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## New turf and a new start

New Mexico State University baseball player Ruger Rodriguez stretches out during warm ups on the new artificial infield turf at Presley Askew baseball field. The junior pitcher and the Aggies started the 2016 season with a sweep of Towson Friday to Saturday, Feb. 19-21. The team plays host to Maine in a four-game stand Friday to Sunday, Feb. 26-28. The Aggies and Black Bears play a doubleheader on Saturday. To read more about the new turf, turn to page A25.



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## Legislators wrap up 'grueling' session

By Elva K. Österreich  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The agreement is the money ran out and New Mexico needs to find sources of revenue not tied up in the oil and gas industry. But that is about all the parties could agree on during the 2016 legislative session this go around.

Rep. Doreen Gallegos (D-Doña Ana-52) described the session as "grueling."

"When we got there, we thought we had \$230 million extra," she said. "Then we realized there was not so much, but it was \$30 million. Then, by the time it was over, we were looking at deficits. Lots of good services and agencies are going to suffer."

Gallegos said plummeting oil and gas prices are the biggest problem.

"We need to look at how to generate other forms of money to make a budget," she said. Solar energy is one of the big ones she would like to see.

Rep. Andrew "Andy" Nuñez (R-Doña Ana-36) also said New Mexico needs to look at other revenue sources.

## City approves Amador Hotel renovations

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council, meeting as the Tax Increment Development District Board (TIDD), unanimously approved a preliminary plan to renovate the historic Amador Hotel and surrounding property at the council's Monday, Feb. 22 work session.

Las Cruces builder/developer Max Bower, vice president of GMB Investments, Inc. of El Paso, said "the re-development project encompasses the block in its entirety, to include a new full-service restaurant, new Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau offices, additional retail space, a multi-purpose outdoor patio and renovations to the historic Amador Hotel."

With the TIDD board's approval, which includes \$50,000 in funding, Bower will provide "final terms and contract provisions" for final approval by the board within eight to 10 weeks.

Funding for the multi-million-dollar

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## County changes public-input protocols

Doña Ana County Commission Chairman Wayne D. Hancock has implemented new rules governing public input at all future meetings of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners.

Beginning in March and going forward, a sign-up sheet will be placed outside the entrance to the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. Individuals wishing to provide public input will be required to print their name and the agenda-item number that they wish to address.

Individuals who wish to address topics not on the meeting's agenda will be able to check a box indicating that preference. Individuals who wish to register for public input in advance of the meeting

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day may do so by emailing their request(s) to [input@donaanacounty.org](mailto:input@donaanacounty.org). Emails will be accepted through the close of business on the Friday preceding the meeting date.

Chairman Hancock will limit public input to two minutes for each individual on each topic.

"I believe this process will add to the efficiency of the commission meetings," Hancock said. "It also will allow us to consider changing the order of the agenda if we see that a large number of constituents are on hand to address the commission about specific agenda items."

### Drainage meeting set for Chamberino

The Doña Ana County Flood Commission will host a second in a series of public meetings for the community of Chamberino to discuss a new master drainage study and solicit public input from area residents.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chamberino Fire Station, located at 301 S. Medina Rd.

Representatives of Smith Engineering – the company contracted to perform the study – will be on hand, along with representatives from the Doña Ana County Flood Commission.

Residents with questions or concerns can contact Carl Lukesh at (575) 525-5566 or John Gwynne at (575) 525-5554.

### DASO graduates 21 new cadets

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department graduated 21 cadets yesterday, during a 1 p.m. ceremony at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa campus.

The event included the administration of the Oath of Office, signifying the official transition from cadets to law enforcement officers.

At graduation, each cadet had successfully completed a 23-week law enforcement academy through the sheriff's department, which includes intensive training in patrol functions, proper arrest procedures, DWI training, physical agility, firearms qualifications, extensive use-of-force training and other necessary skills required on the job.

All 21 officers now enter a 14-week probationary field-training period before they become full-fledged deputies within the department.

Thursday's ceremony featured keynote speakers Chief Justice Barbara J. Vigil of the New Mexico Supreme Court and Chief Judge Michael E. Vigil of the New Mexico Court of Appeals.



The 21<sup>st</sup> graduating class of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department law enforcement academy includes: Melissa A. Agullo, Cooper Carter, Gabriel Castañeda, Octavio Contreras, Antwian B. Cummings, Jr., Tress Diaz, Megan B. Dow, Carlos A. Enriquez, Nathan T. Helms, Nathan L. Jimerson, Charles "Chuck" Gant, Frank Kaiser, Robert Martin, Mitchell Moore, Benjamin Perkins, Justin Ray Piedra, Jesse Rogers, Joseph A. Shreve, Jeremy E. Tellez, Domingo A. Torres Jr. and Samuel Wilson.

