicinoid vesicles are attached to the fruit's placenta, where the seeds are located.

With super-hot peppers, those sacs are also found on the fruit wall, and in larger quantities. This gives the pepper far more surface area to pack in capsaicinoid vesicles and to turn up the heat.



Peter Cooke, with the NMSU Core University Research Resources Laboratory, was able to make the capsaicinoid sacs fluoresce in both jalapeno peppers and Trinidad Moruga Scorpion peppers and then examined the fruit with universi-

Capsaicinoid vesicles are seen on the interior wall of a Trinidad Moruga Scorpion chile pepper.

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ty's electron microscope. "There, you could see that the jalapeno was only fluorescing on the placenta," Bosland said, "while the super-hots would fluoresce all over the wall. It's a very dra-

matic image to see. Right now, we're assuming this is a genetic mutation in super-hots because we've never seen this in wild chile peppers."

Bosland said this information can help plant breeders in selecting for new chile pepper varieties that could lead to chile peppers with double the heat of today's hottest.

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New Las Cruces theater group gives voice to veterans, homeless

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I like to show what homeless is, what homeless looks like," said Las Cruces Camp Hope tent city resident Stanley Smith, who is one of the

actors in Las Cruces' Veterans Theatre.

The group, which was formed about two years ago, performs scenes its members write on topics that are important to military veterans and

the community.

Some Veterans Theatre actors/writers are homeless, like Smith, who said he enjoys the opportunity to be on stage and show the audience that "all homeless are not drunks

and druggies. I'm a homeless person, but I'm up here," said Smith, who has been homeless since the age of 15.

Veterans Theatre was the brainchild of Dr. David Boje, a storyteller and distinguished professor in the New Mexico State University Business College.

Boje was leading a healing through storytelling class at an Oak Street apartment complex that serves as transitional housing for veterans in Las Cruces in 2014. When the class ended, Boje said, he and participating veterans asked, "What can we do now with storytelling?" And Veterans Theatre was born.

With a combination of veterans and Camp Hope residents as actors and writers, the group performs what Boje calls the "theatre of the oppressed, theatre for social and economic change."

"A lot of it is ad lib. A lot of it is improvised," Smith said.

"The stories come from those guys," said Boje, a



Members of the Las Cruces Veterans Theatre steering group are, left to right, James Sassak, actor; David Boje, Vietnam War veteran and storytelling officer; Traci Woolf, secretary; Ernest Ramsey, president; and Dother Sykes, sergeant-at-arms.

United States Army veteran who served in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 and is a member of American Legion Post 10 of Las Cruces and Vietnam Veterans of America.

The first scene the group ever performed was called "Dead Waiting for an Appointment with the VA," said United States Army veteran Ernest Ramey, who is president of the Veterans Theatre steering group. As the name implies, the scene catalogues the experiences of veterans with health issues waiting for service from the U.S. Veterans Administration.

"You have to make it funny enough so that people go, but serious enough to have a message," Boje said.

Another Veterans Theatre scene is called "Viva Las Vegas," detailing veterans' experiences at the state Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas, N.M. and with the mental health services provided by the state.

Boje said the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) estimate of 49,000 homeless veterans nationwide represents a serious undercount of the actual number of what he called "America's refugees." It

doesn't count thousands of the "hidden homeless," he said, who live in cars and sheds or are "couch surfers," staying temporarily with friends or family members.

"Homelessness is a big issue," he said, and so is mental health. "Everybody has a touch of mental illness," he said. "Every person in the world is touched by it."

Another scene tackles the synthetic drug spice. In researching the topic, Boje and other group members even made an undercover visit to a local smoke shop where spice was being illegally sold, Boje said.

Spice is "a chemical attack on society," said Camp Hope CEO and Veterans Theatre member James Sassak.

There's also a scene that eavesdrops on what Veterans Theatre members imagine goes on in the boardroom of a major pharmaceutical company.

"We're taking on social stereotypes," Sassak said.

For more information on Veterans Theatre, its upcoming performances and how to make a donation to the organization, contact Boje at 936-9578 or david@davidboje.com and visit <http://veterans-theater.com>.

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Voters overwhelmingly approve mill levy for schools

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

By a margin of more than three to one, voters approved the renewal of a two-mill levy that will generate \$6.2 million a year for the next six years for Las Cruces Public Schools including repairs, renovations and maintenance; along with the purchase of musical instruments, band and choir uniforms; school equipment; safety improvements at all school campuses, including alarms, cameras and security fencing; and technology.

It will provide capital improvements at LCPS schools and at La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School and New America School.

With the mill levy approved, LCPS will continue to qualify for matching funds from the state Public School Capital Outlay Council. The state match in 2015 was about \$1.3 million for school maintenance and renovation.

The final, unofficial vote was 2,097 in favor of renewing the mill levy and 676 against.

No bond or mill levy has ever been defeated since LCPS was created in 1954.

Election day was Tuesday, Feb. 2.

For more information, visit <http://lcps.k12.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Mill-Levy-Brochure.pdf>.

City Council lends support to bills

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to support two bills being considered by the New Mexico Legislature.

The council voiced its support for Senate Bill 113, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Act; and House Bill 106, which would create a statewide neurodegenerative disease registry.

SB 113, introduced by State Senate President Pro-Tem Mary Kay Papen, D-Doña Ana, would add a new section to the state Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code regarding assisted outpatient treatment.

HB 106, introduced by State Rep. Terry McMillan, R-Doña Ana, would appropriate \$150,000 for the creation and maintenance of the neurodegenerative disease registry.

Las Cruces resident Jon

Hamilton said establishing and maintaining a registry will make it easier to allocate resources for neurological disorders, and will provide the “tools for sophisticated research” into the treatment of these diseases and the search for their cures.

“Registries are the fuel upon which medical research is conducted,” said Councillor Jack Eakman, a retired hospital administrator.

Following a presentation by City Building and Development Services Department Administrator Robert Kyle, the council

also unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of and contract for Accela Land Management Software Services.

The council also approved these resolutions as part of its consent agenda:

- Allocating \$18,600 to

Wild Chile BMX, Inc. for operational expenses during the 2015 season;

- Accepting \$100,000 from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, with a 20 percent match from the city, to purchase and equip a new squad vehicle for the Las Cruces Fire Department.

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U.S. Rep. Pearce officially files to run for re-election

Bulletin report

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce announced Tuesday, Feb. 2 he has filed his petitions to run for re-election to Congress in New Mexico's Second Congressional District.



PEARCE

Pearce, a resident of Hobbs, was first elected to the seat in 2002 and served three terms before he gave up

the position to run for a seat in the U.S. Senate. He lost that race, but was re-elected to his seat in the House in 2010.

Pearce graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from New Mexico State University and an MBA from Eastern New Mexico University. During the Vietnam War, he served as a combat pilot, flying more than 518 hours of combat flight and 77 hours of combat support.



Alma d'arte Charter High School language arts teacher KC Cherkasky fills out a film extra form at the New Mexico Film Office's Jan. 8 meeting at the Rio Grande Theatre in downtown Las Cruces.

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their share," Maniatis said. "We love you (Las Cruces) just as much. We want to build you up just as much."

"There's a lot of talent down here," he said. "The problem is, you don't have a covered soundstage. If you don't have it, you're not going to get as much."

"You have the will and the drive to make it happen," he said. And, being so close to an international airport (El Paso) also gives Las Cruces a big advantage over much of the rest of the state, Maniatis said.

"We all agree: You deserve to get part of this," Hendry said.

"Help us bring awareness (to Las Cruces) through the film office," said NMFO State Outreach Coordinator Belle Allen. Allen said the NMFO website and social media can be used not only to bring filmmakers to southern New Mexico, but also to build attendance at the first ever Las Cruces International Film Festival, which will be held March 2 through 6. (Visit www.lciffest.com and www.facebook.com/LCiffest.)

State Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D- Doña Ana, who is president of the nonprofit Film Las Cruces (FLC), said FLC is working with NMFO and with New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College,



State Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana, speaks at the Jan. 8 New Mexico Film Office meeting in Las Cruces. At far left is NMFO Contract Locations Coordinator Don Gray. Next to him is NMFO Director Nick Maniatis.

Las Cruces Public Schools, the City of Las Cruces and local businesses to bring film and television producers to Las Cruces and southern New Mexico. "We're working hard to get Las Cruces some business," he said.

Steinborn said FLC has nearly \$300,000 in funding

from the City of Las Cruces to open a local film office and hire a full-time film liaison. FLC, the city and NMSU are also working on funding and a location for a Las Cruces soundstage.

Las Cruces has received tremendous cooperation and support from northern New Mexico in its efforts to grow the film industry locally during the past three years, Steinborn said. FLC wants to "embrace and replicate some of the success that Albuquerque and Santa Fe have had," he said.

Other speakers at the meeting included Santa Fe Film Festival Executive Director Nani Rivera and City of Las Cruces film liaison Cruz Ramos. Attendees included City Councillors Greg Smith, Gill Sorg, Ceil Levatino and Olga Pedroza; local arts activist Irene Oliver-Lewis, who is vice president of FLC, local filmmakers and actors and local business owners.

For more information, Contact Steinborn at jeff@jeffsteinborn.com, or Oliver-Lewis at iolewis@gmail.com.

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Vista College earns recognition for student retention



Vista College students in Las Cruces prepare for careers in many specialties, including health care and the trades.

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dropping out of a career-training program may have tragic, long-term consequences for a student. And each student that leaves has a negative impact on the school's revenue picture.

For the sake of students — and its bottom line — Vista College has developed a multi-tiered approach to student retention for which it recently received the Career Colleges and Schools of Texas Innovator of the Year Award.

“We’ve learned how to better identify and monitor at-risk populations before they leave school; we’ve developed processes to provide visibility into trends that highlight drop risk; and we are providing students with solutions to the academic and life challenges that create their desire to drop,” said Jim Tolbert, CEO of Education Futures Group/

Vista College. “It goes without saying that this is a win-win for both the students and the college.”

Erin O’Donnell, student resource coordinator for the Las Cruces campus, helped develop the process. She recently explained why Las Cruces students are at risk of dropping out, and why and how the new prevention program is working.

Challenges students face

The S.A.V.E. process, which O’Donnell helped design for the Vista system of colleges in Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico, was launched in July 2014.

The acronym describes how the process works, she said. It stands for Seek the Truth, Acknowledge Their Reality, Verbalize and Visualize Successful Solutions and Engage in Next Steps.

O’Donnell said she studied

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Counterfeit awareness critical for New Mexico manufacturers

By Claudia Infante

Counterfeit products — from pharmaceuticals to steel parts to electronics — proliferate in the global economy, posing enormous risks to businesses and consumers.

Manufacturers lose big when warranted products fail because of phony components, especially if injuries and fatalities result. The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that counterfeit parts in consumer and industrial products cost U.S. businesses more than \$250 billion annually.

When counterfeit parts infiltrate the government supply chain, the cost falls on taxpayers. Counterfeit electronic products alone cost contractors and the federal government billions of dollars every year.

New rules

Congress in late 2011 passed legislation requiring all defense contractors and subcontractors to verify the authenticity of electronic materials used in military products and to buy such parts only from original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), authorized OEM



dealers or suppliers who use trusted primary sources. To avoid hefty fines and obtain immunity from lawsuits brought by suppliers, contractors now must train workers in counterfeit identification, inspect and test electronic parts and report suspected fakes to the Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP).

Those regulations broadened in 2014 to require all government contractors to report suspected counterfeits — not just electronic components — to GIDEP.

Major private sector players are developing similar standards. SAE International — a global association of tech experts in the aerospace, automotive and commercial vehicle industries — expects organizations that buy, accept and distribute electronic parts to maintain a quality management system, document the movement of parts through the supply chain and con-

firm the authenticity of purchased products through visual and X-ray inspections.

Protection and detection

Most modern counterfeiters originate in countries — China, India, Vietnam and Pakistan among them — that manufacture goods for U.S. companies without strict oversight. They repurpose electronic waste by removing original product markings and replacing them with new marks, obtain rejected parts and pass them off as good ones and substitute inferior parts for good ones in relabeled packaging.

While some manufacturers boost profits by buying parts at the lowest possible costs, more sophisticated businesses appreciate the “total risk and costs involved in shipping work offshore,” said Ron Burke, innovation director at the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Top-tier companies install quality-control agents inside foreign factories to ensure that industry standards are met, intellectual property is protected

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The libertarian's solution to a broke system

Our current welfare system is nuts.

Rather than incentivizing work, it too often punishes people who seek to better themselves by reducing benefits for those who work. Recipients are infantilized by restricting how benefits can be used — and the system creates a culture of dependency.

There is an alternative that is gaining traction: basic income.

Basic income is the idea each citizen should receive a fixed payment from the government without regard to economic status.

The UK, France and Finland are among the nations actively considering adopting basic income. In Switzerland, a referendum will be voted on that would provide each adult citizen with a basic income of

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



\$2,800 per month.

Basic income proposals applied to the United States would involve replacing traditional government welfare programs with a single payment given to each American regardless of income, family circumstance or employment status.

By eliminating programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, TANF, Supplement Social Income, Social Security and unemployment insurance, to name a few, funds would be freed that could be directly given to people, providing every family with a basic income sufficient to raise that

family above the poverty line.

No new taxes would be required. And by using the IRS to distribute basic income payments, large numbers of bureaucrats that currently are employed administering welfare programs could be redeployed to more productive activities. More dollars would get to those whom the government programs are supposedly meant to help.

The idea of basic income is hard for some to wrap their head around.

If people are guaranteed an automatic income, what happens to the incentive to work? Advocates respond: The current system is even worse in that it provides perverse incentives not to work. Get a job, lose benefits; save for emergencies, lose benefits; provide for yourself; lose benefits.

Another common concern is that basic income recipients will use their benefits for undesirable purposes, like drugs and booze, or if you are former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, large-sized fountain drinks.

While some view this as a problem, libertarians view this as a feature. Precisely because benefits are not contingent on how they are used, basic income empowers rather than infantilizes. It limits the power of the Nanny state that now pervades social programs. This is why many libertarians favor basic income over traditional welfare programs.

There is another benefit to basic income. It would allow entrepreneurial types, who might otherwise hesitate for fear of financial ruin, to open a business or pursue a new idea.

Similarly, artistic types would be free to pursue their art; graduate students to pursue their passions; economists to write columns.

Basic income has another advantage. In a world where self-driving vehicles are on the brink of replacing truck drivers, more and more Americans are likely to find themselves replaced by technology. Basic income will provide these displaced workers with social support at least cost to personal freedom and with minimal government influence.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He is a libertarian, but not a kook so he recognizes compromises must be made. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

Building Las Cruces



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Luna Rossa Winery and Pizzeria at 1321 Avenida de Mesilla is expanding. When the addition is finished, the restaurant will have a banquet room to accommodate 30 diners. The kitchen area will be expanded to enable Luna Rossa to bake a variety of artisan breads.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

City to host event planning workshop

In order to assist our community partners in organizing successful events, Visit Las Cruces (formerly, Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau) will host an Event Planning Workshop from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Topics to be covered will be budget setting, advertising, marketing, selecting the right time of year, knowing your audience and much more.

The event is free, but space is limited and registration is required.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Liz Vega at elizabeth.vega@las-cruces.org.

Home Show exhibitors deadline nears

Friday, Feb. 12, is the deadline to register to exhibit at the 35th annual Las Cruces Home Builders Association Home & Garden Show, which will be held Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6 at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Late registration will end Feb. 19.

For more information, call the LCHBA 526-6126 or email events@lchba.com.

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recurring trends in why students drop out. Common reasons include financial pressures and emotional issues.

“A lot of our students are single parents, because we offer a fast-paced program with classes specially geared to a 9-month technical program or an associate’s degree that can be completed in a year and a half,” she said. “People here have to get a degree and get a job to support a family.”

Their lives are balancing acts, with many built in pressures that could lead them to contemplate dropping out.

More than half of the Las Cruces campus students are single parents looking to get trained and on to their careers as quickly as possible, she said. A growing segment of the student body, however, is high school students who want to get started preparing for their careers.

Peeling the onion

O’Donnell said the S.A.V.E. process kicks in when a student misses two classes. When that happens, a member of the staff calls them in an effort to find out if they have a problem and start moving to a solution.

O’Donnell said the reason a stu-

dent gives for contemplating dropping out may be superficial, masking a deeper reason.

“Students come to us and say they’re unhappy, they can’t come to school and work, they can’t make a payment. Later we may find out they needed tutoring and were afraid to ask.”

Getting to the real reason so a solution can be found is like peeling an onion, layer by layer, she said.

Among the resources available to help overcome students’ difficulties are tutoring, working with the instructor to provide opportunities for hands on learning, counseling paid for by Vista, help them find “survival jobs” to pay their bills while they’re preparing for a career, connecting the student with a childcare provider that works with the Children, Youth and Family Services — which pays for childcare for families that need it — and of course, financial aid.

The process of trying to find a solution typically starts with the program director then moves to student services, the director of education, the business office, career services, admissions and financial aid. The process may be conducted online as well as in the three-dimensional world.

The multi-level advising process, however, doesn’t always follow that blueprint.

“A student who wanted to drop out called me,” O’Donnell said. “I

skipped all the steps and connected her with the business office. They were able to work with her for payments until her job picked up and she was able to make more payments.”

Due to pre-admissions testing, O’Donnell said, few students leave because they don’t like the program they’re in.

She said she does metrics every month for all the campuses to chart the success of the S.A.V.E. process.

From July 2014 when S.A.V.E. started to the end of that year, there were 376 saves. In 2015, there were 650.

Now O’Donnell is developing re-entry metrics to take the process one step farther.

“When a student drops, we figure out a date when they can come back and arrange for them to meet with the admissions director.”

All the conversations, follow-up, and measurement are directed to one goal: to ensure that Vista lives up to its motto of “We admit graduates.”

Even graduates are encouraged to continue their education.

“We refer to our school as a climbing stone,” O’Donnell said. “We want to spark their passion so they can go even deeper into a field. We always encourage them to finish their education.”

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and customers get what they pay for.

Some counterfeits are detected through superficial visual or microscopic inspection. Other tests — radiological, chemical or mechanical — are needed to detect anomalies in more complex materials.

Burke advises companies that manufacture overseas to market a patented product aggressively within the first 18 months, because that’s all it usually takes for someone to reverse-engineer it and create a competitive knockoff. Or it can avoid letting a single foreign manufacturer build the entire product by assembling it domestically.

Burke said manufacturers consult trade associations for the latest resources and workshops about dealing with counterfeit parts. The Small Business Administration sponsors an online class at www.sba.gov/tools/learning-center-view-course/1474324 to help government contractors recognize counterfeits and comply with current regulations.

New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership sponsors workshops on lean manufacturing and other processes that can increase the competitiveness of small and medium-size businesses. NM MEP’s Innovation Directors work with businesses one-on-one to change mindsets and transform companies into lean and efficient engines of growth.

Claudia Infante is projects coordinator, New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership. She prepared this article for Finance New Mexico. Finance New Mexico assists individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. To learn more, go to www.FinanceNewMexico.org.

SAVE THE DATE

TUE 2/9

11:30 a.m. Business in the Borderplex Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Forum, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Roberto Coronado, assistant vice president in charge and senior economist at the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas will speak. Registration required, \$25 online. Payment at the door, \$30. Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

FRI 2/19

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

FRI 2/26

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

SAT 3/5 — SUN 3/6

10 a.m. Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2016 Home &

Garden Show, Las Cruces Convention Center. Booth spaces and show sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact the association at 526-6126 or events@lchba.com.

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Not just another burger joint: Brandon Brown's dream for Las Cruces restaurant

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Brandon Brown is well known to theatre-goers in Las Cruces. He's been performing in plays and musicals in Las Cruces and El Paso for more than 20 years. You may not know that he's also an accomplished cook who is planning to open his own restaurant in Las Cruces in the very near future.

A friend suggested the unusual name of "The Glory Hole" for the restaurant some years ago, and Brown knew as soon as he heard it, that was what it had to be called.

"If you've ever named a child — looked through a book of baby names — you know when a name just jumps out at you," he said.

Las Cruces artist Bob Diven has created a unique logo for the restaurant, and helped Brown create a video that is now on Kickstarter. The Kickstarter campaign has about another week to reach its \$25,000 goal. You can see the video, and even make a contribution if you want to, at www.kickstarter.com/projects/1090077684/the-glory-hole/description. The deadline to contribute is Monday, Feb. 15.

Brown has a simple idea in mind for his restaurant — creating the very best hamburger in Las Cruces from the recipe he has been perfecting for nearly a decade, adding French fries, milk shakes, breakfast burritos and locally produced coffee.

"We just want a few items, done incredibly well," he said.

He started out with just the lunch menu, but decided he had to add the breakfast items.

"In Las Cruces, either you sell breakfast burritos, or you're about to start selling them," he said.

Brown, 45, has been dreaming about opening his own restaurant for about 20 years.

"Just the idea of cooking for

people is so fun to me," he said.

He's been doing it for years for friends and family members during

Thanksgiving and get-togethers at the home he shares with his wife, Lennie, a registered nurse, and their 11-year-old daughter Heidi, a sixth grader at Camino Real Middle School. Daughter Cami, 19, is a student at New Mexico State University. "They're so excited" about his restaurant plans, Brown said.

Brown has been working seriously on opening the restaurant for nearly a decade. He has visited and studied successful franchises like In-N-Out Burger and Shake Shack.

He even made trips to New York City "to visit all the best-reviewed burger joints in Manhat-

tan," and he interviewed El Paso employees of Southwest Airlines "because it's so well run," Brown said.

A native of Hobbs, New Mexico, Brown's first restaurant job in Las Cruces was at Guacamole's in Las Cruces. He's also worked at Fat Eddie's, and he worked for two years at the Golden Bull, managing the counter, dealing with the public and "doing a little cooking," he said. Brown also was a barista at Milagro Coffee y Espresso for more than two years.

Opening his own restaurant "is going to happen," Brown said. He's not only courting investors, he's also looking at possible locations in many parts of Las Cruces.

Like a director casting the right people in a play, Brown will work very hard to find the perfect staff. "Surround yourself with the right people," he said. "You can teach anybody to do anything, but you can't teach a personality. Find someone who fits and train them."

His small staff, Brown said, will include people who "believe in the same thing I believe in, who have the same philosophy about business, who work hard and have a sense of humor."

Brown intends to be very hands on with his restaurant. "Get up on your feet and work with people," is his management philosophy. "Interact with the public."

Brown has attended a number of Small Business Administration workshops and classes to help him put together a business plan and work out a budget. He's also talked to a lot of business owners and developers in Las Cruces, El Paso and Albuquerque.

Brown said he is going to open a restaurant "not because I want to be rich; not to start a franchise. It's my gift to Las Cruces. I would want a place like this in Las Cruces. It would be great if it became huge, if people came from out of town to go to it because I would love what that would do for Las Cruces."

Brandon Brown is planning to open his own restaurant in Las Cruces in the very near future.



Conference to take look at economic forecast of state

By **Amanda Bradford**
For the Bulletin

The sustained drop in the price of oil and a recent population trend reversal in New Mexico signal that the state's economy could continue to lag well behind the national recovery trend, with employment numbers that have yet to return to pre-recession levels.

Economists will examine the reasons behind the lag and their forecast for the coming year during the fifth annual Economic Outlook Conference hosted by New Mexico State University and Wells Fargo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Experts will also discuss national trends and how they might affect New Mexico's economic future.

Eugenio Aleman, a director and senior economist at Wells Fargo, said the U.S. economy

has started on the path to higher interest rates, and markets seem to be second-guessing December's decision by the Federal Reserve to raise rates for the first time in nine years. Global economic news is also affecting markets, he said.

"The stock market has started the year on a down note as news from the global economy continue to point to weakness, especially in China," Aleman said. "Markets are trying to gauge the number of interest rate hikes during this year, and the energy market continues to readjust to low petroleum prices while the U.S. consumer continues to enjoy the benefits of low gasoline prices."

The U.S. labor market continues to grow, Aleman said, with strong jobs numbers in December nationally — but he cautions that growth in the U.S. economy will remain constrained.



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New Mexico State University economist Jim Peach, right, and Wells Fargo senior economist and director Eugenio Aleman, second from right, will discuss their national and regional economic forecasts at an Economic Outlook Conference hosted by NMSU on Feb. 18 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Jim Peach, Regents Professor of economics, said the job growth seen at the national level simply hasn't translated to New Mexico, due to a number of factors he'll examine at the conference.