### Voter training on tap

The Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections has scheduled voter registration training on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 113 of the Doña Ana County Government Center.

All participants will receive training that will enable them to legally and properly register eligible voters throughout Doña Ana County.

The session is free and open to the public. To register in advance of the session, call Rose Ann Vasquez at (575) 647-7248, Extension 5968 during normal business hours.

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# Award-winning author is writing, reading – and selling – books

**By Mike Cook**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you're Denise Chávez, what do you do next?

The Las Cruces native is already an internationally recognized author of novels, short stories and plays, and the recipient of many prestigious honors, including The American Book Award, Premio Aztlán, the Hispanic Heritage Award for Literature, the New Mexico



**CHÁVEZ**

Governor's Award in Literature, a Rockefeller Playwriting Fellowship and a Reader's Digest Fellowship.

She has been mentored by such literary giants as Rudolfo Anaya and Tony Hillerman, and has degrees from New Mexico State University, Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and the Uni-

versity of New Mexico, where she also received an honorary doctorate.

Chávez has taught at NMSU, Northern New Mexico Community College and the University of Houston, where she shared an office with Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winner Edward Albee. And, she created and coordinated the nationally acclaimed Border Book Festival for 20 years in Las Cruces and Mesilla.

For Chávez, the choice for the next stage of her life was easy: Open a bookstore in the historic neighborhood where her ancestors lived; and begin work on her dream of a borderland community art and resource center, Museo de La Gente (Museum of the People), where she and her husband, photographer Daniel Zolinsky, plan to archive the

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

# Aggies-Lobos in El Paso: A new tradition?

### 'You can't beat fun at the ballpark'

It may not be summer, or even spring, but it sure feels like baseball season.

New Mexico State University basketball is still going strong for both the men and women, but step outside and it sure feels like baseball season.

We'd all like to see the basketball teams keep playing as deep into March as possible, but the first bit of March Madness just might have a baseball flavor to it.

Tuesday, March 8, the Aggie baseball team plays rival University of New Mexico.

That's not unusual; the Aggies play the Lobos every year in just about every sport. In fact, they'll play the Lobos four times this baseball season.

The March 8 game, however, has a

unique twist: It will be played in El Paso's Southwest University Park, the home of the minor league El Paso Chihuahuas.

If you've been to the park, you know it's one of the nicer minor league baseball parks in America. It's a beautiful setting for baseball. Even if you're not a baseball fan, you can have a great time at a baseball game in the stadium. From Las Cruces, you can make the drive and be seated in the downtown park in an hour's time. A perfect road trip.

Getting to watch the Aggies take on the Lobos completes the picture.

So let's all make a night of it. Fill the seats with Las Cruces.

If you've seen a Chihuahuas game, you know what a great time it can be.

If you haven't seen a Chihuahuas

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



game, what better way to experience the park for the first time than to cheer on the Aggies against the Lobos.

When he broadcast games from Chicago's Wrigley Field, the late, great Hall of Fame baseball announcer Harry Caray often said, "Ah, friends, you can't beat fun at the old ballpark."

Neither can you beat fun at the new ballpark.

Especially when it's Aggies-Lobos.

You don't have to wait until March 8, either.

The Aggies, who opened their season at home with a three-game sweep of Towson, have six more home games between now and the Lobo showdown in El Paso. They host Maine for four games Feb. 26-28, and host Stephen F. Austin for four games March 4-6.

And while Southwest University Park is one of the nicer minor league

parks you'll find, NMSU's Presley Askew Field is one of the nicer college baseball parks you'll find as well.

I admit, as much as I love the game of baseball, it may no longer be America's pastime, as fascinated as we are with things like the NFL and MMA and UFC and probably some other initials I'm not aware of. Baseball, though, is a game still worthy of your attention, perhaps now more than ever. Whether you soak in all the game's complex intricacies, or just want to see a young man swing a bat as hard as he can at a ball thrown as hard as another young man can, it's a beautiful game.

So make the time to follow some Aggie baseball in person this spring. And if you want to make a night of it, head to El Paso Tuesday, March 8.

I can't guarantee our recent great weather will still be around, but I can guarantee you'll have a good time.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



## Dog Emotions

It is my observation that dogs feel certain basic emotions like affection, fear, confusion or joy. I'm not sure they're capable of feel-

ing sadness or jealousy or if they can get their feelings hurt. But I believe a dog can get embarrassed! Take the Sunbeam clippers to a

long haired dog and see if he doesn't slink off behind the barn.

We bought a few acres out in the country but rented in town 'til we built our house. Boller, my good cowdog and companion, stayed in the backyard but LIVED to go out to the place!

He would know when I was fixin' to leave. He'd wait by the front

door vibratin' like a bow string! I'd tease him a little, then say, "Go git in the pickup!" I'd open the door and he'd streak across the grass, across the driveway and catapult up into the back of the pickup!

One winter morning I was preparing to drive out and split some wood. Boller was tuned up and tickin' like a

two-dollar watch! I peeked out the door when I released him. We'd had an ice storm. The trees hung heavy with icicles and the concrete driveway was like a mirror. Boller shot across the frozen grass, reached the driveway, set his hind legs to spring skyward, hit the ice and slid like a statue of a dog praying, flat into the side of the

pickup!

He didn't know what happened. He glanced over his shoulder, saw me watching, and walked, red faced, around the back of the pickup.

Bill said Booker was one of the dumber dogs they'd ever had on the ranch. He didn't have much cowdog in him,

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Help make Buddy Day a success

Down Syndrome Families of Las Cruces is having Buddy Day on March 5, 2016 to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. It will be at Pioneer Woman's Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free and open to the community. We will have jumpers, face painting, magicians, clowns, music and much more. We want to bring awareness to our community and celebrate World Down Syndrome day. While the Buddy Day is free to everyone, we do plan on selling raffle tickets and concessions. The money from these will go toward:

- Baby baskets for the Las Cruces hospitals. We currently have baby baskets at MMC and MVRMC. These baskets are given to parents when their baby is born (with Down Syndrome). These baskets have toys for the baby along with resources and books for the parents. We hope with the money raised we will be able to include more items/information in these baskets.

- We also want to be able to provide swim lessons for children/adults with Down Syndrome, free of charge to the families. Many families have shared that their kids love to swim, but the families are unable to afford swim lessons. We want to be able to help families, and have swim classes that are just for our special children.

- Outreach. We have been receiving calls and emails, from families, wanting support. We will use some of the funds from Buddy Day to provide things such as books/videos and sign language classes.

We need help from our community to be able to have Buddy Day. We are asking for sponsors to help us put on this special day for the community. We need money to pay for the park rental, insurance, rentals and concessions. Would you please consider, supporting Down Syndrome Families and financially donating towards our Buddy Day? Our E.I.N number is 47-5422962. Please use this number for tax deduction purposes.

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— Christine Williams

# The magic wand of work

*"I never did a day's work in my life. It was all fun."*  
— Thomas Edison

The New Mexico Legislature has ended and there are people in our state who were wanting those politicians to change the sad plight of New Mexico, which is last in almost every category in our nation.

They are disappointed that, despite the politician promises at election time, New Mexico remains poor.

If past performance is a predictor of future performance it is a good bet that 10 years from now New Mexico will still be last in most categories.

Why, because the Legislature does not have a magic wand to wave over the Land of Enchantment to bring wealth to every citizen.

Yes, legislation can help citizens who want to lift themselves out of poverty. Legislation can make New Mexico more attractive for businesses. But the heavy lifting of changing the fortunes of New Mexico must be done by the citizens themselves.

It starts with a work culture. New Mexico suffers from a culture of not working. Right now more New Mexicans are

not working than are working. The poverty programs in our state make it hard to take a job for pay when the pay will nullify benefits. And the state does nothing since the poverty programs employ many people and give power to the leaders.

Question: when do most people who get a job do so? The week after their unemployment benefits end. Or, and this is important, they get a job almost immediately after losing a job. One or the other. I'm painting with a large brush, but we have two cultures.

One says "I work proudly." The other rides government programs until they end and then despairs. Those who go for a year between jobs while milking the system find it hard to get a job when benefits run out.

However, some sectors such as the agriculture industry are full of proud workers. If they do not like a job, they hunt another before moving on. The oil and gas industry have men and women who do not watch the clock, they get



**Michael Swickard**  
*In My Opinion*

the job done.

But as an employer myself, and manager of hundreds of workers during the last 40 years, I find many young people are not taught to work. No, not that you need a 13/16 socket to take out a spark plug. They do not know you must be on time always. In fact, be five minutes early so if traffic snarls you are not late.

This all starts in public schools which should not propagandize but should provide many examples of enjoying work. The magic wand, if you want to think of it as such is attitude. Thomas Edison looked forward to going to work each day because he liked to work. Those people who enjoy being employed are important.

Many people in New Mexico think that wealth comes from the government and all you have to do is have one of your relatives get elected to some office and the wealth truck will make regular deliveries. And in our crony corrupt

state, that is more true than not. But it cannot and will not last.

What happens to these people when their relative is caught and cannot provide any more loot? Then they turn to drugs for quick cash. Some New Mexicans have no Social Security benefits because they never have worked officially.