"Oil prices have declined from \$100 per barrel to the low \$30 per barrel range over the last 18 months, but oil production in New Mexico has not yet decreased," Peach said. "That has implications for the industry, the broader economy and state revenue. It also brings up fascinating

questions about the effects of lower gasoline prices on consumer behavior in New Mexico."

Peach will also explore the implications of recent population trends in the state.

New Mexico is traditionally a state with high population growth rates, he said, but according to Census Bureau estimates, New Mexico has lost population for the last two years.

"This is the first time in nearly 50 years that the state has lost population," Peach said,

"so we'll discuss economic implications of the loss of population and whether or not this might be a long-term trend."

The Economic Outlook Conference began in 2012 as a way to help area residents and business professionals gain a better understanding of the region's economic climate. The NMSU College of Business hosts the conference in partnership with Wells Fargo Bank, the state's largest bank by deposits, with locations in 49 New Mexico communities.

"The Las Cruces business community continues to benefit from the rich insights, commentary and networking opportunities this event provides," said Yolanda Garcia, Wells Fargo Southwestern New Mexico area president. "Dr. Aleman is a highly sought-after speaker and we're pleased to welcome him back to Las Cruces as he joins NMSU's Dr. Peach once again. Wells Fargo is also proud of our continuing support to NMSU and the community."

The free conference kicks off with a reception at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 18, followed by the economists' presentations from 10 to 11:30 a.m., all at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Event registration is available online at <http://business.nmsu.edu/events> or by phone at 575-521-6849.

NMSU to host public talks on human health research

By **Dana Beasley**
For the Bulletin

In an attempt to better serve New Mexico State University's wide-reaching biomedical community, the College of Arts and Sciences and Office of the Provost will launch a broadly focused biomedical research seminar series, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in Pete V. Domenici Hall, Room 109.

The mission of the NIH is to support research that betters human health, Shelley Lusetti, associate professor of biochemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences, explained. At NMSU, faculty and student biomedical research extends across multiple disciplines — not only involving investigations through the College of Arts and Sciences, but from the Colleges of Health and Social Services; Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; and Engineering.

While the seminar's target audience is largely students and NMSU biomedical researchers, which includes faculty, postdoctoral researchers, laboratory staff and graduate assistants, the events are also open to the public.

"I have asked speakers to keep the majority of their talk accessible to the non-expert," Lusetti said. "We invite people who are interested in hearing about cutting-edge biomedical research related to research conducted on our campus."

The first talk will feature Eric Prossnitz, professor of internal medicine at the University of New Mexico's Health Sciences Center, and co-director of the Translational Cancer Biology and Signaling Cancers Program.

Prossnitz conducts research in collaboration with NMSU scientists, including Lusetti, through Cowboys for Cancer Research, a component of the Aggies

are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign. His talk, "Estrogen: More than just a sex hormone," will discuss the role of estrogen receptors in cancer, cardiovascular function and metabolism, including obesity and diabetes.

"The quality of healthcare we have in this country was built on the efforts of biomedical researchers and physicians who spend years investigating the causes and potential treatments for diseases," said Christa Slaton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Zachary Romero, senior biochemistry major, said these seminars would afford him a better understanding of the different forms of biomedical research taking place at other institutions throughout the country.

Along with inviting researchers of national renown, from institutions such as Texas A&M, Stanford University and the University of Washington, the week-

ly seminar series will also provide an opportunity, once a semester, for an NMSU faculty member to present their own biomedical research.

This spring's "Faculty Spotlight" is set for Feb. 19, and will feature Immo Hansen, associate professor of biology and principal investigator for NMSU's Molecular Vector Physiology Lab. His talk, "Of Mosquitoes and Men — New Ways to Control Insect Pests," will consider techniques and strategies to control mosquito populations and prevent epidemics of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue fever, Chikungunya and Zika virus.

The NMSU Biomedical Research Seminar Series will feature 8-12 scheduled seminars per semester, all of which will take place at 3:30 p.m. Fridays, in Pete V. Domenici Hall, Room 109. To view the series calendar, visit events.research.nmsu.edu.

NM State football inks recruits on signing day

Bulletin report

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, National Signing Day, New Mexico State University football coach Doug Martin announced the addition of student-athletes for the 2016 football season. The 2016 recruits signed their National Letters of Intent to join the Aggies along with the seven mid-year signees from December. Here are the names and bios of each new Aggie:

Myles Vigne (6'1" – 285 – Warren Easton Sr. HS – New Orleans)

Three year starter and two-time district champion on defensive line... Named team defensive MVP as a senior... As a senior, racked up 56 tackles and 15 tackles for loss... Amassed four forced fumbles and one interception in 2015.

Shamad Lomax (5'10" – 185 – Copperas Cove HS – Copperas Cove, Texas)

Named First Team All-District 12-6A as a cornerback and Second Team as a kick-off returner in 2015... Selected First Team All-Central-Texas as a defensive back... Racked up 864 kickoff return yards on 28 returns for an average of 30.9 yards per return through two seasons.

Cameron Loos (6'3" – 235 – Hockinson HS – Brush Prairie, Wash.)

Selected First Team All-State Washington 2A and First Team All-Region as a linebacker in 2015... Earned First Team GSL (District) as a punter in 2015.

Gamar Girdy (5'9" – 185 – Victoria West HS – Victoria, Texas)

Playing a variety of positions, he racked up a total of 117 touchdowns at Victoria West in career... Rushed for 4,783 yards and 84 touchdowns over career... Amassed 46 receptions for 781 yards and three touchdowns through career... Completed 127-of-257 passes for 2,305 yards and 25 touchdowns with just seven interceptions in career... Scored five touchdowns on kick returns over career.

Kurt Shughart (5'10" – 205 – Chaparral HS – Scottsdale, Ariz.)

Named the Division I Arizona 2-Way Player of the Year as a senior... Selected as an All-State defensive back in Arizona... Was an All-City running back in Phoenix... Amassed 102 tackles with 72 unassisted and 30 assisted in three years.

Roy Lopez (6'2" – 290 – Mesquite HS – Tempe, Ariz.)

Selected First Team All-State as defensive line by Az Central in 2015... Named 2015 Defensive Lineman of the Year by the Arizona Varsity Rivals... Chosen as a 2015 Section Top 2-Way lineman... Named a Top 25 Arizona Offensive Lineman by East Valley Tribune in 2015.

Tyler Matthews (6'3" – 220 – Southern Miss University (Mississippi) – Crowley, Texas)

In high school he was a four-star pro-style quarterback on Rivals.com at McPherson High School in Wichita, Kan... Ranked as the No. 6 pro-style quarterback in the nation... Went to TCU and appeared in four games... transferred to Southern Mississippi

Cameron Matthews (6'3" – 200 – Trinity Valley School – Crowley, Texas)

Amassed 5,207 passing yards over career... Racked up 33 passing touchdowns in career... Completed 455-of-791 passes through three years for a .575 completion percentage... Racked up three 1,000-yard passing seasons and two 10-touchdown seasons.

Drew Dan (6'2" – 180 – Checotah HS – Muskogee, Okla.)

Selected First Team All-State as a wide receiver by OCA... Named First Team All-State as a kickoff returner for OK Preps after finishing No. 1 in state in return yards... Racked up 1,150 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns on 54 receptions...

Jason Huntley (5'9" – 165 – Martin HS – Arlington, Texas)

A running back who amassed 938 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns on 67 carries as a senior... Amassed 1,241 all-purpose

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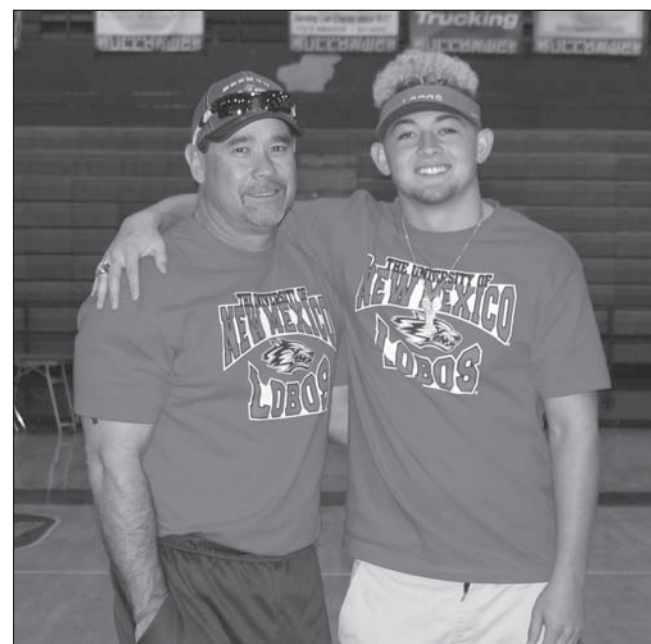


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Football long snapper Andres Campos, third from right, stands with his family before the signing day ceremonies at LCHS on Feb. 3.



Jacobus McClure, center, signed as a soccer goalkeeper for Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colorado. He is pictured with his parents at the signing day ceremony.



Kameron Miller (right) poses with his father during the signing ceremony at Las Cruces High School. Miller, who played Quarterback for the BullDawgs, signed with the UNM Lobos.

Crucens pick Broncos as Super Bowl champs

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Former New Mexico State University Chemical Engineering Department Head Charley Johnson predicts the Denver Broncos will defeat the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50 Sunday, Feb. 7 in San Francisco by a score of 24-21.

Oh, by the way, Johnson played quarterback for the Broncos in the 1970s, and led them to their very first winning season, in 1973. He is one of fewer than 30 people who is a member of the Broncos' Ring of Fame. He also quarterbacked the New Mexico State Aggies to their last undefeated season, when they went 11-0 in 1960, won the Sun Bowl and were the 17th ranked college football team in the nation.

NMSU President Garrey Carruthers calls it for the Broncos as well. He predicts a 21-17 victory for Denver.

"I am a lifelong Broncos fan," said Carruthers, who served as New Mexico's governor from 1987 to 1991.

"I predict that Denver will win in overtime 24-21," said Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds. Denver is his second favorite team, after the Dallas Cowboys.

Doña Ana Community College President Renay Scott, a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, predicted the same score — Broncos 24, Panthers 21, but without the necessity of overtime.

Interestingly enough, LCPS Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan predicts the same score: Denver 24, Carolina 21. Her favorite team is the Seattle Seahawks. But Galvan's real interest in the game isn't the score.

"Every year, my only interests in the entire



Mike Cook
What's Cookin'

event are the halftime entertainment and the cool commercials," Galvan said.

"I love the Broncos, but I have to go with my brain rather than my heart," said DACC Public Information Director Eddie Binder. "Unfortunately, the score will be Carolina 28, Broncos 14. Cam Newton is a great athlete and a great leader."

Mayor Ken Miyagishima predicts a final score of Broncos 24, Panthers 17.

"Raiders are my team," he said.

New City Councillor Jack Eakman predicts Denver will win, 31-29.

"My favorite team (read this carefully) is soon moving to the Philippines, where they will be called the Manila Folders," he said. (Editor's note: We're guessing these guys will collapse in the fourth

quarter.)

The Panthers will win 34-28, said Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carrie Hamblen.

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"I just randomly picked those numbers because I don't particularly care for the game due to the amount of head injuries the sport causes," Hamblen said. "Instead, I'm going to be cleaning off my desk at home and watching the DIY channel."

NMSU Creative Media Institute Assistant Professor and Las Cruces International Film Festival Executive Director Ross Marks predicts Carolina will be a 28-21 winner over the Broncos.

"As a Chicagoan, my favorite team is the Bears," Marks said.

"The 'It-Matters-Who-Wins-Sporting-Events' app in my brain is de-

funct," said Tony Award winning playwright Mark Medoff. "As a lifelong quarterback, however, I do admire Peyton and Cam enormously."

"I'm a diehard Saints fan since the time of the 'Aints,'" said Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya. "I am hoping the Panthers can represent our division, the NFC South, and take Super Bowl 50. I predict a 28-24 win by the Panthers. Who DAT!," he said.

"I'm rooting for the Broncos and predict they will win in a hard-fought battle with the final score of 30-27," said Fire Chief Travis Brown. "As for my favorite team, I am a diehard Cowboys fan."

Alma d'arte Charter High School Principal Mark Hartshorne predicts a 31-13 win for the Panthers. His favorite team is the Dallas Cowboys — "unless they sign (Johnny) Manziel, in which case I refuse to watch them."

"I think it's going to be

a blowout," said Las Cruces actor/director Dave Edwards. Final score: Panthers 35, Broncos 10. "I hope it isn't, because I'd like to see Peyton go out a winner but ..." Edwards said he doesn't have a favorite NFL team. "Some teams I root for more than others and there are a few I root against. I guess you could describe me as a lapsed Cowboy fan. Lately I've tried rooting for whoever has the ball or whoever is behind," he said.

KGRT News Director and Voice of the Aggies Jack Nixon predicts a narrow Broncos' victory: Denver 28, Carolina 27. Nixon's favorite team is the San Diego Chargers. "I have all but one of their game programs from their first year (1960), when they were in Los Angeles," he said.

Arts activist Irene Oliver-Lewis predicts a 27-21 win for the Broncos. "My brother, David, lives in Denver and I became a Broncos fan through

him," she said.

"I predict Carolina will win 24-20," said Bulletin Managing Editor and Sports Editor Brook Stockberger, a long-time Pittsburgh Steelers fan and a native Pennsylvanian.

"Denver's defense will have some success against Carolina and Cam Newton, but won't be able to hold him off at the end," he said.

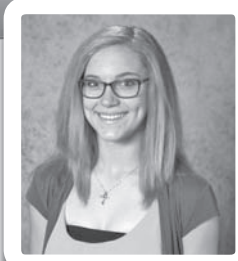
Bulletin Publisher Richard Coltharp picks Carolina by a score of 34-16. He hasn't had a favorite team since Feb. 25, 1989 — "JJ Day, when Jerry Jones bought the Cowboys," Coltharp said.

"I am not a football fan! More of a fútbol fan," said Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Executive Director Nicole Martinez. "I hear the Panthers are going to win, but I would favor the Broncos since my mom is from Colorado." Martinez's prediction for the final score: the Broncos will beat the Panthers 21-14.


ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Rylee Meloy is a 16-year-old junior at Centennial High School. She plays shooting guard and forward on the Lady Hawks basketball team. So far this season, Meloy has had eight points, six rebounds, two assists, three steals and two blocks. She is responsible, respectful, trustworthy and caring, as well as an excellent student, with a 3.97 GPA. Meloy hopes to one day play college basketball as her mother did. Outside of school and sports, she enjoys family vacations, hanging out with friends and her church.



Jordon Seniceros is a 16-year-old junior at Centennial High School and plays point/shooting guard and shortstop for the Hawks basketball and baseball teams, respectively. So far this season, he is shooting 50 percent from two-point range, has 33 steals, 17 assists, 22 deflections and was 2-for-2 from three-point range in the first district game. Seniceros is loyal, kind and giving, with a big heart and a great sense of humor. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. Outside of school he enjoys spending time with family, friends, his girlfriend and listening to a variety of music. Seniceros thanks his coaches and teammates for making him a better player and pushing him every day to improve.



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yards as a senior... Had 268 kickoff return yards on eight kickoff returns in 2015... Ran on the fourth best 4x400 relay team in Texas in track as a senior with Jared Phipps.

Noah Lopez (6'4" – 285 – Katy HS – Katy, Texas)

Offensive lineman helped guide team to 2015 Texas State Champions and 2014 State Runner-Up in 6A Division II... Played in 32 games and started 24 in two years... Selected First Team All-District 19-6A.

Brandon Bell (5'9" – 170 – Manvel HS – Fresno, Texas)

Selected First Team All-District 22-6A as a cornerback in 2015 and Second Team in 2014... Amassed 74 tackles and two interceptions as a senior, with one returned for a touchdown.

Bobby Hill (6'2" – 285 – Orange Coast CC (California) – Long Beach, Calif.)

Played at Orange Coast CC in Long Beach, Calif... Amassed 35 tackles in 2015... Racked up 3.0 sacks for 25 yards in 2015.

Darius Anderson (6'1" – 310 – Hightower HS – Fresno, Calif.)

Selected as All-State Defensive Lineman in Texas in 2015... Named Hightower HS Defensive Lineman MVP... Garnered 22 sacks and 94 tackles for loss and one interception over career.

Bryce Roberts (6'4" – 240 – Mustang HS – Yukon, Okla.)

Ranked as the No. 41 overall prospect in the state by 247sports.com... Was an All-District tight end... Selected as Honor-

able Mention Big All-City... Started at power forward on basketball state champion team.

DeShawnte Lloyd (6'1" – 325 – College of the Sequoias (California) – Baltimore, Md.)

Played at College of the Sequoias (California) under Irv Pankey... Ranked No. 11 in the CCCAA in tackles... Selected to First Team All-CCCAA as a defensive lineman.

Midyear Signees

Isaiah McIntyre (5'11" – 175 – Las Cruces HS – Las Cruces, N.M.)

Standout wide receiver selected All-District as both a wide receiver and a safety in 2013... Racked up 64 rushing yards on six carries for 10.7 yards per carry as a senior... Amassed 239 receiving yards and one touchdown on 11 receptions for 21.7

yards per reception as a senior... Collected 303 all-purpose yards as a senior... Participated in track for Las Cruces HS Bulldawgs and was 5A State champion in high jump in 2014.

Johnathan Boone (6'3" – 190 – Ellsworth CC (Iowa) – Orlando, Fla.)

Played at Freedom High School and then Ellsworth Community College in Ellsworth, Iowa... Selected to the All-ICCAC First Team in 2015... Amassed 774 receiving yards on 45 receptions in 2015... Racked up 1,007 all-purpose yards and seven touchdowns in 2015.

Jaleel Scott (6'6" – 212 – Ellsworth CC (Iowa) – Rock Hill, S.C.)

Played for Rock Hill HS in Rock Hill, South Carolina before Ellsworth Community College... Named to the All-ICCAC First Team in 2015... Garnered 668 receiving yards and nine touchdowns on 45 re-

ceptions in 2015.

Josh Aganon (5'10" – 180 – Mesa CC (Arizona) – Scottsdale

Played at Chaparral HS in Scottsdale, Ariz. and then Mesa Community College in Mesa, Ariz... Earned Second Team All-ACCAC as a wide receiver in 2015... Scored seven touchdowns and collected 633 receiving yards on 62 receptions in 2015.

Conner Cramer (6'2" – 195 – NMMI JC (New Mexico) – Mobile, Ala.)

Played at Alma Bryant High School in Mobile, Ala. before New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M... Was a two-time WSFL Offensive Player of the Week... Selected to the All-WSFL First Team in 2015... Averaged 268.2 passing yards per game and racked up 26 touchdown passes and just nine interceptions.

Jared Phipps (5'9" – 165 – Martin HS –

Arlington, Texas)

Selected Second Team All-State Texas 6A as a kick returner and First Team All-District 4-Texas 6A as a cornerback in 2014... Amassed 1,306 kickoff return yards in three years with 670 kickoff return yards as a senior... Ran on the fourth best 4X400 relay team in Texas in track as a senior with Jason Huntley.

Austin Shaw (6'0" – 170 – Frisco HS – Frisco, Texas)

Named First Team All-District 9-5A Texas as a cornerback... Had one reception for 49 yards as a senior... Amassed 72 kick return yards and had 121 all-purpose yards as a senior.

Sage Doxtater (6'7" – 320 – Canada Prep Academy – Ontario, Canada)

Played offensive line at Canada Prep Academy under Geoff McArthur, a former NFL wide receiver and Cal-Berkley great.



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NMSU teammates Johnathon Wilkins and Pascal Siakam jump for a loose rebound Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Pan American Center against UT Rio Grande Valley. The Aggies spanked the Vaqueros 92-68.

BULLETIN PHOTO
BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

History will remember Peete, Casper well

Twenty years before Tiger Woods turned the PGA tour into his own personal gold mine Calvin Peete (1943-2015) chalked up more tour wins (12) than any African American golfer. A native of Detroit, Peete's long path to the PGA tour included big money losses on scraggly publincs tracks, long hours hitting range balls, and a time peddling clothes out of his rusted station wagon to migrant farmworkers in rural upstate New York. Growing up poor Peete suffered a badly broken (and improperly set) left arm as a child which years later prevented from straightening it on his swing. No matter, the undaunted and unflappable Peete crafted his own swing and became the most accurate player on tour of his day (the 1980's).

Peete joined the PGA tour in 1975 at age 32, just nine years after first taking up the game. As a player Peete won 12 PGA tour tournaments, including

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



the Players Championship, plus two on the Japan Golf tour. He won the Vardon Trophy for the lowest scoring average in 1984. He was Tiger before Tiger, not as merchandisable but more flashy.

He drove a pink Cadillac, had diamond chips in his front teeth and played with golf spikes in his leather boots. Peete made the R.S. Ryder Cup team in 1983 and 1985. In the '83 Cup at PGA National Peete managed a 1-up singles match win over Brian Waites in the Americans one point win over the Euros. "Calvin Peete was an inspiration to so many people," said PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem. "Calvin will be remembered as a great champion and an individual

who consistently gave back to the game."

Billy Casper (1931-2015) was born in San Diego and caddied there as a kid. When he finished the sixth grade (age 12) his father hastily loaded the car, told young Billy to get in, and drove east to Central (since renamed Santa Clara), New Mexico to get labor in a high-risk gold mine worked by Billy's grandfather. In a lucky personal interview with Billy at the PGA Show exactly three years ago, he shared with me that playing almost daily on the nine-hole scraggly golf course on the hilly grounds of (then) Ft. Bayard Veterans Hospital was a big factor in his development as a young golfer.

"That time in New Mexico helped me lot with my short game from putting on the 'greens' made of black composite that came from the mines and pocked marked by hoof

marks from the local elk herd," Billy said.

Decades later he was known as the most extraordinary putter on the tour for many years. As an aside, in 2002, back when I was the chief psychologist at Ft. Bayard Medical Center, I took time to roam those golf holes, long since abandoned, feeling a sense of golf history at the time; I saw just what Billy was referring to with the layout that was adjacent to the National Cemetery. Several nine-hole courses in Grant County had composite greens that had to be smoothed with a 3 by 6 matt before a group putted. He was amazed and his eyes lit up when I told him that the ball washers were still there.

After an unsetting several years moving about the country as a young man, Casper found himself back in San Diego, whereupon he enlisted in the Navy in the midst of the Korean War.

Casper truly started on the professional tour in 1955 at the Western Open. Casper won five Vardon Trophy awards for the lowest scoring average, and was Player of the Year in 1966 and 1970. He represented the U.S. Ryder Cup teams eight times, still holding the record for career Ryder Cup points won, and served as Ryder Cup captain in 1979. Only six golfers have more wins on the PGA tour than the 51 that Billy Casper (1931-2015) amassed during his stellar career, including three majors. He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1978.

Billy Casper wrote his memoir in his 2012 book entitled "The Big Three and Me." The book represents an incredibly detailed history of Casper as a golfer and a person. In the words of another HOF pro turned broadcaster, Johnny Miller, "It should've been the Big Four."

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Doña Ana County Historical Society awards 2016 honors

By Susie Ouderkirk
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana County Historical Society held its 49th Annual Awards on Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Double Eagle Restaurant in Mesilla, with opening remarks by C.W. "Buddy" Ritter, a program emceed by incoming president Dr. Jon Hunner, and six awards going to deserving people or organizations.

Outgoing president Susan Krueger welcomed guests and turned over her leadership duties to Dr. Jon Hunner who will act as president of the Doña Ana County Historical Society (DACHS) from 2016 until 2018. C.W. "Buddy" Ritter, spoke about growing up in the Mesilla Valley.

Ritter, along with Craig Holden, wrote the book "Mesilla Comes Alive: A History of Mesilla and its Valley," which netted him the Pasajero Del Camino Real Award, which is given to an author or authors of a significant historical publication about events, persons, places or issues in Doña Ana County or the nearby area.

According to the Historical Society's awards program, Ritter, "a ho-

telier, restaurateur and banker... was born and raised in the Mesilla Valley." One of his purposes in writing the book was to "challenge assumptions, some of which have stood the test of time."

One example is the origin of the name Las Cruces.

Contrary to popular belief, but well researched by Ritter and Holden, is the naming of the city for its role as a crossing, not a place of crosses. Ritter and Holden's research included new sources, such as a document written in Spanish by Col. Albert Jennings Fountain, a lawyer in Mesilla, assistant district attorney, probate judge and a deputy court clerk in Mesilla during the late 1800s. His most famous client was Billy the Kid.

Coyle Piland was inducted into the DACHS Hall of Fame for his service to the organization, including publishing of the monthly newsletter, converting all past issues into pdf files for inclusion on the Society's website, and serving as a volunteer archivist for the White Sands Missile Range Museum.

The 2016 Heritage

Award was given to photographer Frank Parrish, whose work is well known and loved in the Mesilla Valley.

His vast body of photographic work, combined with a "collection of memorabilia, writings and presentations have contributed significantly to the historical and cultural knowledge of Doña Ana County," said Hunner.

The Old Timer's Award was presented to the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the Robledo Mountains.

In June of 1987, archeologist Jerry MacDonald discovered the Paleozoic trackways, which are identified as one of the most significant finds in the world from the Permian period, some 70 million years before dinosaurs.

The family of NMSU History Professor Clarence Fielder was honored with the Noteworthy Renovation Award for their support of the Phillips Chapel, which was restored between 2009 and 2012.

Spearheading the restoration was Fielder, whose grandparents founded the chapel in 1911. Located at 638 N. Tornillo St., today the chapel includes a small museum celebrating its history, which includes its use as a community center and school for the African American population in Las Cruces.

The Nestor Armijo House at 150 E. Lohman, was awarded with both the Building Worthy of Preservation and the Building with Historical Significance honors.



Photographer and author Frank Parrish was the winner of the Heritage Award at the 2016 DACHS program.



The Hall of Fame Award went to Doyle Piland.



Buddy Ritter, recipient of the Pasajero Del Camino Real Award spoke at the Doña Ana County Historical Society Awards program Jan. 31.

It is currently under renovation.

The incoming board of directors for DACHS is: President Dr. Jon Hunner; Vice President Kimberly Miller; Secretary Jim Eckles; Treasurer Rebecca Slaughter and Historian Sally Kadin.

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Super Sale a success despite early spring breeze

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

The wind tried to cause mischief at the Adams Radio Group first Super Sale on Sunday, Jan. 31, but it couldn't dampen the spirits of vendors and shoppers alike.

Thirty nine vendors participated in the giant yard sale event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., which saw upwards of two thousand shoppers come through in the south parking lot of the Field of Dreams, on Tashiro Dr. Vendors brought in a wide variety of wares, including furniture, home décor, tools, clothes, jewelry, automotive parts, gifts and arts and crafts. A burrito wagon offered a traditional Mexican menu, girl scouts sold their seasonal cookies, kettle korn fragranced the air, and mini donuts bubbled in oil. The lone food truck struggled to keep up with the orders; next year offers a great opportunity for a few more food vendors to make bank.

Though windy, the day was warm and sunny. Shoppers, many pushing baby strollers or walking dogs, browsed the booths and tents. The atmosphere was friendly with Adams Radio Group staff on hand to help with any number of chores, and shoppers bargaining for that one-of-a kind tchotchke.

Ann Eichstaedt of Las Cruces who shared a booth with



Kettle Korn was a hot seller at the Super Sale on Jan. 31.

her father and sister, said, "I had some nice things just collecting dust in my spare room. Most of it was too nice to just give away. I sold pretty much everything I brought," she said, which included bar stools, a baby car seat, blue jeans and wall hangings. Her eighty-year-old father, Carl, dozed in the sun with a "Make an Offer" sticker on his hat. "One lady actually came back looking to take him home," Eichstaedt said, but, alas, he had already left.

The wind blew just enough to make things interesting: now and then a tent took flight and was promptly brought down to earth by quick-thinking passers-by with much laughter back slapping.

One of the day's drawbacks was the early arrival of dozens of shoppers hours before the sale was supposed to start. While vendors scrambled to set up their tents and tables, which was supposed to take place from 9 to 10:45 a.m., shoppers had already converged and were pushing to get their hands on the treasures. Anyone who's ever had a yard sale knows there will always be early birds, and how to handle them is a personal choice. This caused, at worst, confusion and mild stress, and could be mitigated by choosing a fenced location next year, but the overall atmosphere of good will flowed through, and most vendors commented about the success of the event.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Sabina Macias of Las Cruces looks through horse grooming items at the Super Sale in the parking lot of the Field of Dreams on Sunday, Jan. 31. Macias came for the shopping, "and for the walk," she said.

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary schedules February events

Bulletin report

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

- An adoption event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Tractor Supply Company, 1440 E. Picacho Ave. Four to six dogs will be at the event, but no cats. "We only bring dogs to the offsite events, as cats do not travel well," said SHAS volunteer Tricia Quillen.

However, SHAS staff will have the shelter's adoption profile book at the event. It has pictures of all the dogs and cats available for adoption at the sanctuary. You can also find them at www.shaspets.com.

It costs \$85 to adopt a dog, \$50 to adopt a cat and \$75 to adopt a kitten. That fee includes up-to-date vaccinations, heartworm negative (dogs), feline Leuk. negative for cats, spaying or neutering and mi-

cro-chipping, Quillen said.

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

charge for additional pets in a photo, or for including children.

- A donation event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Walmart at 1550 S. Valley Drive. "Our volunteers are stationed at the entrance/exit doors at Wal-Mart (to) provide information about Safe Haven and our pets," Quillen said. "We remind them that we are a no-kill, nonprofit and rely on donations. We provide a wish list of items that are needed on a regu-

lar basis. Shoppers simply purchase item(s) during their regular shopping trip, then drop them off with our volunteers as they exit the store. Gift cards are a great help as well, which allows us to purchase specific items needed for events, the animals and more," she said.

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

Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe

Members of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores, organizers of Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, with Gov. Susana Martinez and First Gentleman Chuck Franco.



Gov. Susana Martinez poses for a selfie with Comcast's John Christopher.



At right, state Rep. Andy Nuñez and Senate Pro Tem Mary Kay Papan listen to the speakers at the Governor's mansion during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe events.



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Russell Allen introduces Gov. Susana Martinez.

Patty Thomas, Michelle Alba, Lorenzo Alba



Lupe Rios, Audrey Valdez, Adrian Guerra

NMSU admissions adviser remains enthusiastic after 15 years recruiting

By Jane Moorman
For the Bulletin

First impressions are important for a person as well as an organization.

NMSU has nine admissions advisers who are the first contact many high school students have with New Mexico State University. Their work is crucial for increasing student enrollment each semester.

For 15 years, senior admissions adviser Sylvia Castillo has been informing high school student about NMSU.

When high school students and their parents walk into Castillo's office at NMSU's Albuquerque Center, they can feel the pride she has in the university. The bookshelves are filled with NMSU memorabilia including various Pistol Pete images, pennants, and foam rubber No.1 hands.

In June, Castillo celebrated 25 years of service with NMSU. After obtaining a degree in family child sciences from NMSU, the Las Cruces native found her niche working for the university. The first 10 years of her career were in the admissions and registrar's offices.

"I had 8 to 5 office jobs," she said. "I saw recruiters traveling and I thought that would be a lot of fun."

Since then, she has traveled throughout New Mexico and as far away as Seattle, Denver and Dallas. Her recruiting trips have taken her to California, Colorado and Arizona.

Now she is responsible for visiting high schools

in Albuquerque and northern New Mexico, as well as going to college fairs at New Mexico community colleges and in Colorado.

"I'm out of the office eight of 10 days," she said. "I'm a road warrior for the university."

Each year, she gives her presentations hundreds of times to groups and individuals, but it doesn't get old for Castillo.

"I like the passion in the students," she said. "I tell them the importance of a college education. When I see that they want to continue their education, it motivates me to help them."

The advice Castillo gives the high school seniors is information she wishes she had heard when she entered NMSU as a freshman. She says

she might have done things differently. It took tries at majors in government and business before she found the right one.

"I had never heard about family child science," she said. "I took a class and realized it was a good fit for me. I like people and I like to counsel them. I'm counseling high school seniors when I'm recruiting."

She uses that experience when high school seniors say they don't know what they want to study. Castillo encourages the students to think about what they want as a career and then find a major that fits it.

"I tell them to visit the college websites and read about the various programs to see what sounds like something they want to do," she said.

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January 21, 2016

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Christopher, Craig, Caryn and Erin; grandchildren Luke, Jack and Christy; and sister Louise. Memorial services pending.

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For the Love of Art Month



First Friday Downtown Art Ramble

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Friday, Feb. 5

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Downtown Art Ramble kicks off For the Love of Art Month

Staff Report

For the Love of Art Month is once again upon us in the Mesilla Valley, and there's no better way to kick off Las Cruces' month-long celebration of all things art than the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, set for 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, along Main Street and throughout Downtown Las Cruces.

Much of the excitement is centered on the Branigan Cultural Center opening of "Here & There," the annual ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico's member exhibition. The show is comprised of photographs, fractal art, paintings, sculpture and more; the exhibition reflects the diverse membership of ArtForms, including professional artists, art enthusiasts, business owners, hobbyists, retirees, students, and teachers.

This year's member exhibit is so large, however, that the BCC alone cannot contain it. To make room for all this exceptional art, two days later, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Tombaugh Gallery, inside Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces at 2000 S. Solano Drive, will host a second artists' reception for "Here & There."

That's not all the BCC has in store, though. Also opening Feb. 5 is "Reflections: African-American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection," which tells a story of community and place through a selection of paintings, photographs, textile pieces, and works on paper from the collection of renowned costume designer and arts patron, Myrna Colley-Lee. The



Rosemary McKeown's "Pecan Orchard at Sunset" is one of the many pieces on display in the ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico's annual For the Love of Art member exhibit "Here & There," opening Friday, Feb. 5, at the Branigan Cultural Center during the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble.

imagery in "Reflections" focuses primarily on narrative works and landscapes of everyday life, past and present, and includes such noted artists as Elizabeth Catlett, Romare Bearden, Gwen Knight, Betye Saar, James Van Der Zee, and Eudora Welty.

Thoughtfully co-curated by René Paul Barilleaux and Susan Lloyd McClamroch, and organized by International Arts & Artists, "Reflections" allows viewers to connect the strong tradition of storytelling by African Americans with the sense of place that is largely unique to Southerners.

The third ongoing exhibit at BCC is photographer Chris Carruth's "The Visionarias." In this series of photographs, taken in early 2014 and 2015, Carruth documents

the Visionaria Network's ongoing development efforts in Cusco and the nearby Sacred Valley of Peru. The images portray multiple people, locations, and projects, elaborating on the organization's work as well as its impact in communities.

The Visionaria Network promises a sustainable, community-driven, participant-owned model of development work, and strives to create a network of confident women leaders who plan and implement development initiatives within their communities. Carruth has worked in both documentary and fine-art photography since 2010. His main themes focus on identity, place and empowerment. He lectures at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Across the courtyard from the cultural center

at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, "Graphicanos: Contemporary Latino Prints from the Serie Project" opens the same night. The exhibit features serigraph prints from the archives of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Fort Wayne, Texas, by Latino artists exploring cultural issues of the Latino community throughout the United States.

The Serie Project, a nonprofit organization founded by Sam Coronado in 1993 in Austin, Texas, promotes the fine art of serigraphy. In the past two decades, the organization has fostered over 250 artists from different professional levels and ethnic backgrounds, who together have produced a rare and special collection of serigraphs reflecting the Mexican American and Latino ex-



Jim Reese's "Appalachian Mill"

perience in the United States.

There's a lot to take in at the City of Las Cruces Museums, but there's much more waiting for you around Downtown!

Down the street, Big Picture Digital Image Experts and Gallery features the work of Wall Batterton in "Conglomerations!," also opening Friday. In "Conglomerations!," Batterton exhibits his collages and face sculptures, using each medium to make a unique statement about his view of the world at large.

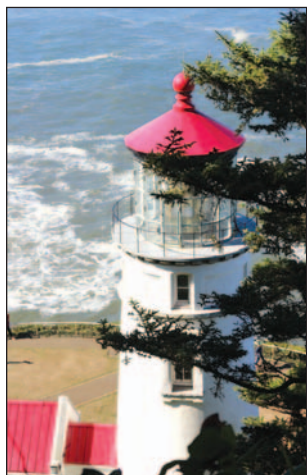
"From modern left-over stuff and salvaged wood scraps, I watched the faces evolve into an endless variety of human-like expressions," Batterton said of the work. "They are my modern tribute to our ancestral primitive art that is still present all over the world," he said. "My collages are expressions of my view of the world condition – the mounting-frenzied-over-populated world, crazed by wars, the planet's rampant groups, religious ferment and downright mental desperation."

Tucked unassumingly behind COAS Books, Quillin-Stephens Gallery that evening will debut

"something completely different" for the February ramble. Artist Dani Anderson experiments in a variety of media but will be showing her acrylic-on-canvas paintings on canvas that is highly textured, saturated with color and filled with found objects, polymer clay, copper foil and anything else she visualizes as she creates intriguing abstract shapes and designs. Anderson will be on-hand during the ramble to discuss and illustrate her technique.

The lush, colorful work of members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter will adorn the halls of Mas Art frame and supply.

The Las Cruces Arts Association (LCAA) has work popping up all over town during For the Love of Art month. From its home at Art On Easels Gallery, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, LCAA members will show and discuss their work during the ramble (as well as during the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market each third Saturday of the month) and, next door at Main Street Bistro and



Jim Reese's "Hecata Head Lighthouse."

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Ale House, more work from LCAA members has been pulled together as "Art We Love" – a show so big, work is also on display across town at Café de Mesilla.

The next day – from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 – another of Downtown Las Cruces' galleries, Mesquite Art Gallery, will unveil an exhibit of the work of Deming-based sculptor Claudia Dennee, who makes wonderful use of found bones, skulls, wood and more. Her pieces are composed of mixed media including wood, bone, paper and metal. She finds mesquite and bone in the desert surrounding her home. They are incorporated in the design by extensive carving, gluing, paper, leather and metal application and painting.

"I am inspired by myth, fairy tale, and natural surroundings," Dennee said of her work. "Animal behavior often informs my pieces. In addition, cross-cultural and archaeological records are often referenced."

Remember: This is just the beginning of For the Love of Art Month. For more information including schedules, maps and calendars, visit <http://artformsnm.org> and look for more in coming issues of the Las Cruces Bulletin.

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'An Iliad' returns, 'Killing Buddha' debuts at Black Box Theatre

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 2014, actor/director Algernon D'Ammassa set out to bring to the stage of the Black Box Theatre the Obie Award-winning "An Iliad," an adaptation of Homer's famed epic "The Iliad."

Written by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare and based on Robert Fagles' translation of the ancient poem, "An Iliad" is a modern retelling of the Trojan War, "of the gods, warriors, families and endless battles of human history updated with an enthralling contemporary voice," presented to the audience by two vagabond troubadours.

Debating in Las Cruces at the Black Box Theatre 2014, "An Iliad" was a hit, garnering critical acclaim and sold-out performances, before touring throughout New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and North Carolina – then returning in 2015 for another string of stellar shows.

In her review of last year's production, Bulletin reviewer Marissa Bond said, "I like this play so much that it sounds like I'm lying."

Bond's piece closed, "'An Iliad' will leave you raw, present and gone, all of these things – perhaps, even as I was, mouth slack, stunned and unmoving in the theater dark, keening some internal, thunderous, minor-chord yawp for what creatures we are – the beauty and brutality of our past and present and the fine, deliberate art that can make us know and feel so much more about ourselves as a people than only living will sometimes illuminate."

D'Ammassa and Granger will return to the Black Box stage Friday, Feb. 12, for one performance of "An Iliad," in advance of the premiere of the duo's first original collaboration



Musician Randy Granger and actor/director Algernon D'Ammassa bring their acclaimed "An Iliad" to the stage of the Black Box Theatre for one show Friday, Feb. 12, in advance of the debut of the duo's new original work, "Killing Buddha," which premieres Saturday, Feb. 13.

and "unofficial sequel," "Killing Buddha," opening the next day, Saturday, Feb. 13.

Of his decision to follow up Peterson's and O'Hare's challenging, rewarding production, D'Ammassa said, "Randy and I have so much fun doing 'An Iliad,' but we are also bound to a script and wanted to explore the characters we were playing and interact more," giving the duo to further test the bounds of the characters they've evolved with over productions of the piece.

"In our interpretation of the script (for 'An Iliad'), Randy and I are homeless wanderers who are, you get the impression, thousands of years old. They were alive when Troy fell. So we wondered what was possible if we saw the same guys on a different night and they told a different story.

"Killing Buddha" is the result.

"It's based on a very old Buddhist fable about the Buddha's encounter with a murderer (Angulimala) who wants to atone," D'Ammassa said. "Like the Iliad, it speaks to many questions that still torment us about violence, criminality, the limits of forgiveness, the purposes

of punishment (including capital punishment). So we went with it."

The duo's creative process in creating "Killing Buddha" was fittingly unconventional.

"I wrote a script. Randy read the pages and listened to recordings of me reading from the script and improvising, wrote some new music and incorporated one of his extant songs. The first time we went through the whole thing together, it was in front of an audience!"

That audience was a 20-some member crowd at the August 2015 Great Salt Lake Fringe Festival, held annually in Utah.

"It's a week packed solid with theatre, music, dance, visual art, scattered across several venues in the 'sugarhouse' neighborhood of Salt Lake City," D'Ammassa said. "It's a blast. Las Cruces should start one."

D'Ammassa said he "applied on a lark."

"Randy was touring the western states anyway, and it gave me a useful deadline for getting a new play written. It was terrifying because we did not get a chance to rehearse together until our two-hour light check the day before the festival. Like I said, the first time we ran through

the piece together was in front of our first audience, about 20 people."

First-run jitters notwithstanding, "Killing Buddha" generated quick buzz and, by the close of the festival, had taken home honors.

"Word spread and by the next day, we were filling the space and on the last night of the festival they announced we had won the 'Fringe Pick' award, which is chosen by the festival's board and staff. That means an automatic invitation to come back this year, which we plan to accept. We had a blast up there – and in the end, we made enough money that the trip paid for itself and perhaps an ale or two."

While "Killing Buddha" has a finished script, it, like "An Iliad" by design is very much a work-in-progress play.

"There is a written script, but I'm still altering it on my feet," D'Ammassa said. "I would take a little recorder and go outside, just start riffing on the story in Spring Canyon and Rockhound Park in Deming. I began typing some of it out and had a script about a week before the festival, right before I started driving to Salt Lake City."

Taking D'Ammassa's

written script and recordings, Granger listened through, coming up with "ideas about instruments, moods, colors ... But mainly what he does is set up various instruments around the space – flutes, percussion, strings – and plays whatever he feels in the moment," D'Ammassa said.

This improvisational take is key to the work's success.

"Like I said: I never expect the music to illustrate what the words say, I just wanted his breath and his music to flow as they will," D'Ammassa said. "I think it keeps the event fresh. I'm beginning to feel hemmed in having a script at all. Someday we'll do a show with no script. Just set up instruments and a few props, say hello to the audience, and let something unfold."

Though thematically linked, "Killing Buddha" jumps from ancient Greek history to Asian folklore – quite a leap, but not, perhaps, as much as one would expect.

"The great thing 'An Iliad' pulls off is to scaffold a story across time and culture," D'Ammassa said. "That's what the storyteller does."

"Achilles and Hector are like people we know. So is Andromache. Agamemnon. Helen. Even the gods function in ways that seem familiar, like world leaders whose vagaries affect our lives from afar. The Greeks in their ships heading to Troy under the command of Odysseus or Nestor are very much like the boys from Clovis or El Paso who get sent to Afghanistan or Iraq, my grandfather on a battleship, my father in Viet Nam."

Though D'Ammassa recognizes Eastern modes of thinking may seem distinctly foreign to some, he feels otherwise.

"If anything, I guess

Buddhism and its stories are even more alien to some Americans, but for me Buddhism has always been very American," he said. "My teachers and brothers and sisters on the path have mostly been American or European. So I'm used to hearing and telling Buddhist stories in ways that bridge the cultural gap. In some sense, the story of Achilles and Hector, or the story of Buddha and this murderer and a very puzzled king, have to become your story. That's what this project is about."

In that sense, "Killing Buddha" is less a sequel and more a companion piece to "An Iliad," complementing and critiquing one another in surprising ways.

In D'Ammassa's words, "'An Iliad' focuses on rage and organized violence, war. 'Killing Buddha' talks about personal violence, terrorism, and asks how much we really believe in rehabilitation or atonement. 'An Iliad' ends with an elegy, and I think 'Killing Buddha' ends on a note of redemption."

"An Iliad" has one performance at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. Performances of "Killing Buddha" are 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 and 20, and Friday, Feb. 19, as well as a 2:30 p.m. matinee Sunday, Feb. 21. Tickets for all shows are \$12 adults and \$10 seniors and students.

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City, museums, arts council join economic impact study

The arts mean business.

That's the message being delivered by the Doña Ana Arts Council, the City of Las Cruces Community Development Department and the Las Cruces Museum System, which have joined the "Arts & Economic Prosperity 5," a national study measuring the economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences.

The research study is being conducted by Americans for the Arts, the nation's nonprofit organization advancing the arts and arts education. It is the fifth study over the past 20 years to measure the impact of arts spending on local jobs, income paid to local residents and revenue generated to local and state governments.

As one of nearly 300 study partners across all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Doña Ana Arts Council will collect detailed financial data about our local nonprofit arts and culture organizations throughout Las Cruces and Doña Ana County such as our theater and dance companies, museums, festivals and arts education organizations.

"Many people don't think of nonprofit arts organizations as businesses," said Scott Breckner, Board President of the Doña Ana Arts Council and Director of New Mexico State University Special Events, "but this study will make clear that the arts are a formidable in-

dustry in our community—employing people locally, purchasing goods and services from local merchants and helping to drive tourism and economic development."

The Doña Ana Arts Council, City of Las Cruces Community Development Department and Las Cruces Museum System will also collect surveys from attendees at arts events using a short, anonymous questionnaire that asks how much money they spent on items such as meals, parking and transportation, and retail shopping specifically as a result of attending the event. Previous studies have shown that the average attendee spends \$24.60 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission.

Those studies have also shown that, on average, 32 percent of arts attendees travel from outside the county in which the arts event took place, and that those cultural tourists typically spend nearly \$40 per person – generating important revenue for local businesses and demonstrating how the arts drive revenue for other businesses in the community.

Surveys will be collected throughout 2016. The results of the study will be released in June 2017.

"This study will show that when we support the arts in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, we are making an investment in an industry, one that supports jobs and generates government revenue and is the

cornerstone of tourism," said Kathleen Albers, Executive Director of the Doña Ana Arts Council.

According to Americans for the Arts' most recent national study, the nonprofit arts industry generated \$135.2 billion in total economic activity and supported 4.1 million full-time equivalent jobs during 2010, resulting in \$22.3 billion in federal, state and local government revenues. The \$135.2 billion total included \$61.1 billion in spending by arts organizations and \$74.1 billion in event-related spending by their audiences on items such as meals, local transportation and overnight lodging. Complete details about the fiscal year 2010 study are available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org/EconomicImpact.

"Our 'Arts & Economic Prosperity' series demonstrates that the arts are an economic and employment powerhouse both locally and across the nation," said Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. "Leaders who care about community and economic vitality can feel good about choosing to invest in the arts. Nationally as well as locally, the arts mean business."

Americans for the Arts' "Arts & Economic Prosperity 5" study is supported by the Ruth Lilly Fund of Americans for the Arts. In addition, Americans for the Arts' local and state-wide study partners are contributing both time

and a cost-sharing fee support to the study. For a full list of the nearly 300 "Arts & Economic Prosperity 5" study partners, visit www.AmericansForTheArts.org/AEP5Partners.

To find out more about the study that will be conducted in Doña Ana County and Las Cruces during 2016, visit the Doña Ana Arts Council's website at www.DAArts.org or call 523-6403. The Doña Ana Arts Council offices are located on the second floor of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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7:30 p.m. Poetry Reading with Orlando White and David Reyes, NMSU Health and Social Services Building, Room 101. Orlando White is one of the most interesting Native American poets currently producing work, and David Reyes is an up-and-coming Chicano poet from El Paso. Together, these captivating authors will read from their work. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the reading. The reading is presented by La Sociedad para las Artes and the NMSU English Department. Free.