The attitude that is important is to find things about the job that prepare you for the next job. We hear so much about minimum wage jobs but most people only make the minimum wage for a few months and then are promoted beyond it if they apply themselves.

If it is easier to float on the government programs than actually go to work this will come to the end at some point. At some point the problems of our budget and debt will intrude. We are spending money that we do not have.

Who will ride out the hard times the best? Those who can hunker down working at any job and being satisfied with making money rather than having it given to them. They have the magic wand of work.

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so, other than entertainment, he wasn't much use. To his credit, he did make an effort, but it was usually a disaster. Booker grew up to the sound of regular outbursts, curses and colorful epithets directed his way!

One hunting season Bill and a friend winged a buck. They drove the truck as close to the brush as possible then went looking. Ever hopeful, Bill said, "Booker, find the deer!" Well, to everyone's amazement, big ol' slob-

berin' Booker found it! Bill heaped praise on him..."Good dog! Good dog!"

Booker was so pleased he was beside himself! He grinned a big ol' loopy grin and was overcome with this unaccustomed acclaim! In his exuberance, he raced for the pickup, made an Olympic leap, cleared the entire bed, hooked his hind paw on the far side, and nosed dived into the dirt! They found him up the road about a half a mile ... acting like nothing happened!

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# Same kind of different as me

By Bob Jeska

Since 1972, the services available at the Gospel Rescue Mission have evolved, yet they remain free to the homeless as well as the taxpayer.

Today, the mission no longer merely feeds, houses, and clothes people for 3 to 5 days and sends them on their way. That's rescue, and we still do that. But for those who want to turn away from self-destructive behaviors to the promise of a new life we offer recovery services and prepare clients to re-engage in the community.

All of our programs are designed to give clients the opportunity to move from dependency to self-sufficiency. Here's what that looks like:

**Rescue** – Every night an average of 70 men, women and children occupy one of our 120 beds. We serve three meals daily, averaging 205 meals. And volunteers give away an average of 370 items of clothing. Perhaps it's worthwhile to mention at this point what may not be obvious to some: giving one a meal does not remedy hunger any more than providing a homeless person a room ends homelessness. That's because adult poverty, hunger, and homelessness are almost always symptoms of emotional or moral brokenness. While addressing the symptoms is important, Rescue without Recovery fails to hold people accountable for their own conduct and rewards the very behavior that caused the physical privation in the first place.

**Recovery** – this is the hard part because it focuses on the emotional and the moral. Recovery takes months or years and can remain a lifetime struggle. At the Mission, Recovery begins with selfless service—doing something for another without expect-

ing reward. Meaningful work is restorative and necessary for emotional health. So, everyone at the Mission must have a job. These duties include work at the Mission and helping the city. Concurrently, our chapel program addresses the moral component of recovery. The program includes attending church, Bible study and New Life Program (NLP) classes. On average 47 people attend one of our English or Hispanic services nightly, which are non-denominational, mainstream Christian in nature. The NLP is a 9-month course of study, aimed at giving resident-volunteers the chance for a new start in life. The first two phases

include unlimited access to professional counseling and lessons on the character of God, the importance of relationships, and life skills training. Residents learn resume writing, giving a job interview, personal health and hygiene, GED preparation, finances, and other life skills.

**Re-engagement** – This helps clients re-assimilate as self-sufficient members of the community, which involves finding a job, housing, a church home, and vocational training or education.

Visit our website ([www.lcgrm.org](http://www.lcgrm.org)) to see how we're doing. And plan to see the movie. On April 29, Paramount Studios will

release "Same Kind of Different As Me" in 2,000 theaters nationwide. The co-authors of the 2006 book, one an art dealer (Greg Kinnear) and the other an illiterate sharecropper (Djimon Hounsou), found life-changing faith and friendship at the Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth. The movie provides a glimpse of the principles in play at Union Gospel which also make

your Mission effective in restoring dignity and self-sufficiency to the addicted and dependent.

For more than 43 years, the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission has invested in the lives of the homeless at no cost to the client or taxpayer. Today, through donors and volunteers, God's grace and favor have blessed the Mission that we might bless others less fortunate.