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

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SAT. 2/6

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

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

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

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

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

2 to 4 p.m. “The Many Faces of Story,” Desert Roots Artists’ Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Terry Alvarez will present “The Many Faces of Story,” including spoken word, song and movement in the storytelling process. Call 526-5940 or 652-7366

2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Julio Ortiz, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

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SUN. 2/7

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

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

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

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

MON. 2/8

6:30 p.m. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meeting, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month. There is a short business meeting followed by a meeting of interest to quilters and guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Linnea Egbert at 521-0521 or lascolcherasqq@aol.com.

TUE. 2/9

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

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

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

WED. 2/10

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

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2:30 p.m. Reading Art Book Club, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The Reading Art Book Club this month will hold an open group discussion on Roger Watson's and Helen Rappaport's "Capturing the Light: The Birth of Photography, a True Story of Genius and Rivalry." An intimate look at the journeys of a gentleman scientist and a visionary artist as they struggled to capture the world around them and, in the process, invented modern photography. During the 1830s, in an atmosphere of intense scientific enquiry fostered by the industrial revolution, two quite different men developed dramatically different photographic processes in total ignorance of each other's work. These two lone geniuses – Henry Fox Talbot in the seclusion of his English country estate and Louis Daguerre in the heart of post-revolutionary Paris – through diligence, disappointment, and hard work overcame extraordinary odds to achieve the one thing people had for centuries been trying to do – solve the ancient puzzle of how to capture light and make nature 'paint its own portrait'. With the creation of their two radically different processes – the Daguerreotype and the Talbotype – these two giants of early photography changed the world and how we see it. Free. Call 541-2137.

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

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

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

THU. 2/11

9 a.m. Nature Kids: Mushrooms and recyclers, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum invites kids ages 3 to 5 to learn about local flora and fauna on the fourth Thursday of each month. This week, we will learn about mushroom and recyclers, reading the book "Mushroom in the Rain" by Mirra Ginsburg and discussing the lifestyle of mushrooms and how they help recycle waste in nature. Free. Call 522-3120.

9 a.m. Planeteers: The Sun, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to the museum the second Thursday of each month to learn about the Final Frontier. This month, we will explore the Sun, counting down some of the top-10 facts about the Sun before creating a collage image to take home. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

1 p.m. History Notes lecture: "Fabian Garcia and the Remaking of New Mexico Agriculture," Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Join D. Peter Kopp for this month's History Notes lecture, "Fabian Garcia and the Remaking of New Mexico Agriculture." The influence of Fabian Garcia on the traditions and reputation of New Mexico extend far beyond NMSU. In this talk,

Dr. Kopp will explore the long-lasting effects of Garcia's lifetime of research and advocacy in agricultural science. Come learn about how your kitchen and tastes might be part of his ongoing legacy. Dr. Peter Kopp is an environmental historian with a specialty in the North American West. He teaches public history courses, including museums studies, oral history, and the public history seminar. Dr. Kopp joined the NMSU history department in the fall of 2012 as an assistant professor and the director of the public history program. Free. Call 541-2154.

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

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7 p.m. Culture Series: Food and Agriculture in the Border Region, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Krysten Aguilar, Food Planning and Policy Advocacy Specialist for La Semilla Food Center, will talk about how food and agriculture programs and initiatives can help create healthy, happy communities and foster local economic development. La Semilla Food Center's mission is to build a healthy, self-reliant, fair, and sustainable food system in the Paso del Norte region of southern New Mexico and El Paso. La Semilla was established in 2010, the result of community garden, youth development, and food system education efforts in southern New Mexico. Since its inception, the organization has taught thousands of elementary and middle school students how to grow and cook fresh food while establishing a 14-acre education and demonstration farm in Anthony, N.M. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2. Call 522-4100.

8 to 11 p.m. Live music with L.A. bluesman Jeremiah Sammartano, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

FRI. 2/12

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

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

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

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

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

SAT. 2/13

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Fun-filled February at Rio Grande Theatre

Staff Report

Following a stellar show from Ross “Skip” LeCompte – or the well-deserved “Jazzman” LeCompte – during Feb. 2’s Every Other Tuesday concert, the arts council, continuing its ongoing New Mexico Heritage Series, has slated a homecoming of sorts for Las-Cruces-born-and-bred, Texas Red Dirt Scene-surviving country singer-songwriter Josh Grider, making his return to his hometown for a show Valentine’s Day weekend, taking the stage of the Rio Grande for a night of songs, a few stories – and a big surprise – at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

Grider returns to Las Cruces one year to the day from last year’s sold-out performance benefitting the Doña Ana Arts Council, this time with a more intimate acoustic-based set, and this time he’s brought a few friends along for the ride including longtime colleague, collaborator and producer Bobby Hamrick. As a sweet surprise, Grider’s wife Kristi will join her husband on stage.

Throughout the evening, audiences can expect a healthy mix of Grider’s older favorites along with new songs and sneak peaks of projects on the horizon, including work on the soundtrack for the upcoming film “The Heart Outright,” with fellow Las Cruces, friend and filmmaker Ross Marks and based on the play by local playwright Mark Medoff.

There’s also a very special announcement planned for the evening you won’t want to miss!

Tickets are \$32 for Main Floor reserved seats; \$22 for Balcony reserved seats (all fees included). \$10 Student rush tickets (with valid Student ID) for balcony seating will be available 10 minutes before show time.

Three days later, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, the bimonthly Every Other Tuesday concert series will feature the music of Bruce Carlson, a laid-back blend of originals and cover songs with an Americana style – folk music played on acoustic guitars. His songs are about love, life and landscapes. One of his songs, “Soldiers Lie at Rest,”



Las Cruces born-and-raised country singer-songwriter Josh Grider returns from the Red Dirt Country circuit for a performance at the Rio Grande Theatre on Friday, Feb. 13.

was selected for a Nashville project called “This Is My America.” Locally, Carlson has performed at the Rio Grande Theatre, Music in the Park, Leasburg Dam Music under the Stars, The Las Cruces Arts & Crafts Show, Cowboy Days, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church Music series and at the Durango, Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering. The event is free.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, The Doña Ana Arts Council and Santa Fe’s Spanish Colonial Arts Society come together for “Viva La Cultura,” an evening of music with La Rondella de Albuquerque. La Rondella de Albuquerque is a vocal and instrumental ensemble making music from New Mexico, Mexico and Latin America come alive with harp, guitar, guitarrón, vihuela, jarana, mandolin, manjo-uke (mandolin, banjo and ukulele) and voice, under the musical direction of Otilio Ruiz de Xalapa of Veracruz, Mexico. All tickets are \$10.

Later in the month, iconic singer-songwriter and social activist Judy Collins will return to Las Cruces for a performance at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

For more than 50 years, legions of fans have been inspired by Judy Collins, the musician and the person – a versatile, tal-

ented and deeply personal singer-songwriter whose standing commitment to the 1960s and ’70s ideals of social justice, activism and environmental responsibility made her a figurehead in the push against inequality and injustice.

Though best known for her personal renditions of contemporary and traditional folk standards, Collins’ 50-albums-running body of work makes clear her experimental side, dabbling successfully in rock ‘n’ roll, pop, standards, even show tunes. From her 1961 debut “A Maid of Constant Sorrow” to her explosive entry into the spotlight with her 1967’s cover of Joni Mitchell “Both Sides, Now” – a Grammy Award-winner – on through a string of hits including “Somebody Soon,” “Chelsea Morning” and her acclaimed take on Sondheim’s “Send in the Clowns” in 1975, a slew of live albums, compilations and collaborations to the coming “Bohemian,” few inspire more than Collins does across her five decades of creating music.

Immersing herself in the social activism of her peers, Collins actively embraced the political idealism of her generation, soon becoming a key player in the movement. Even today, Collins remains dedicated to justice, campaigning



Storied American singer-songwriter, social activist and 1960s icon Judy Collins will perform an evening of songs and stories Sunday, Feb. 21.

for the abolition of land mines, representing UNICEF, fighting for environmental causes and more.

In addition to a steady schedule of writing, recording and touring new music and working to change the world, Collins has authored several books, heads her own record label, mentors up-and-coming musicians, speaks on behalf of mental health and suicide prevention and has directed a number of films, one of which, “Antonia Brico – Portrait of a Woman,” about the first woman to conduct major worldwide symphonies, earned an Academy Award nomination.

Join a living legend for an evening of song, story and inspiration as the iconic Judy Collins shares herself with the City of the Crosses once again.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., show time is 6 p.m. Tickets are \$42.50 for Main Floor reserved seats; \$32 for Balcony reserved seats; includes all fees.

Later in the month, be on the lookout for the Friends of Bob and Tom Show Comedy Tour, set for Saturday, Feb. 27, featuring the funny friends of nationally syndicated hit radio program “The Bob and Tom Show.” More than 5 million listeners daily tune in to Bob Kevoian, Tom Griswold and company broadcasting their comedy variety show direct from the 86th floor of the Friggemall complex in Indianapolis, Indiana. Popular comics from the show – as heard locally on 98.7 FM Classic Hits – perform live at the Rio Grande Theatre for one night only. Spotting some of Bob and Tom’s favorite comedians, the lineup features Jeff Dye, Dave Dyer, Greg Hahn and Costaki Economopoulos. More on this in a later issue.

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main St. For more information on the theater, the Doña Ana Arts Council, any programming or to buy tickets, call 523-6403 or visit www.RioGrandeTheatre.com.

Broadway Today 2016 features singing, signing, cultural diversity Feb. 12 at NMSU

New Mexico State University Department of Theatre Arts Professor Megan McQueen continues her annual revue featuring the hottest shows on the Broadway stage with “Broadway Today 2016,” beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., on the New Mexico State University campus.

“In the past year, Broadway has celebrated diversity by becoming a rich tapestry of all kinds of voices,” McQueen said.

“From children’s voices in ‘Matilda’ and ‘Fun Home’ to Black voices in ‘The Color Purple’ to deaf voices in ‘Spring Awakening’ to Asian voices in ‘The King and I’ to Hispanic voices in ‘On Your Feet,’ there has been much more attention placed on authentically representing our society,” she said.

These are just a few of the many perspectives that will be showcased by more than 50 NMSU theatre and music students and community members in an evening that will also include bite-sized appetizers and desserts by Roanna St. Clair and Alma d’arte Charter High School culinary students.

Reserved tickets are \$15 to \$20 and are available at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts box office from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday – call 646-4515 – or at the Pan American ticket office or on the Ticketmaster website. Student rush tickets will be \$5.

Broadway Today 2016 sponsorships will also be available at \$100 for each. Sponsors can choose from the 18 musicals that will be presented, and will have their names listed in the program by

association with that musical. They will also be acknowledged from the stage during the performance and will be invited to an onstage reception during intermission.

To sponsor a musical, contact Megan McQueen at 646-5952 or memcqu@nmsu.edu.

Here are some of the performances that will highlight the evening:

- NMSU senior Joey Rodriguez will do a duet with Doris Velez, and NMSU musical theatre students Caitlin Artrip, Daniela Castorena, Max Contreras, Parigrynn Cox, Daniel de la Rosa, Laura Mae Dille, Nicholas Holguin, Nichole Holguin, Cameron Lang, Mason Monk, Joseph Rodriguez and Palma Tavenner will perform “My Junk” from “Spring Awakening.”

Also from “Spring Awakening,” recent NMSU graduate Monique Harrison will work with Brianna Chacon, Nichole Holguin, Torrie Hughes, Miranda Lukens and Palma Tavenner on singing and signing (American Sign Language for the Deaf) “Mama Who Bore Me”; and NMSU student and ASL expert Karina Mitchell will interpret the role of “Wendla.”

- Andrea Kiesling, Monique Harrison and Asiah Thomas-Mandlman will perform “I’m Here and “Our Prayer” from “The Color Purple”;

- NMSU music student Ejerson Balbas will present “Something Wonderful” from “The King and I”;

- Ten men, including Calvin

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Megan McQueen loves bringing Broadway to Las Cruces

By **Mike Cook**
Las Cruces Bulletin

There’s probably no one in Las Cruces more qualified – or more excited – to direct a show full of Broadway tunes than Megan McQueen.

McQueen has seen more than 200 Broadway shows during dozens of trips to New York City in the past couple of decades. The first show she saw was “Miss Saigon,” with her father, Bill McQueen, who now lives in Oklahoma. That same trip, he let her go alone to the theatre in the hotel they were staying at to see Jerry Lewis in a revival of “Damn Yankees.”

“It was so good. It blew my mind how good it was,” said McQueen, who is a college assistant professor of theatre arts at NMSU.

It’s utterly appropriate that she made that first trip to Broadway with her father. “My dad started signing with me

when I was three” – she remembers Bill McQueen on the guitar, Simon and Garfunkel’s “Scarborough Fair” and lots of John Denver songs. At age four, her theatre-loving mother, Janet McQueen, encouraged her to start singing in a church choir.

“My mom was so patient trying to find something I was great at,” Megan said. “Soccer was not it. But performing arts felt more natural.”

McQueen, now 37, has been back to the Big Apple almost every year since she was a student at Hempfield High School in Landisville, Pennsylvania.

She’s seen every Tony award winning best musical since 1998 (eight of them more than once), but says 2005’s “Billy Elliott” is the “most exquisite.”

She’s also seen experimental theatre in Off-Off-Broadway productions, including one in a

fourth-floor walkup apartment; and Theatre Breaking Barriers, which includes performers who are deaf, blind and in wheelchairs. “That was really amazing,” McQueen said.

After seeing a show on Broadway or off, her first thoughts are often, “How could we do that? What part of this can we do?”

“To me, going to see Broadway shows that are really excellent is more about inspiring me and feeding my passion,” McQueen said. “Elements of that can be translated to any theatre project.”

McQueen started doing Broadway revues shortly after she moved to Las Cruces in 1996 to attend college and be closer to her family. Over the next 18 years, she created more than 20 revues for Boba Café, plus others at New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, the Black Box The-

atre in downtown Las Cruces, Alma d’arte Charter High School, Lemongrass Restaurant, the Rio Grande Theatre and NMSU.

In 2008, she directed “We Are Enron” for the NMSU Music Department, staging the premiere of a musical that was written by three Las

Cruces artists and featured a cast of more than 40 performers and a sizable orchestra that

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- Amanda Bradford will be joined by Mario Ragazzone to perform Leonard Bernstein’s “Carried Away,” from “On the Town”;

- NMSU student Nichole Holguin will join community performers Janet Beatty-Payne, Amy Gaume Whipple and Megan Higgins in a raucous medley from “Mamma Mia”;

- “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” will feature Las Cruces actor/singer Brandon Brown performing two songs from the show with NMSU musical theatre students;

- Three current and former Alma d’arte Charter High School students, Alex Wheeler, Heather Hosford and Xodia Choate, will perform “Matchmaker” from “Fiddler on the Roof”;

- Ten-year-old Jennifer Brouhard will perform “Ring of Keys” from “Fun Home”;

- NMSU theatre senior Cameron Lang will perform King George’s humorous “You’ll Be Back” from “Hamilton”;

- Las Cruces piano phenomenon David Cunniff will perform his own arrangement from “American in Paris”;

- NMSU music graduate Bobby Harrison (1997) and Jamie Smith (2015) will join voices for a song from

the movie-turned-musical “Finding Neverland”;

- Theatre arts senior Austin Parish will perform “Sugar Daddy!” from “Hedwig and the Angry Inch”;

- High school students Tim Wilbur, Savannah Jimenez, Abri Morales, Mott Rosales and Xodia Choate will be joined by middle school student Heidi Brown and elementary school students Annabel Simpson and Grace Mynatt in “When I Grow Up,” from “Matilda.” NMSU sophomore Caitlin Atrip is choreographing this number and also performs in it;

- NMSU senior Veronica Bissell and freshman Calvin Chervinko will join forces for “I Love the Way” from “Something Rotten”;

- Marybeth Torres will perform “Natural Woman” from “Beautiful, the Carole King Musical”;

- NMSU sophomore Parigrynne Cox will perform the title song from “Amazing Grace”;

- NMSU music graduate Valerie Mirelez will do vocals and NMSU students will perform on percussion (the percussion arrangement is by El Paso actor/singer/director Justin Lucero) in a selection from “On Your Feet.”

For more information, including video links to samples from performers, visit www.nmsutheatre.com/BroadwayToday.php and see the event’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/1547413248905514.

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brought the creative team to more than 100 artists.

McQueen was also responsible for bringing Broadway actor, writer, musician and radio show host Seth Rudetsky to Las Cruces to perform and workshop with NMSU students and community members in 2013.

Since the summer of 2014, she and Scaffolding Theatre Company partner Justin Lucero of El Paso have produced, directed, musically directed and staged “Nine” and “Chicago” at NMSU and “Passion” at Rio Grande Theatre.

All told, McQueen has played more than 20 leading roles in productions in Las Cruces, El Paso, and the Ephrata Playhouse in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

McQueen brings that incredible depth of experience and her gift for musical theatre to Feb. 12’s “Broadway Today” at the ASNMSU Theatre for the Arts. It’s her second annual revue of the biggest hits now playing on the Broadway stage.

Last year’s Broadway Today and the “Divas” shows McQueen produced and starred in for three consecutive years have been among the most successful fundraisers ever for the American Southwest Theatre Company, the nonprofit that benefits the students of the NMSU Theatre Arts Department.

This year’s show should be no exception. It’s got “what has played Broadway during this year” being performed by NMSU theatre and

music students; elementary, middle and high school students and community members, who are “letting people in Las Cruces know what’s going on in New York City right now,” she said.

“Broadway Today will reflect the diversity currently present on the stages in New York City,” McQueen said. It weaves together the songs and stories of children, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and the deaf – as two songs are sung and signed in ASL (American Sign Language) at the same time.

“You don’t have to go to New York to have an astounding experience,” McQueen said. “You can have a profoundly moving theatre experience anywhere. There’s not a theatre in Las Cruces I haven’t seen a show in that hasn’t changed me.”

And, she’ll take live theatre over a movie theatre any day. “I’d rather see a middle school play than the latest blockbuster,” she said.

“The more we become connected to our devices, the more sacred theatre becomes,” McQueen said. Live theatre, she said, connects actors to actors and actors to audiences. “You go see a movie; you become a part of live theatre.”

That connection — to actors, crew members, co-directors and the audience — is what it’s all about for McQueen.

“The wonderful audiences in Las Cruces are as critical to the theatre experience as the cast is,” she said. I feel privileged to be a part of that!”

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Sudoku

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

BEGINNER

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CHALLENGER

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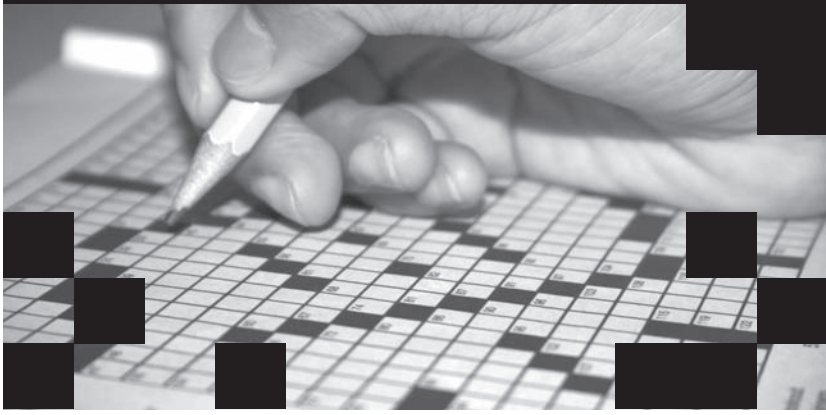
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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BrainGames

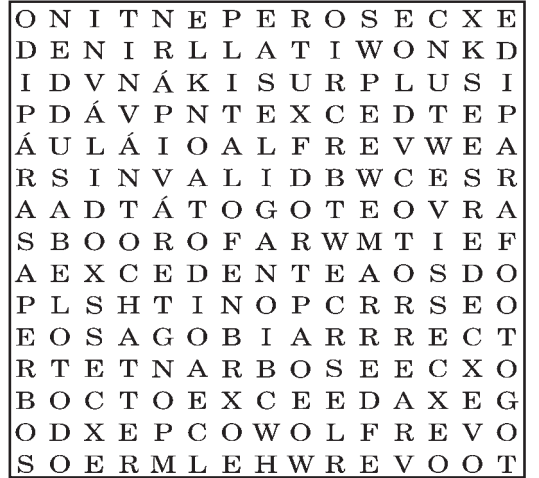


Word Salsa

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

TOO MUCH INFORMATION

- | ENGLISH | SPANISH |
|---------------|------------|
| EXCESS | EXCESO |
| EXCESSIVE | EXCEDENTE |
| INVALID | INVÁLIDO |
| KNOW-IT-ALL | SABELOTODO |
| OVERFLOW | DERRAME |
| RAPID | RÁPIDO |
| SUDDEN | REPENTINO |
| SURPLUS | SOBRANTE |
| TO CHATTER | COTORREAR |
| TO EXCEED | SOBREPASAR |
| TO GO TOO FAR | EXCEDERSE |
| TO OVERWHELM | AGOBIAR |



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Crossword Puzzles

Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

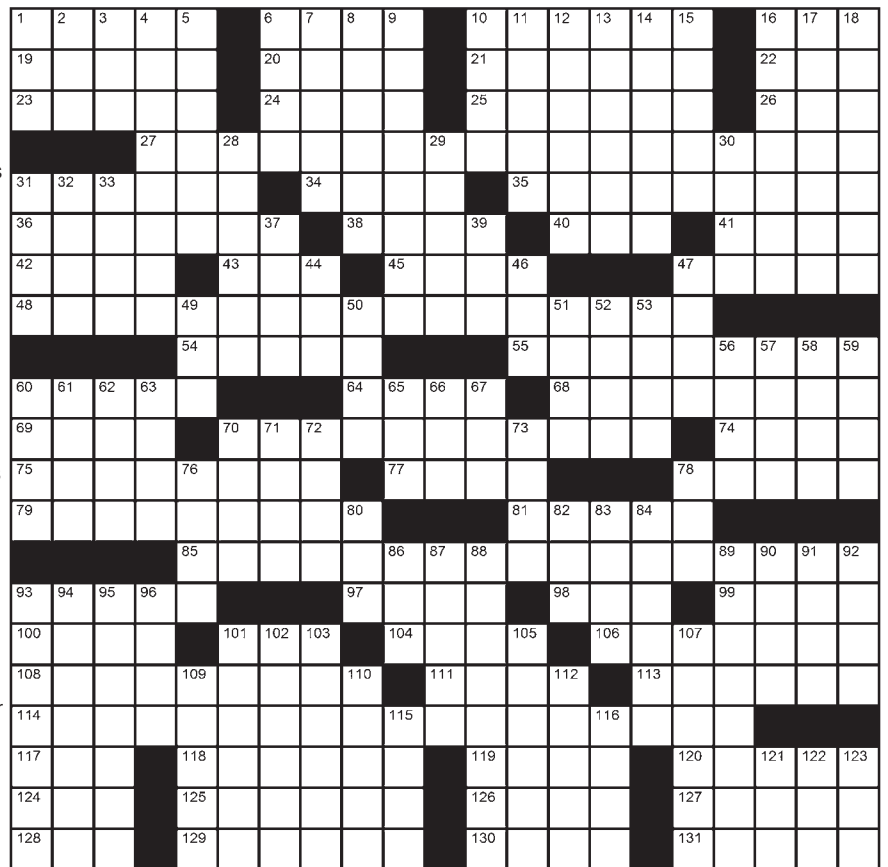
- | ACROSS | Wales |
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| 1 Red carpet walker | 2 Time span |
| 6 The muse of love poetry | 3 Longitude's alternative, for short |
| 7 Brazenly obvious | 4 Arrival time approximately |
| 9 Belfry denizen | 5 Clever remark |
| 10 Deface | 7 Misery |
| 12 Hopper | 8 Spanish snack |
| 13 Petroleum org. | 9 Beachware |
| 15 Supplement | 11 Snub |
| 16 Unacceptable | 12 Felt cap |
| 17 Hindi title | 14 Piece of bric-a-brac |
| 18 Spanish for day | 17 African plain with major wildlife reserve |
| 21 Telekinetic expert | 18 Russian villa |
| 23 Sharp | 19 Butt in |
| 24 No matter what | 20 Cries of distress |
| 25 Mark Twain's Huckleberry | 22 Government levy |
| 27 Man-made objects | 23 Song singing system used in bars |
| 30 Centers of attention | 26 City visited by Jonah, in the Bible |
| 31 French river | 28 A ___ cry |
| 34 Dull pain | 29 Often a winning card |
| 35 Very happy | 31 Scientist's office |
| 39 Commercial maker | 32 Musical literary piece |
| 40 Present the case again | 33 Global finance grp. |
| 44 I want it as well! (2 wds.) | 36 Devoured |
| 45 Confuse the issue | 37 Son of Apollo |
| 46 Fair | 38 Nonsense! |
| 47 Olympic category | 41 Vigorous |
| 48 Retain | 42 Put to work |
| 51 Treat with sacrilege | 43 And so forth |
| 54 Outline clearly on a face | 49 Brilliance of success |
| 55 Munich beer festival mo. | 50 Plant tissue |
| 56 Park City state | 51 ___ and don'ts |
| 57 Sickly | 52 Musical notation to relax strict time |
| 58 Miss Piggy's digs | 53 Tiny particles |
| 59 Carton | 61 Hit the ___ on the head |
| 60 Top-notch | 62 Person with more years than anyone else |
| 63 Computer memory | 63 Common |
| 64 Blue color | 67 Tangelo variety |
| 65 Belongs to something | 69 Tarzan's buddy |
| 66 In the center (pref.) | 70 Korea's most common surname |
| 67 Saucer-shaped craft | 71 Mount Blanc, for one |
| 68 Air from a tire | |
| 72 Tanker mess up | |
| 73 Musical beats | |