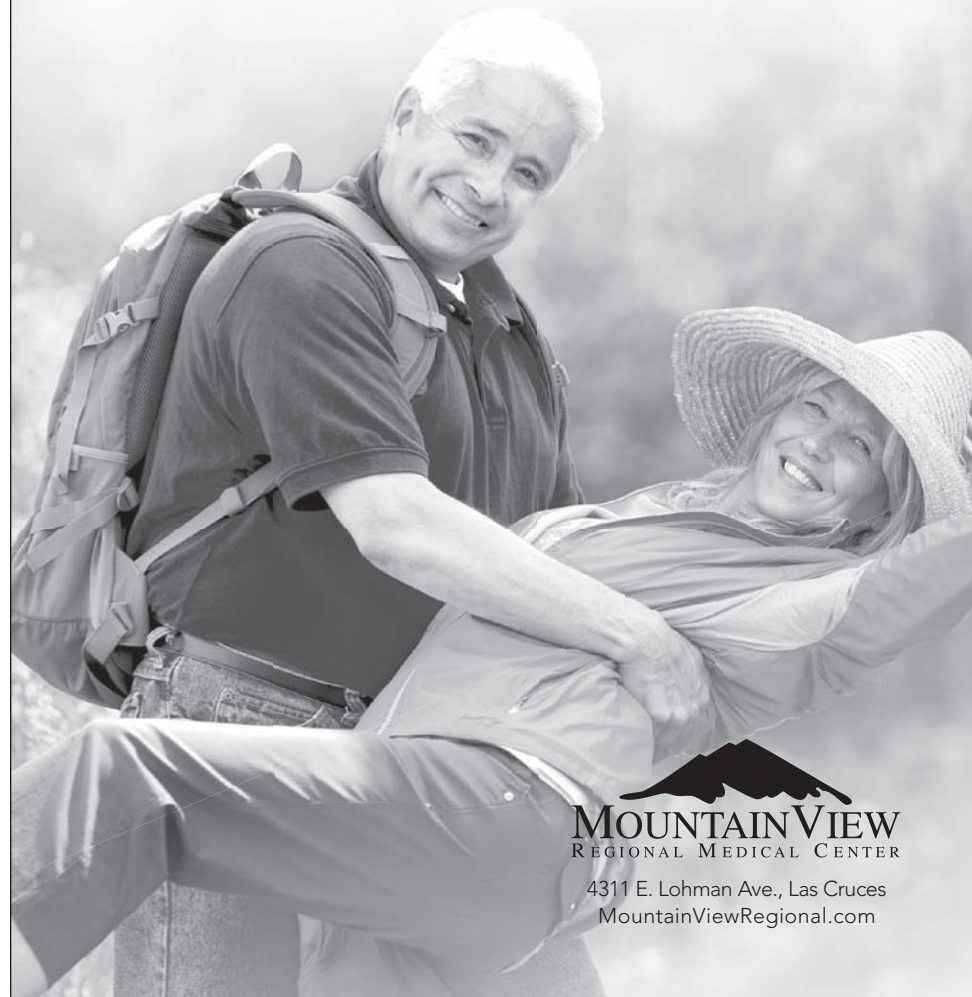
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### THE NEW MEXICO PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING

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.

## COMING UP

### Makerstate Initiative technology tour offers workshops

The New Mexico State Library Makerstate tour 2016 comes to Branigan Library on Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27 to elevate communities through hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering, art and math. At 3 p.m. on Feb. 26, 'Make Your Own Bouncy Ball' introduces the basics of chemistry and physics (limited to 30.) At 3 p.m. on Feb. 27 learn the basics of electricity and make interactive pop-up cards and electronic origami for ages 6 and up (limited to 12.) Register at 528-4102 (TTY 528-4008). Free.

### Dinner in the Dark fundraiser benefits Lions' charities

The Las Cruces de Noche Lion's Club presents the Second Annual Dinner in the Dark fundraiser at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27 at 1501 N. Solano Drive. Guest speaker is artist, author and Olympian George Mendoza. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at *Universe.com* or by calling 636-8248.

### PAC and SuperPAC discussion with Bill Soules

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Holy Family American Catholic Church 702 Parker Road, Conversations with Democrats presents 'PACs & SuperPACs: Are All PACs Equal?' Presenter is Senator William ("Bill") Soules, District 37, N.M. State Legislature. The Senator serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Education Committee and was a primary sponsor of minimum wage bills. All are welcome.

Refreshments available.

### American Gun Culture Club basic pistol class

Basic Pistol classes are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, March 5 at the Butterfield Range. This four-hour course is shot from a cold range platform. Guns and ammo provided. For information, call 642-1003 or *bevy-co@gmail.com*.

### Vietnam Huey helicopter display, car show Feb. 27

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 431 will have a Huey Helicopter from the Vietnam War on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Kmart parking lot, 3860 N. Main St. A car show will take place along with merchandise for sale, including auto-graphed posters of the Vietnam War Memorial Monument. For information, call 621-1738.

### Las Cruces students to compete at World Affairs Council

The World Affairs Council of the North American Borderplex—a nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting international thinking and connecting the region with global affairs dialogues and issues announced that the Academic WorldQuest competition is from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at El Paso Community College, 9050 Viscount Blvd, El Paso. Academic WorldQuest examines high school students' knowledge of international affairs. Over 30 teams from high schools across El Paso County, Las Cruces, Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua City will compete. The winning team from this competition goes to Washington D.C. to compete with teams from across the country in April for a chance to win an academic scholarship.

### Las Cruces Support Your Local Police Committee meeting

The first public meeting of the Las Cruces Support Your Local Police Committee is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at Branigan Library's Roadrunner room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. A member of the LCPD will speak and a DVD about threats to police will be shown. Written materials will be available; light refreshments will be served. For information, call 521-7938.

### Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach classes

Reservations are being accepted for diabetes classes at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. from 9 a.m. – noon on Tuesday, March 1, Thursday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 8. Class size is limited to 12 and support persons are invited and encouraged. One-time \$10.00 registration fee for these intense classes. Scholarships are available. Classes are taught in English and Spanish by T. J. Jasso, RN, BS. Get information or email reservations to *snmdo@snmdo.com* or call 522-0289.

### Stamp club meeting

Final preparation for the March Stamp Show will be discussed at the Mesilla Valley Stamp Club meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 3 at the Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid St. Please note this is a new location for the meeting. For information, call 202-1937.

### WESST training sessions for business owners

A two-part series for business owners is presented by WESST on March 3 and March 10. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, WESST presents 'Growing Your Business Through Online Sales,' to deliver insights into shopping preferences and what tactics influence positive shopping experiences. From 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 the topic is 'International e-Commerce 101 – Why export?' Learn how to get your product out globally, understand country regulations, complete forms and classify your product. Classes held at Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Register online at *www.wesst.org* or by calling Manny Morales at 541-1583 or emailing *mmorales@wesst.org*.

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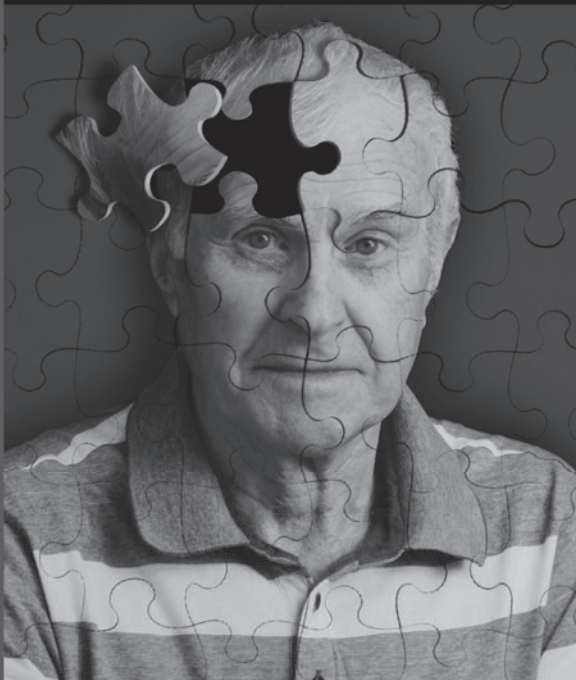
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## Storytelling event at Branigan Library

The public is invited to a free program of stories and entertainment at the Jennie Curry Story Fest from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho. Refreshments will be served. Coupons for free books at COAS Book Store will be given to children who attend. For information, call 526-8377.

## Six-course tequila dinner at NMSU

Reserve your table early for the six-course Tequila Dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at the 3rd Floor Bistro at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club. The menu will feature authentic cuisine celebrating the diverse locales and tastes of Mexico, all paired with unique and premium tequilas. Call 646-4802 for more details and to reserve a table.

## Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2016 Home & Garden Show

At 10 a.m. on Saturday March 5 and Sunday March 6 at Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call 526-6126 or [events@lchba.com](mailto:events@lchba.com).

## Lasagna Dinner to benefit Dyslexia scholarship fund

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. on

Sunday, March 6, the Scholarship fund of the Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico is sponsoring a lasagna dinner at Jake's Café in Doña Ana, 641 E. Thorpe Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. Dine in or take out. For information, call 405-7530.

## Old T-shirts wanted for anti-violence committee project

The Aggies Against Violence Committee is looking for old donated T-shirts of all sizes and colors to be used for the Clothes Line Project to allow students, staff and faculty to write messages on them in relation to Sexual Assault Awareness. Please drop T-shirts off at Campus Activities with attention Morgan Busch between now and

April 15 or call 646-2536 for pick up.

## Las Cruces Shrine meets on second Monday

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

## Thomas Branigan Library announces bookmark scavenger hunt

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library offers an on-going activity aimed at adults. Bookmark Scavenger Hunt is a quest to encourage patrons to browse the library's shelves. No sign-up required: 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](mailto: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: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-noon on Fri-

days. Evening hours: 6 -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.