THE MASTERS

- | ACROSS | 118 Ambrosia of immortality |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Sheriff's gang | 119 "Lady Jane Grey" dramatist |
| 6 Political cartoonist (1840-1902) | 120 Actress Georgia |
| 10 Pastry shells | 124 Hot time in Paris |
| 16 One of Ted's stations | 125 Golf ball choice |
| 19 Arrivederci, Andre | 126 ___ go brag! |
| 20 "Star Trek: TNG" character | 127 Digression |
| 21 Cool dude | 128 Former draft org. |
| 22 Old-time high note | 129 Ancient Jewish mystic |
| 23 Crevasse pinnacle | 130 "Lelia" author |
| 24 Airfoil | 131 Last, but not ___ |
| 25 Satellite of Jupiter | |
| 26 Spat | |
| 27 Start of an Arnold Palmer quote | |
| 31 Classify | |
| 34 Part of NLCS | |
| 35 Spy-in-the-sky | |
| 36 Private seals | |
| 38 Precious stones | |
| 40 Q-U connection | |
| 41 Way of old Rome | |
| 42 Romance lang. | |
| 43 Sch. of Trojans | |
| 45 Alternative to 9 | |
| 47 Planted items | |
| 48 Part 2 of quote | |
| 54 Experiments | |
| 55 Ballet turn | |
| 60 Elroy Jetson's dog | |
| 64 Black and Red, e.g. | |
| 68 Devoted to schoolwork | |
| 69 Commercial award | |
| 70 Garb at The Masters | |
| 74 Wild speech | |
| 75 One who meddles | |
| 77 Hamlet or Ophelia | |
| 78 Yields | |
| 79 Equipped with a tiller | |
| 81 Hindu tunes | |
| 85 Part 3 of quote | |
| 93 Greek letter | |
| 97 Bum around | |
| 98 ___ Mahal | |
| 99 Spoken | |
| 100 Pro ___ (in proportion) | |
| 101 Young boy | |
| 104 Hunt and peck | |
| 106 Ones who caution | |
| 108 Cromwell's nickname | |
| 111 Turn sharply | |
| 113 Get cozy | |
| 114 End of quote | |
| 117 Chat-room laughter letters | |

DOWN

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Mas' mates | 50 Latin being | 92 Different |
| 2 Poetic tribute | 51 Chance taken | 93 Nothing to worry about |
| 3 Knightly address | 52 Comic John | 94 Strumpets |
| 4 Orlando attraction | 53 Sound defeat | 95 French stars |
| 5 Game played with 32 cards | 56 Dublin's country | 96 Space juice? |
| 6 Contents abbreviation | 57 Natterjack | 101 Benchmark test |
| 7 Greek poet saved by a dolphin | 58 Use a diapaon | 102 Decorates |
| 8 "Illness as Metaphor" writer | 59 Guessed figs. | 103 Pollute |
| 9 Superlatively snug | 60 Play divisions | 105 Writer Welty |
| 10 "Moonstruck" star | 61 Louver piece | 107 Expose |
| 11 Stays in the military | 62 What cons do | 109 Cast a shadow |
| 12 Lift hooves, say | 63 Weapon in Clue | 110 Squelched |
| 13 Gets a move on | 65 Wrap up | 112 Booth or Meese |
| 14 Valve attachment | 66 Steely Dan album | 115 Open-mouthed stare |
| 15 Delay by deception | 67 Antonio or Angelo of Texas | 116 Rip angrily |
| 16 Wood eater | 70 Writer Shirley Ann | 121 Actress Scala |
| 17 Swollen | 71 Confederate soldiers, | 122 News chiefs, for short |
| 18 Ruth and Diane | | 123 Permit to |
| 28 Harmonize | | |
| 29 Mr. Fudd | | |
| 30 Nobel Prize winner | | |
| Wiesel | | |
| 31 You wish! | | |
| 32 Planet-finding grp. | | |
| 33 Leaf through | | |
| 37 Cobra's cousins | | |
| 39 Snoop | | |
| 44 Collapsible bed | | |
| 46 Highest level | | |
| 47 Poker choice | | |
| 49 Simpson trial judge | | |

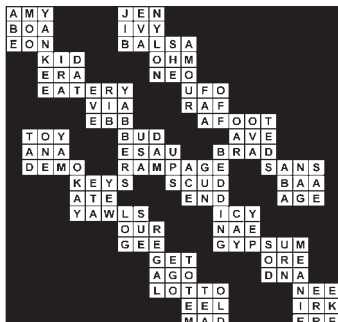


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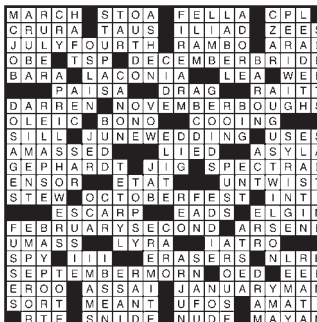
Word Salsa



Diagramless



Full Calendar



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

A committee was defined by a fine comic as a body that writes minutes and wastes hours.

Spring 2016 Stars-N-Parks programs announced

Residents and visitors to Grant and Luna counties will have five opportunities to learn about the spring night sky at Stars-N-Parks astronomy programs to be held at area state parks this spring.

Five astronomy programs will be held: three at City of Rocks State Park, between Deming and Silver City; and two at Rockhound State Park, near Deming. The National Public Observatory sponsors the Stars-N-Parks astronomy programs.

Stars-N-Parks attendees should arrive at the park at sunset so they can become familiar with their surroundings before nightfall. This is also an excellent time for informal instruction by the presenter and getting ac-

quainted with other attendees. A formal presentation on the night sky begins approximately an hour after sunset, followed by telescope observations.

Pay the \$5 day-use fee at the gate when arriving at the park or you may purchase a State Park Annual Day Use (ADU) pass at any state park or online at www.nmparks.com. The \$40 passes are good for one year from the date of purchase and can be transferred to any vehicle.

The NPO is a nonprofit membership organization that sponsors astronomy programs for all. Suggested donations for the program are \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. For more information on the NPO visit the website at www.Astro-NPO.org.

Stars-N-Parks Spring 2016 schedule:

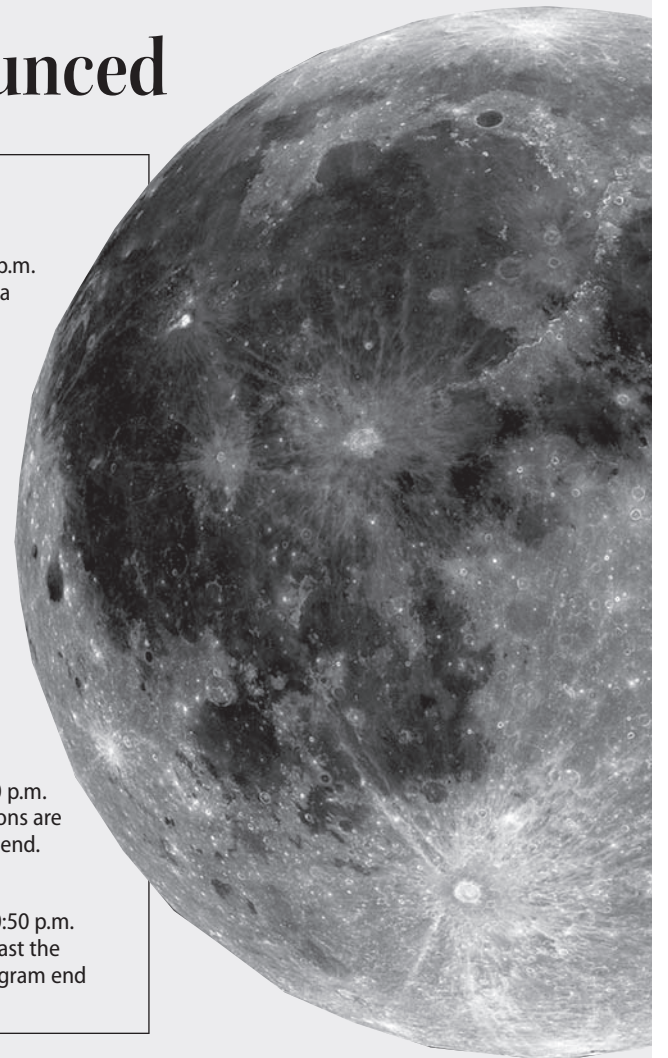
WHERE: Saturday, Feb. 6, Rockhound State Park
SUNSET: 5:42 p.m., Program Start: 7 p.m., Program End: 8:30 p.m.
 Canopus transits in the south during the program. Andromeda Galaxy is low in the west while Orion rises in the east.
PRESENTER: John Gilkison

WHERE: Saturday, Mar. 5, City of Rocks State Park
SUNSET: 6:05 p.m., Program Start: 7:15 p.m., Program End: 8:45 p.m.
 Jupiter is above the horizon at program start. Ursa Major is standing on its tail in the northeast. Orion is past the meridian.

WHERE: Saturday, Apr. 2, Rockhound State Park
SUNSET: 7:24 p.m., Program Start: 8:35 p.m., Program End: 10:05 p.m. Jupiter is well up at program start. The spring constellations are prominent in the east as the winter constellations set in the west.
PRESENTER: John Gilkison

WHERE: Saturday, May 7, City of Rocks State Park
SUNSET: 7:49 p.m., Program Start: 9 p.m., Program End: 10:30 p.m.
 Jupiter is on the meridian at program start. Winter constellations are setting in the west. Planets Mars and Saturn rise at program's end.

WHERE: Saturday, Jun. 6, City of Rocks State Park
SUNSET: 8:07 p.m., Program Start: 9:20 p.m., Program End: 10:50 p.m.
 Mars and Saturn are well up at program start, and Jupiter is past the meridian. The Summer Milky Way is above the horizon by program end



Ballet 5:8

HONEST, RELEVANT, BREATHTAKING DANCE

Ballet 5:8 is a professional dance company, but not just any dance company. Founded in 2012 as a nonprofit with a dynamic mission rooted in Christian faith, Ballet 5:8 aims to become an influential voice in the public forum of arts & culture.

The company brings its artistic ingenuity, innovation and excellence to Las Cruces to present the Winter Gala in its first-ever performance in the Southwest.

Tickets \$25 each. For more information, visit www.ballet58.org or call 575-523-3933

Friday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
 4100 E. Dripping Springs Road

Dance party at Crossroads

From 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Crossroads Community Supported Healthcare, 130 S. Main St., will host the Dia del Amor Downtown Dance Party, a benefit for local, community-supported health and farming projects in the Borderlands region including Flores de Juárez and Developing Youth from the Ground Up/Sustain.

Among the groups supported are Flores de Juárez, a "barefoot" health project in Mexico consisting of local groups committed to the long-term sustainability and comprehensive advancement of community health and wellness in Ciudad Juárez.

This project includes leadership development and assisting groups and leaders within Juárez with the capacity to create cooperatively led,

grassroots, community supported projects. In the past, groups assisting volunteers have included the Catholic Diocese of Juárez, Crossroads Acupuncture, Shakti Rising, DYGUP, MountainView Co-op and The Farm.

Developing Youth from the Ground Up/Sustain (DYGUP), created by Shahid Mustafa, is a small, "shared farm network for the Borderlands, focusing on training locals," said CCSA Executive Director Ryan Bemis. "Crossroads is building a cooperatively shared community acupuncture network in the borderlands, focusing on training locals," Bemis said. "Our school in Juarez, Promotores Descalzos (Barefoot health promoters) is based on a Chinese health program providing access to rural healthcare via training

farmers in acupuncture techniques, dating to the Cultural revolution and later picked up by the WHO (World Health Organization) and brought to Mexico. It is fitting for us to partner with a local farming cooperative that is in the same spirit as Flores de Juarez."

Live music will be provided Simeon Beardsley and a few unannounced guests; after, DJ RiseOHM, aka Shahid Mustafa, takes over on the decks. This Downtown Dance Party will be returning as a monthly event, with the next party planned for St. Patrick's Day in March.

Tickets are a minimum \$5 donation. For more information or to purchase tickets, call CCSA at 312-6569 or visit www.crossroadsacupuncture.com or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1657360157884878>.

'Carol' is a beautiful but dry film

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Carol," opening Friday, Feb. 5 at Mesilla's Fountain Theatre, is based on a novel titled "The Price of Salt" by Patricia Highsmith, who was a closeted lesbian at the time and published it under a pseudonym.

I've not read the book, but it is said to be rather upbeat, which is more than one can say for the often droll, trance-like picture it inspired. At the time she wrote it, Highsmith was working in a department store, in the toy section, when she noticed a woman, Carol (in the movie version), wearing a fur coat and looking a bit bewildered, but very elegant and somewhat aloof.

Therese (the film version of Highsmith) waits on her, selling her a train set for her daughter for Christmas. All of this takes place in the early 1950s, and we all know how well gay and lesbian people were accepted at that time.

Nonetheless, Carol leaves her gloves behind and Therese, a simple woman who lacks facial expression, looks up her address on her store account and pops them in the mail.

Before long, Carol, who seems like a dowager but is actually in the middle of a divorce from a strident and controlling husband, responds in kind, inviting Therese for a spot of tea.

Things progress from there, slowly, passionlessly, but effectively. Cate Blanchett, as Carol, does well with the role, but as with many of director

Todd Haynes' characters, she seems to lack emotion, though not nearly as much as Rooney Mara, who plays Therese.

As it turns out, Carol had a woman/woman relationship in the past, which sort of opened the door for the divorce. However, Carol is very attached to her daughter, while Therese seems to not have any connection to anyone. She seems under some kind of spell while with Carol, never refusing, never protesting.

The relationship remains very asexual



Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara star in director Todd Haynes' "Carol," based on Patricia Highsmith's "The Price of Salt," opening Friday, Feb. 5, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

until Carol insists Therese leave with her on a road trip. Some spontaneity, gaiety and sex accompany the two women on the road as they consummate in Iowa, far from New York City, where Carol is much more at home, shall we say.

This is the beginning of the end, as the film turns slightly film noir-ish when Carol brandishes a gun against an eavesdropper hired by her husband in order for him to get full custody of the couple's daughter.

Blanchett, as done up by Haynes offers a performance that is quite heavy, even in her appearance — cat like eyes, full red lips, strong and high cheekbones. Carol is wrapped in furs, swathed

in cigarette smoke, and has the best of "things" — but not emotions.

Therese lives simply — one would expect her place to have a table, one chair, a plant on the windowsill that faces a brick wall across the alley and a Mur-

phy bed, supplemented by three dresses per season. She is beautiful but furtive, smart but coy.

The picture works on many levels, but often feels sterile and a bit out of reach.

As for Highsmith, the writer of more than 20 novels and countless short stories, she found that her first book's success was unexpected and was perhaps a bit overwhelmed by it all. "Strangers on a Train" became a Hitchcock movie about a year after the book was released, and "The Price of Salt," released in 1952, was her only story about lesbianism —

one which struck a chord for many.

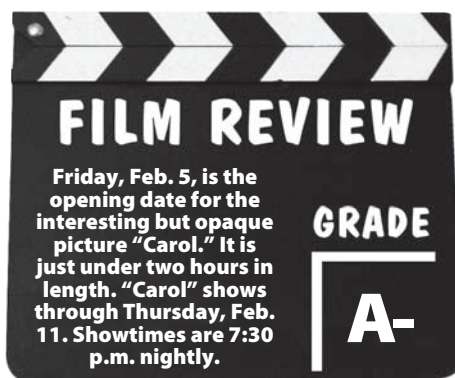
An article at The Guardian (www.theguardian.com) offers up, "It flowed from the end of my pen as if from nowhere," Highsmith said.

She plundered her many relationships ("I was in love many times and with many women — more times than rats have orgasms") for her other works, using bits and pieces of those times with

her lovers, noting gestures, movements, glances, all to enhance her work blissfully.

"Carol" is well worth your time investment, but don't think you will come away with any emotional undoing from the story or characters.

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AtTheMovies

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99 Homes

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, suspense
Starring: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance
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Love the Coopers

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Comedy, drama
Starring: Diane Keaton, John Goodman
Director: Jessie Nelson

Crimson Peak

Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Charlie Hunnam, Jessica Chastain
Director: Guillermo del Toro

Spectre

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action
Starring: Daniel Craig, Ralph Fiennes
Director: Sam Mendes

Top-grossing Jan. 29-31

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|---|--|
| 1 Kung Fu Panda 3 (Week No. 1)
\$41,282,042 | 6 Dirty Grandpa (Week No. 2)
\$7,591,049 |
| 2 The Revenant (Week No. 6)
\$12,779,530 | 7 The Boy (Week No. 2)
\$7,551,388 |
| 3 Star Wars: The Force Awakens
(Week No. 7) \$11,116,684 | 8 The 5th Wave (Week No. 2)
\$7,142,826 |
| 4 The Finest Hours (Week No. 1)
\$10,288,932 | 9 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of
Benghazi (Week No. 3) \$6,274,244 |
| 5 Ride Along 2 (Week No. 3)
\$8,426,610 | 10 Fifty Shades of Black (Week No. 1)
\$5,900,528 |

Picking the Flicks



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

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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



The Finest Hours

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Coast Guard heads out on a dangerous rescue mission when a blizzard destroys two oil tankers at sea off the coast of Cape Cod in 1952.
Starring: Chris Pine, Holliday Granger
Director: Craig Gillespie



The Boy

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An American nanny is shocked to discover her new family's boy is actually a life-sized doll – one she's convinced is really alive.
Starring: Lauren Cohan, Rupert Evans
Director: William Brent Bell



Ride Along 2

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: With his wedding day approaching, Ben heads to Miami with soon-to-be brother-in-law James to take down a drug kingpin with a hold on Atlanta.
Starring: Kevin Hart, Ice Cube
Director: Tim Story



Dirty Grandpa

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



The 5th Wave

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



Fifty Shades of Black

Rated: R
Plot Overview: An inexperienced college student's relationship with a wealthy businessman is strained by his wilder sexual practices.
Starring: Marlon Wayans, Kali Hawk
Director: Michael Tidde



13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A U.S. Ambassador is killed during an American attack in Libya, and a security team must try to survive the chaos.
Starring: Toby Stephens, John Krasinski
Director: Michael Bay



Jane Got a Gun

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A vengeful woman recruits her ex-lover to save her outlaw husband from the gang that pursues him.
Starring: Natalie Portman, Joel Edgerton
Director: Gavin O'Connor



The Revenant

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



Kung Fu Panda 3

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Po faces off against two epic threats – one supernatural and one much closer to home.
Starring: Jack Black, Angelina Jolie (voices)
Director: Alessandro Carloni, Jennifer Yuh



The Choice

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young couple meets in a quaint coastal town, entering a relationship strained by the most defining moments of their lives.
Starring: Alexandra Daddario, Benjamin Walker
Director: Ross Katz



Hail, Caesar!

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A 1950s Hollywood "fixer" Eddie Mannix keeps cast and crew in line, before hitting the trail of a disappeared star.
Starring: Josh Brolin, George Clooney
Director: Joel and Ethan Coen



Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: In a twist on Jane Austen's novella, heroine Elizabeth Bennet taps her mastery of martial arts and weaponry to eliminate the zombie scourge ravaging Britain.
Starring: Lily James, Sam Riley
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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents For the Love of Art Month ArtForms Member Exhibit "Here & There" featuring work from ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico members. Comprised of photographs, fractal art, paintings, sculpture and more, the exhibition reflects the diverse membership of ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico, which includes professional artists, art enthusiasts, business owners, hobbyists, retirees, students, and teachers. "Here & There" opens with a reception with the artists from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and will remain on display through Saturday, March 19.

The museum also hosts "Reflections: African-American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection." "Reflections" tells a story of community and place through a selection of paintings, photographs, textile pieces, and works on paper from the collection of renowned costume designer and arts patron, Myrna Colley-Lee. The imagery in "Reflections" focuses primarily on narrative works and landscapes of everyday life, past and present, and includes such noted artists as Elizabeth Catlett, Romare Bearden, Gwen Knight, Betye Saar, James Van Der Zee, and Eudora Welty. Thoughtfully co-curated by René Paul Barilleaux and Susan Lloyd McClamroch, and organized by International Arts & Artists, "Reflections" allows viewers to connect the strong tradition of storytelling by African Americans, with the sense of place that is largely unique to Southerners. "Reflections" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and will remain on display through April 2.

The BCC also continues to show "The Visionarias" by photographer Chris Carruth. In this series of photographs, taken in early 2014 and 2015, Carruth documents the Visionaria Network's ongoing development efforts in Cusco and the nearby Sacred Valley of Peru. The images portray multiple people, locations, and projects, elaborating on the organization's work as well as its impact in communities. The Visionaria Network promises a sustainable, community-driven, participant-owned model of development work, and strives to create a network of confident women leaders who plan and implement development initiatives within their communities. Carruth has worked in both the documentary and fine-art photography since 2010. His main themes focus on identity, place and empowerment. He lectures at the University of Colorado, Boulder. "Visionarias" will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 27.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Graphicanos: Contemporary Latino Prints from the Serie Project," featuring serigraph prints from the archives of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Fort Wayne, Texas, by

Latino artists exploring cultural issues of the Latino community throughout the United States. The Serie Project, a nonprofit organization founded by Sam Coronado in 1993 in Austin, Texas, promotes the fire art of serigraphy. In the past two decades, the organization has fostered over 250 artists from different professional levels and ethnic backgrounds, who together have produced a rare and special collection of serigraphs reflecting the Mexican American and Latino experience in the United States. "Graphicanos" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY presents something completely different during the February First Friday Downtown Art Ramble. Artist Dani Anderson experiments in a variety of media but will be showing her acrylic-on-canvas paintings on canvas that is highly textured, saturated with color and filled with found objects, polymer clay, copper foil and anything else she visualizes as she creates intriguing abstract shapes and designs. Anderson's work will be celebrated with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY presents "Conglomerations!" from fine artist Wall Batterton. Batterton has exhibited from Mexico City to Chicago, Los Angeles to Santa Fe and parts in between. He is a multi-media and mixed media artist. In "Conglomerations!," Batterton exhibits his collages and face sculptures. He uses each medium to make a unique statement about his view of the world at large. "From modern left-over stuff and salvaged wood scraps, I watched the faces evolve into an endless variety of human-like expressions. They are my modern tribute to our ancestral primitive art that is still present all over the world," he said. "My collages are expressions of my view of the world condition — the mounting-frenzied-over-populated world, crazed by wars, the planet's rampant groups, religious ferment and downright mental desperation." "Conglomerations!" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

MESQUITE ART GALLERY presents the work of Deming sculptor Claudia Dennee,

who makes wonderful use of found bones, skulls, wood and more. Her pieces are composed of mixed media including wood, bone, paper and metal. She finds mesquite and bone in the desert surrounding her home. They are incorporated in the design by extensive carving, gluing, paper, leather and metal application and painting. "I am inspired by myth, fairy tale, and natural surroundings," Dennee said. "Animal behavior often informs my pieces. In addition, cross-cultural and archaeological records are often referenced." An artist's reception is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Dennee's work will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features the work of Las Cruces Arts Association (LCAA) members during the month of February. A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5.

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

MAIN STREET BISTRO & ALE HOUSE presents in celebration of Las Cruces' For the Love of Art Month the work of Las Cruces Arts Association members during the month of February in a collection called "Art We Love," also on display at the LCAA Art on Easels Gallery, just down the way inside the Community Enterprise Center at 125 N. Main St.

Main Street Bistro & Ale House is located at 139 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-5977.

UNSETTLED GALLERY presents a collaborative exhibit showcasing the photo-intaglio prints of artists Louis Ocepek and Mary Wolf in "Tableaux Parisiens." The work in "Tableaux Parisiens" reflects each artist's individual views and experiences gathered by walking the city of Paris over a twenty-year period. Wolf said, "Intertwined in the work are our different perspectives of the vistas, architecture, people and objects we discovered." Photo-intaglio prints in the exhibit include images of the city's metro system, cultural and public space, the small immigrant neighborhood La Goutte d'Or ("Drop of Gold"), a Romanian gypsy circus found in the 11th Arrondissement, and images of museums, cemeteries and daily life on the street. "Tableaux Parisiens" opens with an artists' reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and will remain on display through March 5. On Thursday, Feb. 25, Wolf and Ocepek will discuss their roles in the creating work for "Tableaux Parisiens." Wolf will cover photographing Paris and Ocepek will talk about the photo-intaglio process.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. For more information visit www.unsettledgallery.com, email u@unsettledgallery.com or call 635-2285.

ONGOING

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

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

CAFÉ DE MESILLA presents an exhibit of work from members of the Las Cruces Arts Association for the months of January and February — For the Love of Art month. In "Art We Love," members of the LCAA celebrate For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces will a collection of their favorite work. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of February.

Café de Mesilla is located at 2190 Avenida de Mesilla. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 524-0000.

AA STUDIOS presents "Dreams from the Desert," an exhibit of new ceramics and wall constructions by Las Cruces artist Christina Campbell. Campbell is a New Mexico artist who experiments with different media, including painting, drawing and ceramics. Much of her inspiration comes from the Southwestern landscape and dream images. Her imagery reflects plant and mineral forms, ranging from tiny seed pods to monolithic stone formations. Water is also a recurring element. Campbell has shown extensively in the U.S. and has had eight large one person exhibits. Locally, she has shown with the Border Artists and as part of the "State of the Art" exhibit at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery inside D.W. Williams Hall in NMSU. Campbell has served as a past board member for ArtForms and The Bridge Center for the Arts in El Paso. She is also a member of "The Insighters," an art group in Las Cruces with a metaphysical focus. "Dreams from the Desert" will remain on display through the end of February.

Aa Studios is located 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery hours are held the second weekend of the month and by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

GALLERIES

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DESERT ROOTS ARTISTS' MARKET AND GALLERY

features works by local artists and a cozy café area.

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

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

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



Maria Kruse's "Thought" will be on display as part of the ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico's annual member show "Here & There," now open at the Branigan Cultural Center as part of For the Love of Art Month.

techniques. "In a Nutshell" will remain on display through Sept. 25.

The museum presents in its arts corridor "Linda Hagen: Light Affects." New Mexico

always has been renowned for the effects of its light and its attractiveness to artists. Light affects the way we view this beautiful state, and in this collections of paintings by

Las Cruces artist Linda Hagen, she accepts the challenge of capturing light on canvas – on form, distance and color. A love of animals, the West and nature inspire Hagen's work.

"Light Affects" will remain on display through April 3.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours

are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular museum admission is \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children ages 4 to 17, \$2 active U.S. military and veterans and free for children age 3 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or call 522-4100.

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

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

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

Call to Artists

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Nat'l Monument seeks artists

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

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

The Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument was established May 21, 2014. As part of the National Conservation Lands System, the nearly

497,000 acres are some of the West's most iconic landscapes. The Bureau of Land Management manages the National Monument.

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

Branigan Cultural Center opens call for 2017 proposals

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

To apply, email your proposal to

bcc@las-cruces.org no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 18. Proposals must include proposal and exemption forms which can be found at the BCC website, <http://tinyurl.com/bcccall2017>.

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

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/bcccall2017> or stop by the museum and speak to the receptionist. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154.

Singing Out LGBTQA choir begins rehearsals

Singing Out, a choir comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies is seeking new members. No audi-

tions or music-reading ability is required. For more information, visit www.singingoutlascruces.org or email singingoutlascruces@gmail.com.

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery seeks artists

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

Celestial Sounds choir begins spring rehearsals

Celestial Sounds, Las Cruces' choir of women who love to sing, has begun rehearsals for its spring show. The repertoire will include lyrical choral pieces by Gwyneth Walker, Eric Whitacre, Persichetti and more. Rehearsals are 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Two concert dates are planned for mid-May.

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Looking for accommodations in February for the Pope Francis Mass in Juarez, Mexico? Las Cruces, New Mexico is offering room rates starting at \$64 per night.*

Within the travel industry, it has been announced hotels in Juarez,

Mexico are sold out and the same is expected in El Paso, Texas, the U.S. bordering city. Visit Las Cruces would like to remind you that Las Cruces is only 45 miles from El Paso; less than an hour's drive and has over 3,000 hotel rooms.

If parishioners are looking for accommodations in the area during the Pope's visit to Juarez, please visit: VisitLasCruces/Pope; or you may contact Rochelle Miller-Hernandez, Tourism Sales Manager at 575-541-2169 or rherandez@las-cruces.org. She has a com-

prehensive list of hotels, restaurants, transportation and other industry partners in the area.

** Based on availability. Contact each location directly for availability and rates.*

RELIGIOUS LISTINGS

Mass for children and families with special needs

A Mass for children and families with special needs in the Diocese of Las Cruces will take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 13 at St. Albert the Great Newman Center, 2615 S., Solano Drive. At this service individuals with disabilities and their families are welcome to attend a smaller service with less distractions. After Mass, families are welcome to stay and mingle with other families in our community.

GriefShare recovery support group meets Sundays

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

Join us Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 229, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St.. For registration and information, call Penny Baca at 635-9696. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook.

Holy Family American National Catholic Church announces time changes

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

Free grief workshop

"Grief 101: the basics of grief" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Sierra Vista Community Church located at 514 N. Telshor Blvd, directly

behind T-Mobile. This workshop, with Yvonne Jasso, LSBW and retired hospice grief counselor, will present a basic description of the grief process including myths and common problems, suggestions on how to help yourself and a Q & A session. Registration is recommended as participants will receive materials. Call 526-9535.

First Christian Church upcoming event

On Tuesday, Feb. 16: On-Demand Video Dialogue #3 "Brown Girl Dreaming." For more information, visit <http://ti2016fcclc.weebly.com/>, call Rev. Linda Mervine at 524-3245 or Jack LeSage at 532-1046, email: fcc-doc@zianet.com.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart of the World

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

Men's Prayer breakfast at First Baptist Church

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

Fusion Youth Fellowship at Morning Star United Methodist Church

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

Trinity Lutheran welcomes young worshippers

You are invited to join Trinity Lutheran for the regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., at the church at 2900 Elks Drive. Children and families are encouraged and welcome. Sunday school for children and youth is also held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. In a child-friendly environment, children meet and worship God through songs, prayer and Bible stories. All are welcome to join. Please call 523-4232 for information or visit the church's website: www.trinitylutheranlc.org.



We need your events and activities

With the turn of the New Year, Religion Listings invites all of our contributors to look over your calendar entries and make any changes. It would be helpful if you updated your items and removed events or activities that are no longer happening. Please email your events and activities to one of the following email addresses: editor@lascrucesbulletin.com or susie@lascrucesbulletin.com. You also may drop off press releases at the Bulletin offices at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Please include the day, date, time, location, contact information and a brief description of your event or activity.

Book drive to benefit African high school

A group of students at NMSU's College of Engineering is organizing a book drive to contribute to a library at a high school in Africa. Under the umbrella of the African Library Project Organization, students at NMSU, calling themselves Nerds for Knowledge, will collect books for a library at the Ka-Boyce High School in Swaziland, Africa, and stock it with an 1000 books. In addition to the books, the Engineering Council (E-council) must raise \$500 dollars to cover shipping costs.

The deadline to donate books and money is Wednesday, March 9, with a shipping date of March 16.

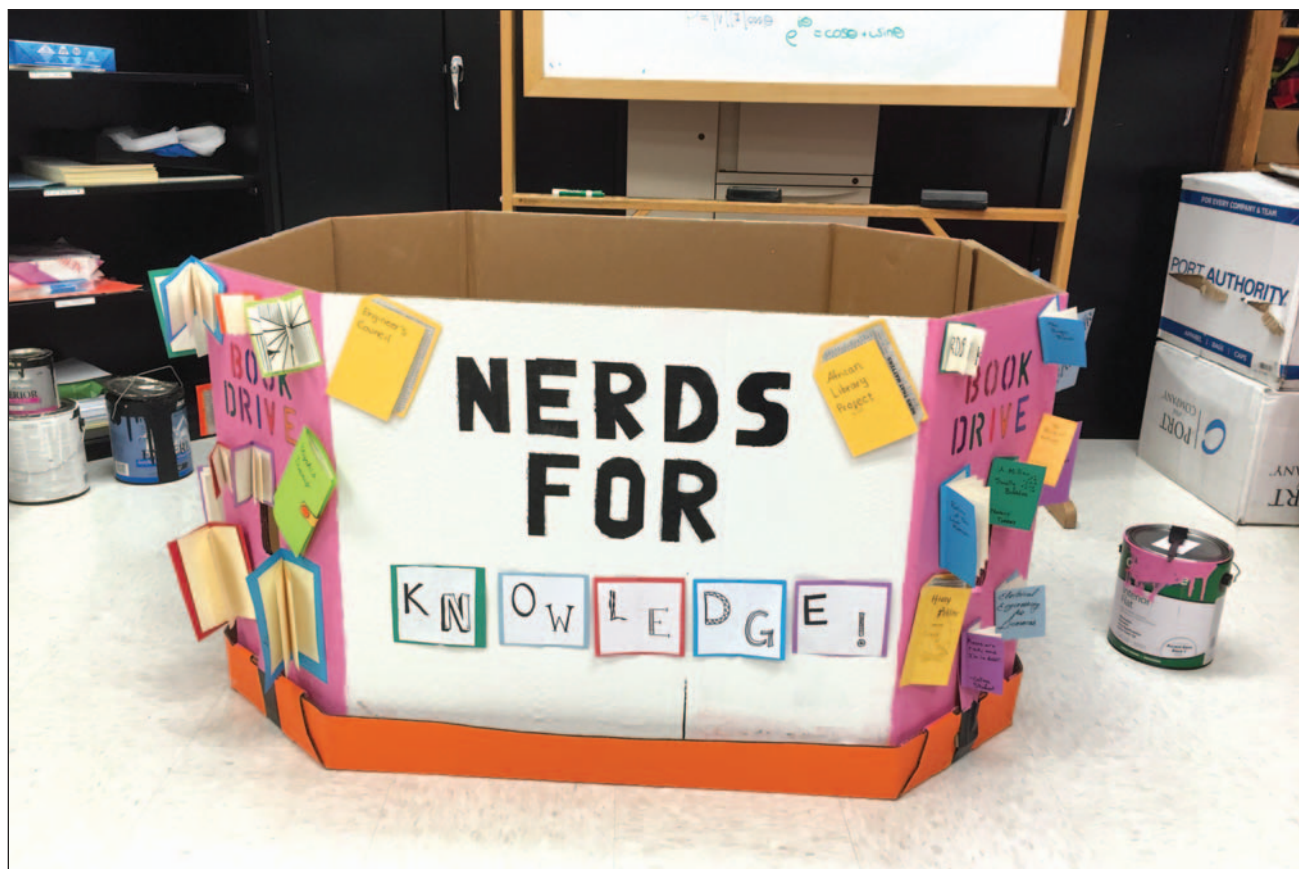
NMSU student and Engineering Council Representative Alexandra Valdez, who pilots the proj-

ect, organized a similar drive in 2013 when she was in high school at Mayfield. The idea came to her as she realized she had a large amount of books that she would never read again. She figured a lot of other people were in the same boat.

"I came across the African Library Project while looking up how to organize a book drive. This organization is really great because they walk you through all the steps of creating your own book drive," Valdez said.

Ka-Boyce High School is participating for the second time in a library book drive. According to Valdez, information about the school, includes: "Ka-Boyce is an urban school located in the City of Mbabane. This is one of the

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The Nerds for Knowledge book collection bin is located in the lobby of the Engineering Complex III on the corner of S. Espina and Stewart Streets. Monetary donations are accepted in the Engineering Complex III room 330.

Las Cruces Academy will hold a variety of events



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Children can listen to stories at the Las Cruces Academy fundraiser event at Barnes and Noble at the Mesilla Valley Mall on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The regular open house of the Las Cruces Academy, 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, starts in the morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Visitors can watch classes in Chinese, math, and English, talk with teachers, and view the facilities. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. teachers are available for questions and information. Current openings are for early Kindergarten through eighth grade.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Academy opens its doors for a "Resource Open House" from 9 a.m. to noon. Prospective students (early K through 8) are welcome to explore the

range of unique resources at the LCA. Take part in a "treasure hunt" or enjoy quizzes and puzzles.

On Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, Las Cruces Academy is holding a fundraiser at Barnes & Noble that also will showcase the school itself. Students will perform songs in three languages, there will be readings and a science demonstration, children's activities and information about the Academy. Funds to benefit the Academy come from the purchase of (almost) anything in the Barnes and Noble store using a special voucher; a percentage of the pur-

chase price benefits the school. Online purchases also contribute. The purchasing event begins Friday, Feb. 12 and goes through Tuesday, Feb. 16. Some exclusions are: gift cards, B&N memberships, magazine subscriptions,

textbooks, and video games.

For more information about the school or this event, visit <http://lascrucessacademy.org>, call Dr. Vince Gutschick at 571-2269 or Dr. Lou Ellen Kay at 521-9384.

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Museum attendance tops 2M over 10 years

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Total attendance at Las Cruces museums during the past 10 years totals 2,123,562, said City Museum System Administrator Rebecca M. Slaughter.

That total includes “general walk-ins, tours and programs,” Slaughter said. It includes attendance at Branigan Cultural Center (BCC), the Las Cruces Museum of Art (MOA) and the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science (MNS) and the downtown mall; along with the Las Cruces Railroad Museum (RRM) at 351 N. Mesilla St.

Total attendance at the four museums was 158,845 in fiscal year 2012-13, 142,860 in FY 20-13-14 and 113,053 in FY 2014-15. Slaughter noted that BCC was closed to all visitors for two months during FY 2014-15 because of construction.

Those numbers included 13,538 tour visitors during FY 2012-13, 11,142 during FY 2013-14 and 8,658 during FY 2014-15. Many of the tours are conducted for public school students. Program attendance at the museums was 29,435 in FY 2012-13, 23,331 in FY 2013-14 and 25,223 in FY 2014-15.

The MNS “has come out on top nine of the past 10 years” in attendance, Slaughter said. The only exception, she said, was in FY 2013-15, when the Museum of Art had more visitors.

Out-of-town visitors are “interested in learning about a variety of subjects,” Slaughter said, while “each museum has its own faithful visitors where families come back again and again to programs, events and exhibits. We also have won-

derful community members who come to all four museums’ events, programs and exhibits.”

The NSM also has had the highest tour attendance six of the past 10 years, she said. MOA and BCC each had the highest tour attendance two of those years, she said. NSM topped attendance for public programming nine of the past 10 years, Slaughter said, with the RRM having the most public program attendance in FY 2012-13.

“One area that we have seen steady growth in is attendance at our public programming events such as our monthly Reading Art Book Club, Railroad Days, SNAP! or all the programs developed for the Latino Americans: 500 years of history grant we received.

“The percentage of visitors coming to programs has risen to over 20 percent, while those coming for guided tours remains around seven percent,” Slaughter said.

“Museum staff are always looking for new ways to make meaningful connections with our visitors,” she said. “It is my philosophy that quality is better than quantity. By that I mean, I would rather 30 visitors have a meaningful experience at our museums than 60 people have a surface-only type of experience. While it is our goal to grow attendance, we have had a few road blocks this past 18 months with BCC being closed to the public for renovations twice, and a few staff vacancies.

“One of the areas, the staff and our stakeholders agree, that we need to expand our capacity in is community engagement,” Slaughter said. “We will be working with



The Branigan Cultural Center is located on the Downtown Mall.

Upcoming events

First Thursday each month

Grandma Mona's Science Story Time — 9 a.m. at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science at 411 N. Main Street, Feb. 4. For children 3 to 5 on the first Thursday of each month, Grandma Mona comes to the museum to read a story relating to one of the many exhibits in our museum, followed by a topic-related activity. This month we will read *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni. Join us as we look at the world through the lens of children's literature. No registration required and the event is free.

Feb. 6

Museum of Nature and Science Family Science Saturday — 10 a.m. at 411 N. Main St. Join us in February for a special series about Forces. Feb. 6: Issac Newton & his laws. Classes are held every Saturday. All ages welcome, no registration is required and admission is free.

“SNAP!: The Science, Nature, and Art Program” — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at 411-491 N. Main St. Children and their families are invited. Feb. 6 topic is Evergreen Plants.

Information for the above events is available at: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 541-3120.

museum visitor experience experts to find better ways to engage the community in the development of exhibits and programs. We are also writing a strategic plan to focus our attention on visitor satisfaction as well as short- and long-term goals,” she said.

The city also has as display at the Las Cruces Airport which includes “a collection of model historic airplanes and ships collected and assembled by Rolf Mitchel, a longtime resident of Las Cruces and former

member of the Airport Advisory Board.”

Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.

BCC “hosts a permanent local history exhibit and changing cultural exhibits, as well as educational programs, classes and other special events,” according to www.las-cruces.org/departments/community-and-cultural-services/museum-system/branigan-cultural-center. “The building is on the national and state registries of

historic buildings.” Contact the museum at 541-2154 and bcc@las-cruces.org.

Las Cruces Museum of Art
491 N. Main St.

The museums “hosts changing contemporary art exhibits, including national, international, juried, traveling and invitational exhibits,” according to www.las-cruces.org/departments/community-and-cultural-services/museum-system/museum-of-art. “The museum runs an extensive art studio class program for all ages.” Contact the museum at 522-2137 and museum.moa@las-cruces.org.

Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science
411 N. Main St.

The museum has three permanent exhibits: Desert Life, Permian Trackways, and Light & Space exhibits. All three are presented in English and Spanish, according to www.las-cruces.org/departments/community-and-cultural-services/museum-system/museum-of-nature-and-science. Contact the museum at 522-3120 and museum.monas@las-cruces.org.

Las Cruces Railroad Museum
351 N. Mesilla St.

“Located in an historic Santa Fe Railroad depot, the museum interprets the railroad history of Las Cruces and the impact of the railroad on southern New Mexico,” according to www.las-cruces.org/departments/community-and-cultural-services/museum-system/railroad-depot-museum. Contact the museum at Phone: 647-4480 and RRM@las-cruces.org.

Hours for all four museums are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, closed on Sunday and Monday.

For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org/museums. For more information the museum display at the airport, call the airport at 541-2471 or visit the airport website at www.las-cruces.org/departments/transportation/airport.

Attendance at all museums is free.

To schedule a school tour of one or more of the museums, contact Lisa Montoya at 541-2154 or museumeducation@las-cruces.org. To make a donation to Las Cruces museums, call 541-2154 or email museum.collection@las-cruces.org.

Inn of the Mountain Gods concerts

Ruidoso's most famous hotel is offering up three concerts in February.

Enchanted Evening with Peabo Bryson is Saturday, Feb. 13. Be our guest for An Enchanted Evening with Peabo Bryson Saturday, Feb. 13. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a three-course feast of lavender and lemon chicken, cabernet peppercorn sirloin, raspberry swirl cheesecake and more. Then, stay tuned for the musical talents of Bryson, as he performs all of his greatest hits from Disney classics like Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin. Tickets to

dinner and the show are \$50. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner begins at 7 p.m. and Bryson takes the stage at 8 p.m.

HELLYEAH performs at the Inn Saturday, Feb. 20. American heavy metal super group, HELLYEAH comes to the stage to show off their their greatest hits including, "Hush," "Moth" and "You Wouldn't Know." Tickets start at \$30 and minors must be accompanied by an adult.

County artist Cole Swindell perform Saturday, Feb. 27. The American songwriter and recording country artist is known for his

2013 breakout hit "Chillin' It." Swindell has also written many popular songs including Craig Campbell's "Outta My Head," Thomas Rhett's hit "Get Me Some of That," and Luke Bryan's songs, "Beer in the Headlights" and more. Don't miss Swindell performing all of his greatest hits including, "Hope You Get Lonely Tonight," "Let Me See Ya Girl" and "Ain't Worth the Whiskey." Tickets start at \$40. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For information about the concerts and tickets, visit InnoftheMountainGods.com.

GARDENING CLASSES

Whether you've gardened in the Southwest for life or are a newcomer, there always is more to learn to succeed in the garden. Jackye Meinecke (former owner of Enchanted Gardens and local gardening expert) will be conducting gardening classes on Saturdays from now through May at 2 to 3 p.m. in the Community Room of Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. The cost for each class is \$10 cash per person;

\$8 for co-op members. Reservations preferred; e-mail gardens@zianet.com or call 323-0903 to sign up.

The schedule for spring classes is:

Feb. 20 — Composting in the Desert — Creating compost in our dry environment has its own challenges. Learn the details of making and maintaining compost.

Feb. 27 — Creating a Garden in a Small Space — Learn tricks and guidelines to create an oasis in a small space. From garden room to raised vegetable garden, make the most use of the space you have available.

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best performing schools in the city and it is a pacesetter and a model school all over the country when it comes to academics. This school does not only end at high school level but also is a pre-vocational school which provides A-Level courses after high school." Ka-Boyce does have what it calls "an excellent library," but it lacks novels and other fiction.

According to Valdez, "Nerds for Knowledge is a community service project done under the E-Council," which is sponsored by faculty advisors Monica Lopez and Elizabeth Howard, pro-

gram manager of student affairs.

Nerds for Knowledge hopes to collect books of all subjects at the fourth through eighth grade level, and high school as well, with an emphasis on fiction for this drive. A book collection bin is located in the lobby of the Engineering Com-

plex III on the corner of S. Espina and Stewart Streets. Monetary donations are accepted in the Engineering Complex III room 330.

If you would like to donate books or money to the book drive, please contact ecouncil@nmsu.edu or at akvaldez@nmsu.edu.



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Join the Arbor Day Foundation and get ten free Redbud trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from New Mexico who joins the Foundation in February 2016 will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will help beautify New Mexico for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of New Mexico's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day,



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Anyone from New Mexico who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February 2016 will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Eastern Redbud Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29 or visit arborday.org/february.

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Bassoon Quartet presents Valentine's Day concert

Pictured is Page Bartz, who has toured in the U.S. and Orient as principal bassoonist with the Mantovani Orchestra. For five summers she also toured in Austria and Hungary with the Festival Orchestra of the 18th Century. Bartz and the Southwest Chamber Winds Bassoon Quartet are performing on Valentine's Day at Stucky Auditorium, Good Samaritan Village.

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The Southwest Chamber Winds will present a concert entitled, 'Good-bye My Lady Love—American Popular Songs From the Early Twentieth Century' at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14 at Stucky Auditorium, at the Good Samaritan Village at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The concert consists of music written or arranged for bassoon quartet and piano and features the styles of music that were popular at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries including barber shop, ragtime, and ballads.

The group will play Joplin's 'The Entertainer,'

Thomas Westendorf's 'I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen,' and the lively tunes of George M. Cohan to name a few of the offerings.

The group was founded two years ago and is sponsored by Southwest Chamber Winds. Members of the group have experience with tour groups in the U.S. and Europe, as well as playing experience with such organizations as the El Paso Symphony, the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra and the Paris Opera Orchestra. Admission is free. For more information visit www.swchamberswinds.com.