## O'Blarney Golf Scramble

On Thursday, March 10, the O'Blarney Golf Scramble will benefit Holy Cross Catholic School. A cash raffle will take place on Friday, March 11 on the Holy Cross Catholic School campus. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. First place: \$10,000; second place: \$2,500; third place: \$500. Need not be present to win. For information, call 526-2517 or visit [www.oblarneyscramble.com](http://www.oblarneyscramble.com).

## Elite Business Builders Group meets on Wednesdays

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

## 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. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. For information, call 649-0165.

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# Want to join the police? Academy scheduled

## Bulletin report

The Las Cruces Police Department is now accepting applications for its training academy, tentatively set to begin in September 2016.

Applications for the training academy need to be received by the City of Las Cruces no later than April 3. Prospective candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their application well in advance of the closing date.

LCPD will offer a pair of physical training practice courses for prospective applicants. The tests are not mandatory but do help applicants self-eval-



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The Las Cruces Police Department's academy provides more than 1,000 hours of law enforcement education and training. The bulk of the academy — about 75 percent of it — is classroom instruction while the remaining 25 percent is field training.

uate their fitness level prior to the actual Physical Training Test that will be held in April.

The practice courses are planned for March 5

and March 19. Both courses will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Las Cruces High School track, at 1750 El Paseo Road.

The starting salary for

cadets, those who are accepted into the academy, is \$15.50 per hour. Upon graduation from the 20-week academy, officer trainees earn \$17.83 per

hour and are eligible for a \$3,000 retention bonus. Officer trainees who successfully complete their one-year probationary status earn a salary of \$20.99 per hour, or approximately \$43,600 annually.

The Las Cruces Police Department's academy provides more than 1,000 hours of law enforcement education and training. The bulk of the academy — about 75 percent of it — is classroom instruction while the remaining 25 percent is field training in and around Las Cruces.

Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens, at least 19 years old when the

academy begins, and have at least a high school diploma and no felony convictions. Additional requirements can be seen on the Las Cruces Police Department's website.

Additional information — including fitness standards and a personal history statement that's a required part of the application — are available on the Las Cruces Police Department's website, [www.CLCPD.com](http://www.CLCPD.com), under the "Recruiting and Training Academy" link.

For more information on the Las Cruces Police Department academy call 541-2766.

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### Suspect who used stolen credit card sought

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the man suspected of using a stolen credit card at several stores earlier this year.

Las Cruces Police detectives

learned that someone burglarized a vehicle at The Grove apartment complex on Jan. 6 and stole several items, including a woman's purse. Amongst other items inside the purse were the owner's credit cards.

Over the course of the next couple days, a man made several purchases using the stolen credit cards at stores inside the Mesilla Valley

Mall and at Hasting's Books, 2350 E. Lohman Ave.

Surveillance cameras at Hasting's captured an image of the suspect. The man was described to police as approximately 5 feet 5 inches tall with a slim build.

The suspect now faces possible felony charges of forgery and fraudulent use of a credit card.

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“We thought we had a lot of money and now it’s coming back to haunt us,” he said. “The extractive industries (oil, gas and mining) are laying people off – a lot of people. They are all going down, thousands of people.”

### Tighten the belt

But, Nuñez said, agriculture is not doing badly and tourism brings a lot of money into the state.

“Everybody’s got to tighten their belt,” he said. “I think we came out all right on this one. We won’t have to go into special session unless the economy changes. We can live on the cuts we have this year.”

But Gallegos isn’t so sure the cuts are livable.

“I’m looking at budgets that I know directly impact quality of life in New Mexico,” she said. “We are not adequately funding basic services. The agencies are going to have to figure out how to make less money work.”

Areas having funding reduced include mental health, children’s services and higher education, she said.

“As appropriators we can’t tell (agencies) how to spend the money,” Gallegos said. “We are just going to see a lot less services. We are also asking colleges to produce better results with less funding.”

### Different views

Gallegos said Republicans and Democrats have a very different take on where money should be going.

She said the session was about punishing people, being tough on crime and putting people in jail but there was no money provided for those things.

“There are a lot of unfunded mandates,” she said. “That agenda isn’t helping New Mexicans. We are

going to put people in jail longer, provide treatments, but not the money to do it. At the end of the day it was very unrealistic on behalf of the Republican theology, and I consider myself a very moderate Democrat.”

### REAL ID

Both Gallegos and Nuñez said the REAL ID legislation was one of the best things to go through the Legislature.

“We were able to come up with a compromise for the driver’s license,” Gallegos said. “We wanted to make sure domestic violence could be prevented. Some of them were getting themselves in a place where they could be revictimized.”