Valentine's Day Events in southern New Mexico

Galactic Getaway Package and Romance Experience at the Spaceport

Take your sweetheart out of this world at a special Valentine's event at Spaceport America on Feb. 13 and 14. A 24-hour Galactic Getaway package is available for adventurous lovers starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 with an overnight stay in one of the area's eclectic hotels with access to a rejuvenating hot springs mineral bath, an intimate reception at the Spaceport Visitor's Center, and a romantic stargazing party at Elephant Butte. With the assistance of a high powered telescope and a local professional astronomer, celestial events will be identified and explained. The evening ends with a gathering back at the Visitors Center and a free valentine's gift from the Spaceport.

The next morning, Sunday, Feb. 14, the event continues with breakfast and a guided tour of the Spaceport, including Mission Control, High Bay and the Spaceway. Lunch is served at the Experience Gallery inside the Virgin Galactic Terminal Hangar Facility.

Package includes: hotel room (based on double occupancy), reception, stargazing, mineral spring soak and is \$198/person.

The one-day Valentine's breakfast and tour is available from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14. This abbreviated visit includes breakfast, lunch and a gift tote for \$99 per person. Book now at spaceportamerica.com/experience, or call 575-894-1544 or 1-844-72-SPACE.

NMSU Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management students host Valentine's dinner

The New Mexico State University School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management announces a gourmet Valentine's Day feast to kick off its spring slate of international dinners. The 2016 dinners begin with a Valentine's Day-themed event on Thursday, Feb. 11, planned and executed by students in the NMSU School of HRTM's restaurant operations, food management and events management courses. The dinners begin at 6 p.m. with a wine tasting in the Bobby Lee Lawrence Academy of Wine, followed by a multi-course dinner at 6:30 p.m. at 100 West Café. Both venues are inside Gerald Thomas Hall on the NMSU Campus. The Valentine's dinner is priced at \$75 per person.

Tickets must be purchased in person

at Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 138, on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment required at time of purchase. For information, visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/100west/international-dinner.html> or contact Stella Lucero at 646-5995 or stcordov@nmsu.edu.

Third Floor Bistro offering an Exclusive Couple's Dinner

On Sunday, Feb. 14 from 5 to 9 p.m., enjoy cuisine from a special Valentine's Day menu in the Third Floor Bistro in the Stan Fulton Athletics Center. Celebrate with a variety of appetizers, a choice of entrees and dessert. Aggie Dining Dollars and Aggie Cash are accepted. \$65 plus tax. Reserve by Tuesday, Feb. 9. Call: 646-3049.

'I heart Art' party to be held Feb. 11 at the University Art Gallery

The Friends of the University Art Gallery (UAG) invite art lovers and UAG members to the 'I heart Art Valentine's Party' from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at the University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University.

Complimentary to your attendance, a ticket with your name will be entered into a drawing for an original work of art. For each person you bring as a guest that joins, additional tickets will be added into an Eames Molded Plastic Chair drawing.

RSVP at artgtry@nmsu.edu or calling 676-2545 by Monday, Feb. 8.

Interested in attending but not a current member? Call 676-2545 for information on how to join. UAG has memberships starting as low as \$25/year. Two free memberships will be given away as door prizes to non-members who attend the event as guests.

Sweethearts Dinner & Dancing

Enjoy a five-course wine-paired dinner followed by slow dancing on the Heart of the Desert Patio from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7888 Hwy 54-70 (between Alamogordo and Tularosa.) Seating is based on tables of 8 with multiple couples. \$150 per couple. For a private table seating 2-4 people add \$20. Gratuity/tax not included. Vegetarian option available; advise at reservation. Reservations and pre-pay due Feb. 5. (No refunds/cancellations after 2/5.) Call 575-434-0035 or visit <http://heartoft-hedesert.com/calender.asp>.

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"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by ERNEST C & MARIE A LUJAN who requests that the Board suspend a total of 1.00 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 28, Twp. 23S, Range 1E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 10-91, 92A TR 1 LT 1. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is February 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution."

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Range 1E, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map 10-91, 92A TR 1 LT 1. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is February 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution."

Dates: 02/05, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 27, 2015, Milton & Janet Romney and Kyle Romney, PO Box 1107, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-10501 POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a well to a depth of 180 feet with 8-inch casing to be located within the NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of projected Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described at X = 1,491,310 Y = 448,772 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicants, to supplement existing well LRG-10501 located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and existing well LRG-10501-S located within the SW¹/₄ of projected Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, both on land owned by Salopek 6U Farms, Inc., for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.02 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SW¹/₄ of projected Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-002-0170 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of proposed supplemental well LRG-10501 POD5 is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 6225 Forest Hills Court. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or

protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 8, 2016, Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, PO Box 866, Doña Ana, NM 88032, filed application numbered LRG-80 POD7 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-80 POD6, located on land owned by the applicant, within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°29'20.0"W, 106°55'18.1"W (WGS84), and drilling new well LRG-80 POD7 to be located within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, within 100 feet of discontinued well LRG-80 POD6, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-S, LRG-80-S-2 and LRG-80-S-3, located within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and LRG-80-S-4, located within the SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, all on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 198.43 acre-feet per annum, which may be increased up to 3,548.38 acre-feet per annum provided the appli-

cant acquire replacement surface water offsets, for subdivision, industrial, municipal, commercial, irrigation and related purposes within the Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association service area previously known as the Fort Selden Water Company, Incorporated, service area located within and through-out Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM. The site for new well LRG-80 POD7 is located north of Fort Selden State Park and may be found approximately 0.4 mile north of the intersection of Leasburg Dam Road and Fort Selden Road. Discontinued well LRG-80 POD6 will be plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill proposed well LRG-80 POD7 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22, within 100 feet of discontinued well LRG-80 POD6.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the

facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 2016

PATIENT'S OF ACTION-OCCMED-M.M.I., P.C. EDWIN L. KENNEDY, M.D. TERESA REYES, M.D. KEVIN ALLEN M.D

DUE TO THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF EDWIN L. KENNEDY, M.D., WE HAVE BEEN LEFT WITH NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO OFFICIALLY CLOSE DR. KENNEDY'S CLINIC; ACTION-OCCMED-M.M.I. ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2015.

ALL MEDICAL RECORDS ARE BEING STORED IN A GATED, SAFE STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE REQUIRED TEN YEARS AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE DESTROYED AS DEFINED BY THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD,

ALL PATIENTS MAY REQUEST COPIES OF THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS. WE ARE PROVIDING THE LAST ONE YEAR AT NO CHARGE; YOU MAY REQUEST THESE MEDICAL RECORDS BY WRITING TO:

ACTION-OCCMED-M.M.I., P.C. ATTENTION: NANCY KENNEDY-MEDICAL RECORDS PO BOX 13399 LAS CRUCES, N.M. 88013

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME, YOUR

DATE OF BIRTH AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER. COPIES ARE USUALLY READY WITHIN 24 HOURS AT WHICH TIME WE WILL CALL YOU AT THE NUMBER YOU PROVIDED AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOU TO SET UP A TIME AND A PLACE TO MEET WITH YOU TO HAND OVER YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS COPIES.

Dates: 1/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

Case No: 16-0018

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NANNET LORAIN ROTH, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

John E. Bone has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the attorney for the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Doña Ana Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/John E. Bone Personal Representative

Jacqueline Bennett Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 849 Las Cruces, NM 88004 (575) 527-0225

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

NO. CV-2016-66

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF A Shawn Tucker Mingo FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shawn Tucker Mingo, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the 3rd District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Shawn Tucker Mingo to Nikki Leigh Leadbetter, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 17th day of February 2016, at the hour of 4:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully Submitted, /s/Shawn Tucker Mingo Shawn Tucker Mingo 1226 Oakridge Drive Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

(575)652-4490

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

NO. D-307-CV-2015-2624

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Luis Alberto Lucero FOR CHANGE OF



INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Zone 1 Interconnect PH B Project 1	15-16-108	February 9, 2016 / 10:00am	February 18, 2016 / 2:00pm
2017 International Durastar 4400 (Equal or Better)	15-16-136	N/A	February 24, 2016 / 10:00am
2017 International 59001 Paystar (Equal or Better)	15-16-137	N/A	February 24, 2016 / 2:00pm
2017 International 7300 Workstar 4x4 (Equal or Better)	15-16-138	N/A	February 25, 2016 / 10:00am
2017 International 4400 Workstar 4x4 (Equal or Better)	15-16-139	N/A	February 25, 2016 / 2:00pm

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757> Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org

Dates 2/5/16

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NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luis Alberto Lucero, a resident of the City of Chaparral, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Luis Alberto Lucero** to **Luis Alberto Lazarin**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers, District Judge, on the **12th day of February 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.**, at the third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 6, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, 88005.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Luis Lucero
Luis Alberto Lucero
957 Pinos Altos
Chaparral, NM 88081
(915) 471-1349

Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02185

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-3 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

ADRIAN L. PADILLA and REBECCA A. PADILLA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 24, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3336 Green Ridge Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, LENOX PLACE SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO 1, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of

said county as Plat No. 4056 on 12/02/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 46-47 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 19, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$267,046.86 and the same bears interest at 3.000% per annum from December 4, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed
/s/Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

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

NO. CV-2016-101
DARREN M. KUGLER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Edgar Torres Reza FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Edgar Torres Reza, a resident of the City of Hatch NM, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Edgar Torres Reza** to **Edgar Torres**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Darren M. Kugler, District Judge, on the 7 day of April 2016, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Edgar Torres
Edgar Torres Reza
241 Car St.
Hatch, NM 87937
P.O.Box 818
Hatch, NM 87937
575-740-3794

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-90

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Joshua Hipolito Flores FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joshua Hipolito Flores, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of Fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Joshua Hipolito Flores to Avien Hipolito Flores**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary Rosner, District Judge, on the 2nd day of March 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 6, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, 88005

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Joshua Hipolito Flores
Joshua Hipolito Flores
1709 Calle De Suenos
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 312-4254

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

No. PB 2016-05
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MADGELENE E. WEBB,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **ROSE MARIE KING** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/Melissa J Reeves Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01598

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

TIMOTHY A. DUTTLE; LUANNE B. KINAS-DUTTLE; and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 10, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 721 Mesa Point Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 27, Block 3, of CANYON POINT 2 SUBDIVISION, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 5, 1996 in Plat Book 18, at Page(s) 426-427 as Plat No. 2778, records of Doña Ana County.

THE FOREGOING SALE

will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 4, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$186,260.44 and the same bears interest at 5.375% per annum from October 10, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one

month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01764

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

RAFAEL AGUILERA; and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAFAEL AGUILERA, (true name unknown); THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **March 2, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 6745 Vista Del Norte Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particu-

larly described as follows:

Lot numbered 2 in Block numbered C of Casitas Del Norte, Phase 1, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Casitas Del Norte, Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 22, 2001 in Plat Book 19, Folio 617-618,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2002 Palm Harbor, Double-wide, VIN PH0226679XU.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 25, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$95,760.32 and the same bears interest at 4.375% per annum from November 11, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special

assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Defendant United States of America (IRS) shall have a 120-day right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

Cause No. 16-0022
Judge Diana Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY HERZBERG JORDEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PROCLAMATION

I, Susana Martinez, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me and in accordance with the Primary Election Law, NMSA 1978, Sections 1-8-10 to -52 (1969, as amended through 2015), and the Presidential Primary Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 1-15A-1 to -11 (1977, as amended through 2011), do hereby issue the following proclamation:
That the Presidential Primary Election shall be held on the same date as the State of New Mexico's Primary Election, on the seventh day of June, 2016; and

That the Presidential Primary Election shall be conducted and canvassed along with and in the same manner as provided by law for conducting and canvassing the Primary Election.

Attest: Proclaimed at the Executive Office this 26th day of January, 2016.

Brad Winter, Secretary of State
Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

Susana Martinez
Governor

PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION PRIMARIA

Yo, Susana Martinez, Gobernadora del Estado de Nuevo México, por la virtud de la autoridad vestida en mí y de acuerdo con la Ley de Elección Primaria, NMSA 1978, Secciones 1-8-10 hasta -52 (1969, como enmendada a través 2015) y el Acto De Primaria Presidencial, NMSA 1978, Secciones 1-15A-1 hasta -11 (1977, como enmendada hasta 2011), debe aquí pronunciar la siguiente proclamación:

Que la Elección Primaria Presidencial debe ser puesta en el mismo día que la Elección Primaria del Estado de Nuevo México, en el séptimo día de junio, del 2016; y

Que la Elección Primaria Presidencial deberá ser conducida y escrutinada con y de la misma manera como provisto por ley para conducir y escrutinar la Elección Primaria.

Atestigua: Proclamada en la Oficina Ejecutiva este día 26 de enero del 2016.

Brad Winter, Secretario del Estado
Atestigua mi mano y el Gran Sello del Estado de Nuevo México.

Susana Martinez, Gobernadora

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against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 26 day of January, 2016.

/s/Jeanne Jorden,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

No. PB 2016-00006
Judge Kugler

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JAMES DYACK
ReVEAL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that STEPHEN LINDSEY ReVEAL has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
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Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 02/05, 02/15, 2016

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No. 16-0009
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
CANDELARIA

FIGUEROA, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 1304 N. Van Ness Ave., Compton, CA 90221, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2016.

/s/ Elvira Moren Cortes
ELVIRA MORENO
CORTES
(a/k/a Elvira Moreno Cortez)
Personal Representative
1304 N. Van Ness Ave.
Compton, CA 90221

KEITHLY &
ENGLISH, LLC
SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00727

BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ALVIN NORMANDIA
and CORDELIA SOLIS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 2, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4324 Calle Bonita Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 6 in Block numbered K of Del Prado Subdivision, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch East, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is

shown and designated on the plat of said Del Prado Subdivision, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch East, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 3, 2008 in Plat Book 22, Folio 582-583.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 22, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$228,021.09 and the same bears interest at 4.750% per annum from August 15,

2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that

may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces,
NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 02/19,
02/26, 2016

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

Case No.
D-307-DM-2015-1650
Judge: James T Martin

Karen Leann Tracey,

Petitioner,

v.

Viridie Ray Tracey,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO Viridie Ray Tracey,
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.

Karen Leann Tracey
1906 Coyote Ridge Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
970-201-2440

WITNESS the Honorable Judge 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 11th day of January, 2016.



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is seeking a new President/CEO

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is seeking its next President / CEO. The President/CEO of the Chamber is expected to be the key representative and advocate for business owners and employers in the greater Las Cruces community, working to promote and strengthen our community by building prosperity through a healthy economy and a strong business sector. This is accomplished through the energetic and effective administration and management of the following organizations;

- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, a 501(c)6
- "Create Jobs Dona Ana" the Chambers Political Action Committee, a 501(c) 4
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)3

We are New Mexico's only nationally accredited Chamber, with over 800 members and we actively engage in advocacy on behalf of our members and the business community. As a result our member retention has averaged 91% over the past three years.

Las Cruces is a multi-cultural city with a population of over 90,000 and sits within Dona Ana County which has a population approaching 200,000. Located in the tri state borderplex region, the community is home to White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico State University, the Burrell College of Medicine at New Mexico State University and Spaceport America.

Over the years our community has earned numerous distinctions including Best Cities for Global Trade 2015, Best Places to Retire 2014 and Top 25 Hardest Working Towns 2012.

We prefer that candidates for the position hold a Bachelor's degree, have at least five years of progressively responsible experience in business, political, community or not-for-profit areas. Prior experience in managing a Chamber of Commerce, or other membership-based organization, and expertise in a 501(c)3 foundation is also highly desirable.

Salary and benefits package offered with the position are competitive. Candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, salary history, and a list of three references to:

Mr. Rick Jackson, Chair of the Search Committee
300A N. 17th St
Las Cruces NM 88005
Rick@ADSLCNM.com
757 642-9696

Chamber information can be found at www.lascruces.org

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

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(Seal)
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: /s/Mary E. Apodaca DEPUTY
Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 2/05, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. D-307-CV-2015-01691

AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CONRAD EUGENE CLAYCOMB AND EVIE SHAEFER A/K/A EVIE MARIA SHAEFER A/K/A EVIE CLAYCOMB, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4735 Arabela Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 4, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON 05/14/2007, IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 217-218.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on February 12, 2016, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial District, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment in rem on January 5, 2016, in the principal sum of \$189,897.73, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through January 1, 2016, in the amount of \$10,760.83 and accruing thereafter at the rate of

4.000% per annum (\$20.81 per diem), plus late charges of \$541.65, plus the balance due on the Mortgage's required escrow for property taxes and insurance of \$3,658.88, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs in the amount of \$819.03, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 4.000% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani, Special Master c/o Leverick & Musselman 5120 San Francisco Road NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 Telephone: (505)858-3303

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01805

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Plaintiff

vs.

MARIO A. MARQUEZ, CINTHIA MARQUEZ, AND CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA) N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 108 Spruce, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 1, RIVERSIDE SUBDIVISION UNIT 1A, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF

NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED IN THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 1084 ON 11/05/1981 IN BOOK 13 PAGE9S0 103-05 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on February 26, 2015, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted United States of America, acting through Rural Housing Service.

United States of America, acting through Rural Housing Service, was awarded a Judgment on January 21, 2016, in the principal sum of \$110,636.78, plus outstanding interest through January 15, 2016, in the amount of \$11,951.26 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of 5.750% per annum, plus late charges in the amount of \$113.72, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$3047.25, plus property preservation in the amount of \$156.63, plus in rem judgment for an interest subsidy recapture in the sum of \$4,817.03, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 31, 2016, in the sum of \$643.40, with interest on the late fees, escrow advances, fee balance, subsidy recapture, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 5.750% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani, Special Master c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C. 5120 San Francisco Road NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 (505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-01328 Judge: Rosner

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

KRYSTAL AGUIRRE, AND 2006 DODGE CHARGER, BLUE; VIN: 2B3KA43G86H467954; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 163 SHF, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent KRYSTAL AGUIRRE:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2006 Dodge Charger, Blue; VIN: 2B3KA43G86H467954; New Mexico License Plate No. 163 SHF.
2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted, CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Robert A. Cabello Robert A. Cabello Assistant City Attorney P.O. Box 20000 (575) 541-2128 (575) 541-2017 Fax Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this day of, 2016.

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: DEPUTY
Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01662

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR REPERFORMING LOAN TRUST 2005-1, Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBRA ALDRICH, aka DEBRA SUE ALDRICH, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA ALDRICH, aka DEBRA SUE ALDRICH (true name unknown), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 10, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2623 Quarterhorse Drive, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the section corner common to Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears the following three courses and distances: North 0 deg. 05' 00" East, a distance of 996.01 feet to a point on the south line of Joy Drive (Doña Ana County Road No. A-062); thence South 89 deg. 45' 00" East, a distance of 1017.50 feet to the northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A; and thence South 88 deg. 38' 04" East, a distance of 2627.98 feet to the section corner;

THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement South 0 deg. 05' 00" West, 308.65 feet to the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 86 deg. 56' 05" West, 175.55 feet to an angle point;

THENCE South 86 deg. 48' 00" West, 11.89 feet to the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE North 0 deg. 03' 00" East, 319.52 feet to the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE South 89 deg. 45' 00" East, 187.33 feet to the place of beginning;

If there is a conflict between

the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 12, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$95,914.92 and the same bears interest at 3.875% per annum from October 27, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 (575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-01757 Judge: Kugler

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

JAISON BRYAN, BRYAN TRUCK & AUTO, AND 1997 TOYOTA 4RUNNER, WHITE; VIN: JT3HN87RGV9005122; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 162RFD, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Jaison Bryan:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1997 Toyota 4Runner, White; VIN: JT3HN87RGV9005122; New Mexico License Plate No. 162 RFD.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello Robert A. Cabello Assistant City Attorney P.O. Box 20000 (575) 541-2128 (575) 541-2017 Fax Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this day of, 2015.

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: DEPUTY

Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01775

STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.

BELINDA STORM AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN C. CHAVARRIA, JR. DECEASED; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; BENJAMIN CHAVARRIA SR. and LUCY CHAVARRIA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled Court, having appointed the undersigned as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered the Special Master to sell the below described real property, situated in the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 7 in Block F of Montecito Subdivision, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 5, 1953 and recorded in Book 7 at Pages 36, Plat records.

The property may be located at 1660 Smith Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

The sale shall commence at 11:00 a.m. on March 9, 2016, at the front entrance to the Third Judicial District Court House, at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005. The property will be sold "As Is" to the highest bidder for cash. The property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and to any liens and assessments not otherwise foreclosed upon herein. Interested bidders should undertake to make their own determination as to the status of title.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the Special Master's discretion. Prospective purchasers at the sale are advised to make their own examination of the title and the condition of the property and further to consult their own attorney before bidding.

For purposes of this sale, "cash" shall mean (1) cash on hand, (2) other immediately available funds, including, but not limited to, bank cashiers checks, or (3) an irrevocable letter of credit payable at site issued by a financial institution acceptable to and in a form acceptable to the Special Master in an amount not less than the bid amount, delivered to and approved by the Special Master prior to sale.

For purposes of this Sale, the term "immediately available funds" shall refer to those funds that can be delivered to the Special Master within TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of the acceptance of the bid.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proceeds of sale will be applied as follows: first, to all costs and expenses of sale, including the Special Master's fee and costs; second, to the judgment awarded to Plaintiff in the amount of \$62,728.20, plus interest from July 1, 2015, at the rate of 8.2% per annum; plus attorney fees in

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the amount of \$4,424.10, costs incurred by Plaintiff in the amount of \$337.01, and expenses in the amount of \$216.63, plus interest from January 21, 2016, at the rate of 8.75% per annum; third, in such manner as the Court may determine by order entered after the sale.

NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN that Plaintiff may bid and purchase the property at the foreclosure sale and may apply all or a portion of its judgment as cash toward the purchase price.

Respectfully submitted:

"Electronically filed"

By: s/Rosanne Camunez,
attorney at law
ROSANNE CAMUNEZ
Special Master
833 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 532-8270

Dates: 02/05, 2/12, 02/19,
02/26, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No.15-0358

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MADELINE ANN
BRADSHAW,
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of **MADELINE ANN BRADSHAW**. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, c/o J. David Beasley, Esq., P.O. Box 550, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, (575) 525-6159.

Dated: January 25, 2016.

Submitted by:

/s/J. DAVID BEASLEY
J. DAVID BEASLEY, Esq.
BMC Legal Services, P.C.
Attorney for the Estate of
Madeline Ann Bradshaw
P.O. Box 550
Las Cruces NM 88004
575-528-6728

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

**Stull Storage Units 2
960 South Triviz Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Cecilia Villalobos
P.O. Box 693
Mesquite, NM 88048**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **563** at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$633.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:
Camping equipment,
appliances, tubs, boxes,
misc.

Date of Auction:
February 23, 2016 at 10 a.m.
Place:
Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr.,
Las Cruces NM 88001
Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

**Stull Storage Units 2
960 South Triviz Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Leah Freay
4115 Campana Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **118** at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$445.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:
2 Couches, small bed &
furniture, bike, toys, misc.

Date of Auction:
**February 23, 2016
at 10 a.m.**

Place:
Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr.,
Las Cruces NM 88001
Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

**Stull Storage Units 2
960 South Triviz Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Nathan Morales
2455 La Fonda Ct. Apt. 1
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **187** at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the

amount of **\$545.00**, which includes legal fees.

The Contents of the unit consists of:
Bike, sofa, gym equipment,
snowboard, misc.

Date of Auction:
February 23, 2016
at 10 a.m.

Place:
Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr.,
Las Cruces NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2015

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

No.: D-307-CV-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 PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, David A. Dibble, Unknown Spouse of David A. Dibble and Jerry D. Dibble, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Jerry D. Dibble, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 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 711 Lenox Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally 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.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

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

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02061

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDAN J. MYERS aka BRANDON J. MYERS and LISA R. MYERS aka LISA R. WALKER, husband and wife; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5073 Avenida Del Sol, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 78 OF HACIENDA ACRES, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID HACIENDA ACRES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 22, 1961 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 77.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on February 23, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on October 15, 2015, in the total amount of \$141,730.63 with interest at the rate of 4% per annum from April 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,0947.54 .

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due .

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE

ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00059

**FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

VIRGINIA WELLING AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VIRGINIA LYNN WELLING, IF ANY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2604 Poco Lomas Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 14, POCO LOMAS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 15, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 704-705 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00pm on February 25, 2016**, at the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION . FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION was awarded a Judgment on March 19, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 328,967.34, with interest

at the rate of 6.625% per annum from December 13, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$ 26,212.61 .

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-01146

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

vs.

SCOTT IZU, Defendant.

**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 2085 Chisholm Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED C OF COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NO. TWO, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NO. TWO, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 24, 1957 IN PLAT BOOK 1, FOLIO 34.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on February 11, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A was awarded a Judgment on July 1, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 124,175.71, with interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum from October 13, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$8,060 .36. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney .

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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

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month right of redemption.

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

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

No.: D-307-CV-201400977

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, IN TRUST FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2003-4, Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTEFANA R. GARCIA AND BENJAMIN F. GARCIA AKA BEN F. GARCIA, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BENJAMIN F. GARCIA AKA BEN F. GARCIA, DECEASED, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Benjamin F. Garcia aka Ben F. Garcia, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Benjamin F. Garcia aka Ben F. Garcia, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, IN TRUST FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2003-4 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 5530 N. Doña Ana Rd., Las Cruces,

NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, U.S.R.S. SURVEYS BEING WITHIN THE DOÑA ANA BEND COLONY GRANT AND COMPRISING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 4-69C AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED BEING A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF N.M. STATE ROAD 28 AND N.M. STATE ROAD 320 BEARS N. 33 DEG 44' 00" W., 372.00 DISTANT; THENCE N. 58 DEG 33' 34" E., 217.38 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S. 33 DEG 44' 00" E., 155.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S. 57 DEG 37' 00" W., 217.27 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING A POINT ON SAID EASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD 28; THENCE N. 33 DEG 44' 00" W., 158.62 FEET ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD 28 TO THE NORTHWEST AND BEGINNING CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, CONTAINING 0.7820 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

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Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-01521

BOKF, N.A., A NATION-

AL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DENNIS A. JENSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DENNIS A. JENSON, DECEASED; MIRIAM N. JENSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED AND JOHN DOE JENSON, WIFE AND HUSBAND; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Dennis A. Jenson, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Dennis A. Jenson, Deceased, Miriam N. Jenson, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Miriam N. Jenson, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 7265 Brahma Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19 PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, N. 89 DEG., 57'26"E., A DISTANCE OF 292.75 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF A

40.00 FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATED TO DOÑA ANA COUNTY, KNOWN AS BRAHMAN ROAD, FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT: WHENCE THE ORIGINAL NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, BEARS N.89 DEG., 57'26"E., 40.00 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF BRAHMAN ROAD, S.00 DEG., 20'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 165.43 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, LEAVING BRAHMAN ROAD, S.89 DEG., 56'47"W., A DISTANCE OF 292.58 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.00 DEG., 17'20"E., A DISTANCE OF 165.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 1.112 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 5.00 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE NORTHERLY, WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY BOUNDARIES.

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

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Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02193

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

RENEE MARIE SIERS; EARL TODD SIERS; RENEE MARIE SIERS, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RENEE MARIE SIERS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JANUARY 18, 2007; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant Earl Todd Siers:

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 3922 Saddle Fork Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 20, BLOCK 6, SETTLER'S RIDGE, UNIT NO. THREE, CORRECTION PLAT, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 3633, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 26, 2002, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 20, PAGES 113-115, PLAT RECORDS.

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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TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Friday, February 5, 2016

of the legislature representing multi-county districts, district judges, district attorneys, public regulation commissioners, public education commissioners, and statewide offices shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate for the Chaves county magistrate judge, division two, San Juan county magistrate judge, division five, and Taos county magistrate judge, division two shall be

filed with the respective county clerk on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate for the two Bernalillo county metropolitan court judges and state representatives and state senators in legislative districts wholly within one county or composed of only one county shall be filed with the respective county clerk on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

No state convention for designating Primary Election candidates shall be held later than Sunday, March 13, 2016.

Certificates of Designation of Primary Election candidates shall be submitted by political parties to the Secretary of State no later than the first Tuesday succeeding the state convention between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Presidential Primary Election shall be held on the same date as the Primary Election in the State of New Mexico, June 7, 2016.

The Presidential Primary Election shall be conducted and canvassed along with and in the manner provided by law for the conduct and canvassing of the Primary Election.

**ATTEST: DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
 THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY 2016**

**BRAD WINTER
 SECRETARY OF STATE
 WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF
 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**SUSANA MARTINEZ
 GOVERNOR**

District 4 **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
 ONE COUNTY CLERK **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
 ONE COUNTY TREASURER **FOUR-YEAR TERM**

TORRANCE COUNTY

ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
 District 3 **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
 ONE COUNTY CLERK **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
 ONE COUNTY TREASURER **FOUR-YEAR TERM**

UNION COUNTY

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 District 3 **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
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VALENCIA COUNTY

THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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 District 4 **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
 District 5 **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
 ONE COUNTY CLERK **FOUR-YEAR TERM**
 ONE COUNTY TREASURER **FOUR-YEAR TERM**

Declarations of candidacy by pre-primary convention designation and nominating petitions for the office of United States Representative, Secretary of State, one justice of the Supreme Court, and one judge of the Court of Appeals shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for state representatives and state senators in multi-county legislative districts, district judges, district attorneys, public regulation commissioners, and public education commissioners shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for two Bernalillo county metropolitan court judges, state representatives, and state senators in legislative districts wholly within one county or composed of only one county shall be filed with the respective county clerk on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and filing fees or, in lieu thereof, pauper statements for the Lincoln, Otero, and Roosevelt county probate judges shall be filed with the respective county clerk on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for the Chaves county magistrate judge, division two, San Juan county magistrate judge, division five, and Taos county magistrate judge, division two, shall be filed with the respective county clerk on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and filing fees or, in lieu thereof, pauper statements for all other elective county offices shall be filed with the respective county clerk on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for candidates who seek, but fail to receive pre-primary convention designation for a statewide office or the office of United States representative shall be filed with the Secretary of State either ten days following the date of the pre-primary convention or on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, whichever is later, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Declaraciones de candidatura por designación de convención pre-primaria y peticiones de nominación para elegir el cargo de representantes de los Estados Unidos, Secretaria del Estado, un juez de la Suprema Corte, y un juez de la Corte de Apelaciones deben ser presentadas con el Secretario del Estado el martes, 2 de febrero del 2016, entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones de candidatura y peticiones nominados de postulación para representantes del estado y senadores del estado multi-condados de distritos legislativos, jueces de distrito, procuradores de distrito, comisionados de regulación pública y comisionados de educación pública deben ser presentadas con el Secretario del Estado el martes, 8 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones de candidatura y peticiones nominadas para dos jueces de la corte metropolitana del condado de Bernalillo, representantes del estado, y senadores del estado en distritos legislativos localizados enteramente dentro de un condado o compuesto de solo un condado deben ser presentados al respectivo escribano del condado el martes, 8 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones de candidatura y cuotas de registro o, en su lugar declaraciones de indignencia el juez de asuntos sucesorios del Condado de Lincoln, Otero y Roosevelt deben ser presentadas con el respectivo escribano del condado el martes, 8 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones de candidatura y peticiones nominadas para el juez magistrado del condado de Chaves, división dos, los jueces magistrados del condado de San Juan, división cinco y el juez magistrado del condado de Taos

Friday, February 5, 2016

deben ser presentadas con el respectivo escribano del condado el martes, 8 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de la 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones de candidatura y cuotas de registro o, en su lugar, declaraciones de indignencia para todos los cargos electivos deben ser presentadas con el escribano del condado el martes, 8 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones de candidatura y peticiones de postulación para candidatos quienes buscan, pero no reciben designación de convención pre-primaria para un puesto a nivel estatal o el puesto de representante de los Estados Unidos o senador de los Estados Unidos, deben ser presentadas con el Secretario de Estado, ya sea diez días después de la fecha de la convención pre-primaria o el martes, 8 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones para el intento de ser un candidato por escrito para las oficinas de representantes de los Estados Unidos, miembros de la legislatura representando distritos multi-condado, jueces de distrito, procuradores de distrito, comisionados de regulación pública, comisionados de educación pública y oficinas estatales deben ser presentadas con el Secretario del Estado el martes, 15 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones para el intento de ser un candidato por escrito para el juez magistrado del condado de Chaves, división dos, los jueces magistrados del condado de San Juan, división cinco, y, el juez magistrado del condado de Taos, división dos, deben ser presentados ante el respectivo escribano del condado el martes, 15 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Declaraciones para el intento de ser un candidato por escrito para los dos jueces de la corte metropolitana del condado de Bernalillo y representantes del estado y senadores del estado en distritos legislativos quienes con un condado o compuesto de un solo condado deben ser presentados con sus respectivo escribano del condado el martes, 15 de marzo del 2016, entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Ninguna convención del estado para designar candidatos para la Elección Primaria debe ser después del domingo, 13 de marzo del 2016.

Certificados de designación de candidatos de la elección primaria deben ser presentados por los partidos políticos con la Secretaria del Estado a no más tardar de el primer martes posterior a la convención del estado entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

La Elección Primaria Presidencial se llevará a cabo con la misma fecha que la Elección Primaria del Estado de Nuevo México el día 7 de junio del 2016.

Que la Elección Primaria Presidencial deberá ser conducida y convocada al igual que y de la misma manera prevista por la ley para conducir y convocar la Elección Primaria.

DOY FE: EXPEDIDA EN LA OFICINA DEL EJECUTIVO ESTE DIA 26 DE ENERO DEL 2016

EN TESTIMONIO DE LO CUAL PONGO FIRMA EL GRAN SELLO DEL ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO BRAD WINTER, SECRARIO DEL ESTADO

SUSANA MARTINEZ GOBERNADORA

Radon testing encouraged during cold weather

The New Mexico Department of Health and the New Mexico Environment Department are encouraging New Mexicans, especially smokers and former smokers, to test their homes for radon, an odorless and invisible gas. Radon testing is easiest and most effective in cooler weather months when houses tend to be closed up for warmth.


“Since we can’t see or smell radon, people tend to downplay exposure and ignore the possibility that there might be a silent killer in their homes,” said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Retta Ward, MPH.

Breathing in radon can increase the risk of lung cancer. This risk for lung cancer increases when a person is exposed to radon and also smokes. This is why it’s especially important for current and former smokers to test their homes for radon.

Radon can build up to dangerous levels inside new and old homes. The only way to know if the gas is seeping into your home is by testing for it. Testing is easy, inexpensive and only takes a few minutes. Radon test kits can be purchased at local hardware and home improvement stores and are typically priced under \$25. However, New Mexico residents can take advantage of a discount offered through the state Environment Department, which offers test kits for only \$7.95.

The New Mexico Department of Health’s Environmental Public Health Tracking program provides downloadable resources about radon and information on how you can order a low-cost kit on its website, <https://nmtracking.org>. If your test shows evidence of radon gas at levels of health concern in your home, call the Environment Department at (505) 476-8608 to get information about ways you can reduce radon gas in your home and minimize your exposure.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. after smoking and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Radon problems can be fixed by qualified contractors for a cost similar to that of many common home repairs such as painting or having a new water heater installed. If you smoke and want to quit you can learn about cessation options by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW or for Spanish 1-855-DEJELO-YA.



Is a dangerous gas seeping into your home?

It takes less than \$8 for New Mexicans to easily find out.

Low-cost tests are available from the New Mexico Environment Department.
Learn more at nmtracking.org

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SeniorScene



AARP/CAA free tax preparation

AARP/CAA is offering free tax preparation services starting Monday, Feb. 1 through Friday, April 15. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays. Evening hours will be 6 -7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday starting in mid-February. Tax preparation will be conducted at 3880 Foothills Rd. The tax service is available to everybody regardless of age. We do simple personal returns such as wages, pensions, interest etc.; we do not do complicated business taxes. We do file electronically and do prior-year taxes. For more information, call 527-8799.

City cancels all 2016 Aqua Strength Fitness Classes

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

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meeting

NARFE Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Esparanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive, on Saturday, Feb. 13. Come and enjoy the program presented by Shaunna Foster, who has worked for the City of Las Cruces for 15 years running programs mainly for individuals over the age of 50. The programs include hiking, camping, outdoor biking, walking and spin classes. She is active in both the Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad and Doña Ana County Search and Rescue. She is the co-founder of the West End Art Depot, and also runs art and hik-

ing programs for kids. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45, and reservations must be made by Feb. 9 by calling Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Smith at 522-3033.

DACC Community Education offers course in Genealogy

In the DACC Community Education course, Genealogy Course 1: What is Genealogy? How do I use the internet for genealogy? learn how to trace your family history. If you are new to genealogy and/or the internet, the instructor will patiently lead you through the internet one-on-one.

Those who prefer a faster pace are able to do so, as this course is self-paced. The online course will be held Feb. 5 through March 6, March 7 through April 6 or April 7 through May 7. The cost is \$49. For more information or to sign up, email commed@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7527.

Study suggests increase in Glaucoma cases to impact Hispanic populations

Nearly 3 million people ages 40 and older have glaucoma, according to the Prevent Blindness "Future of Vision: Forecasting the Prevalence and Costs of Vision Problems" report. As the population ages, the number is projected to grow, increasing to 4.3 million by 2032 and by more than 90 percent to 5.5 million by 2050. Glaucoma is an eye disease that currently has no cure. It causes loss of sight by damaging a part of the eye called the optic nerve.

Prevent Blindness offers the online Glaucoma Learning Center providing patients and caregivers

with free information.

The study also found that although more than 60 percent of glaucoma patients today are white, by 2050, most glaucoma patients will be non-white, due primarily to the rapid increase in Hispanic glaucoma patients. By 2050, blacks and Hispanics will each constitute about 20 percent of all glaucoma patients. Glaucoma is often referred to as the "sneak thief of sight" because most people notice no early symptoms or pain. However, vision loss may be decreased if detected and treated early, which is why it is imperative for adults to get a complete, dilated eye exam from an eye care professional for the best chance of saving their sight.

For more information on glaucoma, please call Prevent Blindness at (800) 331-2020 or visit www.preventblindness.org/glaucoma-learning-center.

GriefShare recovery support group meets Sundays

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

Join us Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 229, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda. For registration and information call Penny Baca at 635-9696. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook.

Aging Departments offers seniors new web chat for info, services

The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department is pleased to announce that consumers can ask questions regarding resources for caregiving, aging and people with disabilities at the click of a mouse. The Department is now hosting web chat through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

"We want to make it as easy as possible for people to get the information they need. Web chat is another easy option for getting in contact with the Aging and Disability Resource Center," said Aging and Long-Term Services Secretary Designate Myles Copeland. "We are optimizing our website so that you can connect more easily with assistance, whether that assistance is for you or your loved one."

If the constituent's question is complex, the coordinator will offer to have a counselor from the ADRC give them a call.

The ADRC is designed to help inform people about resources, help them un-

derstand 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.

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/>. The ADRC can also be reached during normal business hours by phone at 1-800-432-2080.

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Attorney general warns of apartment rental scams

Attorney General Hector Balderas issued a Scam Alert today in response to a recent uptick in reports of Craigslist apartment scams from consumers across New Mexico. This scam typically occurs when someone is looking for an apartment or house to rent on Craigslist. The “landlord” will not be available to show the property personally as they claim to be out of town, but they promise a great deal on the rent. Typically, the person posting the photo and ad does not own the property. The scammer will request deposit money to be sent to another state or country. Once that money is gone, it’s gone for good.

“Right now scammers are targeting college students, working professionals

and families across New Mexico who are looking for a good deal on rent,” said Attorney General Balderas. “Never wire money or send prepaid debit cards in response to Craigslist ads, and never give out your financial information online. Protect yourself so you don’t become a victim.”

Craigslist can be a great place to find products or services however, it can be used to take advantage of unsuspecting victims. Here are some helpful tips for spotting and avoiding apartment scams on Craigslist:

- Ask to see the potential landlord’s ID – record all the information you can from it.

- Use a browser to search for the land-

lord’s name after you get their information. Be sure to add quotes around their name. You can add the words “fraud” or “scam” at the end of your search terms.

- Use reverse directory look up if the person has given you their telephone number. It’s important to double check that they are who they say they are.

- Visit the local county courthouse to look up property ownership for the apartment in question. Who really owns it? Is it the person who claims to be the landlord on Craigslist? Or someone else?

- Scan any provided photographs carefully. Do they match up with what you’ve seen in person? Do they look like they all came from the same place?

- If they don’t ask for an application or

permission to check your credit, then that’s a red flag!

- Considering the current state of our economy and the rise in foreclosures, ask the landlord if they’re current on their mortgage payments, and then get their answer in writing.

- Consider additional methods for obtaining a rental, i.e. real estate agent, going through a rental agency, etc...

If you believe you have been a victim of a scam on Craigslist you should notify:

- The New Mexico Office of the Attorney General at 505-222-9100, the Internet Fraud Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov, or the FTC complaint form and hotline: 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357.)

Healthy Happenings



Love Your Heart event at MMC

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Memorial West Annex Conference Rooms, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd, MMC offers a free seminar and Q & A session with Dr.s Connor, Alkous, Zaeem and Corral. Get a coupon for a free cholesterol screening. Space is limited; reserve a spot now at 532-4452 or 800 424-3627.

Hands-only CPR at MMC

Learn a hands-only technique for CPR in this 30-minute class from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Memorial Medical Center West Annex Conference Room, 2450 S. Telshor. Call 524-2167.

H2O cardio class time change

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department will change the time that the H2O Cardio Class is presented at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., beginning Feb.1. The class will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

For information, call the Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Free grief workshop

“Grief 101: the basics of grief” will be held from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Sierra Vista Community Church located at 514 N. Telshor, directly behind T-Mobile.

This workshop, with Yvonne Jasso, LSBW and retired hospice grief counselor, will present a basic description of the grief process including myths and common problems, suggestions on how to help yourself and a Q & A session. Registration is recommended as participants will receive materials. Call 526-9535.

Race for CARE kicks off ‘All Types of Cancer’ awareness month

A run/walk race, presented by CARE (Cancer Aid Resource and Education) will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. at the Mesilla Plaza for ‘All Types of Cancer’ month. 5k run or 1k fun walk. \$30 per person or \$25 per person with a team of at least 10. Register online at raceadventuresunlimited.com available via CARE’s website at carelascruces.org or on Facebook at [facebook.com/CareCancerAidResourceAndEducationInc](https://www.facebook.com/CareCancerAidResourceAndEducationInc). Deadline to register is Feb. 4 online. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Feb. 1. Late registration from 8-8:45 a.m. at \$35 per person. For information contact Yoli Diaz at 649-0598.

Marriage prep group for NMSU students starts Feb. 9

NMSU couples thinking about getting married are invited to take part in, “Preparing for a Successful Marriage,” a free four-week marriage prep group, held Tuesday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for four weeks. It begins Feb. 9. Sessions are facilitated by students of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program. Topics include communication, roles, finances, intimacy, expectations and more. Space is limited. For information or to reserve a spot, call Kendra Wood at 323-0665.

Free well water testing

The Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service, the New Mexico Department of Health and the Water Resources Research Institute at New Mexico State University are offering private well owners the opportunity to test their well water for free.

Private well owners in Doña Ana County may stop by the Cooperative Extension Office located at 530 N. Church Street to pick up a free water sampling kit from 8:30 a.m.-noon, or 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The kit includes an instruction sheet on how to

collect a sample and submit it for testing at a commercial laboratory in Albuquerque. Testing is done for the presence of coliform, fluoride, arsenic and other contaminants. Results are provided to within three weeks.

<http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/11665/nmsu-wrri-department-of-health-offer-free-well-water-testing>

GriefShare recovery support group meets Sundays

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

Join us Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 229, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda. For registration and information call Penny Baca at 635-9696. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Local meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m. (women’s issues focus), at Unity Church, 125 Wyatt Drive (use back door); at noon on Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. For information visit www.oa.org or call Barbara at 405-0128 or Wayne at 647-5684.

Pets and People



Find 'The One' pet Valentine during special promotion

Whether it's falling in love, landing the best job ever, or finding your dream home, you just know when it's right. The same is true for finding the dog or cat who changes your life forever. This Valentine's Day season, national animal welfare organization Best Friends Animal Society and animal rescue groups across the country encourage families to bypass pet stores and online pet retailers to adopt "The One" they're looking for at their local animal shelter or with a rescue group.

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) is a Best Friends Animal Society Network partner that rescues Doña Ana County (DAC) shelter animals via the Doña Ana Pets Alive (DAPA!) campaign. For their promotion, they offer all of

their adoptable animals for the low adoption fee of \$14 through Feb. 14.

Elizabeth Oreck, national manager for Best Friends Animal Society's puppy mill initiatives, says that contrary to what many people have been led to believe, fancy papers and expensive price tags don't make for great pets. The right cats or dogs which match your family do.

Oreck points out that most people aren't aware that nearly all pet stores and online sellers in the USA are supplied by the 10,000 or so puppy and kitten "mills" (large commercial breeding operations.) The same is true of online suppliers.

"So, if you're looking for a healthy and loving new dog, cat, puppy, or kit-

ten, your local animal rescue groups, such as APA, are the places to go," said Oreck.

Best Friends and APA/DAPA! remind those who want purebred dogs that nearly 25 percent of pets in shelters are purebreds and there are breed-specific rescue groups, too. That makes it possible to find nearly any type of pet through a shelter or rescue group.

And by simply choosing to adopt, rather than purchase, people can save the lives of shelter pets in danger of being killed simply because they are homeless.

"If you're looking for a pet, skip the pet store and adopt 'The One' who's right for you," reminds Michel Meunier, APA's director. "Adopting locally is also

a great way to support our community's No Kill efforts."

Details about APA/DAPA!'s adoption opportunities through Feb. 14 are as follows:

APA Furrever Home Adoption and Education Center, 800 W. Picacho Ave. Open Tues./Thurs./Sat. from noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment in the evenings by leaving a voice/text message at the info line: 644-0505. Sunday Offsite Adoptions in February are at PetSmart from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except the last Sunday of the month.)

Follow Best Friends on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/BEAS>

Like APA/DAPA! on Facebook: www.facebook.com/APALasCruces or www.facebook.com/DonaAnaPetsAlive

ACTion Programs for Animals receives \$10K grant

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) of Las Cruces has been awarded a \$10K grant from the Petco Foundation to support its lifesaving work of rescuing animals from the municipal shelter. APA is a non-profit organization animal-welfare organization serving Doña Ana County since 2009. The group has operated the pet food bank program since that time, and in 2012, they started their rescue efforts. They rescue cats and dogs continuously from the municipal shelter, often taking the at-risk animals other rescues do not accept. The Petco Foundation investment will help APA rescue more of these animals in 2016.

"This grant from the Petco Foundation is much needed and



much appreciated", said Michel Meunier, APA's volunteer Founder and Director. "Only

with support from our local community and national foundations can we save the many

lives we do. This grant will help us save roughly 100 animals this year from our shelter. We routinely save more than 500 a year, and our greatest expense is the veterinary care these animals need prior to going into new, loving homes."

For more information about ACTion Programs for Animals or the Petco Foundation, visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org or www.petcofoundation.org. Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or by using the hashtag #PetcoFoundation.

Pet of the week



ZARINA

Come meet this sassy pitbull mix

Meet the spunky sweet Zarina! This outgoing girl enjoys Saturday morning trips to Starbucks for a Puppy Latte, then down to the Farmer's Market to see all her favorite vendors. She enjoys going on daily walks and laying in the grass while looking up at the sky. Zarina is looking for her forever home; she has been at our shelter for over five months. She is a 3-year-old gray and white female Pitbull mix. Please come meet her today.

The Animal Services Center is located at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call: 382-0018.

Coalition for Pets & People meeting, microchip event

The Coalition for Pets & People will meet at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the Road Runner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho. The public is invited. Meeting topics include volunteer activities,

team projects and upcoming events. For more information, message the Coalition for Pets & People on their Facebook page or call 523-8020.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Spay

Neuter Action Program (SNAP) office, 2405 W. Picacho Ave. (across from Peddlers Pavilion) the Coalition for Pets and People will hold a low-cost pet microchip event. The cost is \$6.35 per animal

and includes registration. Thousands of pets end up at the animal shelter every year and never make it home, because they are not microchipped. For information, call 680-7201.