The driver’s license compromise allows for two kinds of driving permission cards.

The bill, which was introduced by Nuñez, requires a driver’s license applicant to be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident in order to meet federal REAL ID standards. But a second type of document, a Driver’s Authorization Card, will be available without requiring a birth certificate or other citizenship documents and will permit driving, but won’t meet REAL ID standards.

The domestic violence prevention issue comes into play because fingerprinting could discourage people from obtaining driving cards, which are helpful to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in seeking help and safety.

### Farm bill

Nuñez also said he was happy the farm bill was reauthorized; he introduced the original farm bill years ago.

“The right to farm is very important for agriculture,” he said. “We are an agricultural state.”

He said years ago, people would buy property next to an agricultural farm, like a hog farm, build a home and then complain about the smell and get the farm

shut down. The right to farm bill prevents that.

“This bill protects that farmer and the consumer too,” he said. “If someone wants to move in next to a hog farm, they did it themselves. If they didn’t want that, they shouldn’t move there.”

### Capital outlay funds

After some talk about distributing capital outlay funding by committee rather than by distributing the money through individual legislators, the idea failed to get support. Both Gallegos and Nuñez said it was a bad idea.

“I voted no on that,” Gallegos said. “I really believe with my district, I want to make sure the money we get, I put every dime into our area. I want to be sure we have ability to get money to a lot of the areas that wouldn’t qualify for the big dollars like the colonias. If we were to let our capital outlay money go into one area, it would hurt our smaller areas.”

Nuñez said the legislators have done well with the system so far and the governor or a committee don’t know what the small communities need.

“We wouldn’t get anything in the small communities,” he said. “The biggest part of the money I got this year is going to help the village of Hatch, Clinica Familia and the veteran’s museums.”

He said when the legislators in a district get together with their capital outlay funds, they can get things done that otherwise wouldn’t happen.

### Pocket veto

Legislation not signed by Gov. Susana Martinez by March 9 is pocket vetoed. That means it is automatically vetoed by her taking no action on it. May 18 is the effective date of passing legislation that is not a general appropriation bill or bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date.

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history of the borderland community.

### ‘A wonderful place to work’

“It all led to this,” Chávez said recently, looking around at the historic building at 314 S. Tornillo St. that is now Casa Camino Real (CCR), the bookstore she opened with Zolinsky in 2012.

The building, which dates from the 1850s, is located in the Mesquite Historic District and along El Camino Real del Tierra Adentro, the 400-mile “Royal

Road of the Interior Land” that connected San Juan Pueblo in northern New Mexico and points south with Mexico City for travelers for nearly 300 years in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.

Before it was a bookstore, CCR was a private home. Las Cruces matriarch Lula “Mother” Grimes lived in the house for 65 years until her death in 1983. It’s now owned by former New Mexico Supreme Court Chief Justice Dan Sosa, Chávez’s landlord and father of The Mexican American Legal Defense Fund. Chávez called him “a New Mexico treasure.”

Today’s Mesquite Art Gallery, not far from CCR, was her grandparents’ house. Her father, E. E. Chávez, grew up there. Her parents are buried in nearby San José Cemetery.

“Here I am in the old neighborhood,” Chávez said, “in the heart of the Camino Real. This house to me embodies a sense of home and family and is a wonderful place to work.”

### ‘Beauty, energy, spirit’

It’s also a very sacred space to Chávez. Her beloved sister, Faride Chávez Conway, helped paint the room that had

been Lula Grimes’ bedroom and is now CCR’s children’s book room, filled with books, records, photographs and international dolls. Faride died in December 2012, but Chávez continues to feel her spirit throughout the house.

The book store, like the neighborhood it is a part of, has “beauty, energy, spirit,” Chávez said. It “is a wonderful, creative space for people to come and explore and find themselves.”

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many rare first editions; LPs for all ages (including a recording of Boris Karloff narrating “The Ugly Duck-

ling”); vintage Mexican lobby cards and posters; World War II calendars; hand-made puppets; and even a piñata. The walls are covered with art, including photographs by Zolinsky and John Running, an internationally known photographer who lives in Flagstaff and

will visit the bookstore in May for a celebration of Tarahumara art and culture, Chavez said.

**‘Each book is like a child’**

And “this is the tip of the iceberg,” she said. CCR has many other “very old and very beautiful books” and “fantastic vintage vinyl LPs. We have such unique and wonderful things,” she said. “Some, of course, will be preserved for the museo.”

CCR’s collection includes signed first-edition books by Rudolfo Anaya, Sandra Cisneros, John Nichols, Barbara Kingsolver and Carlos Fuentes, along with two signed books by Henry Miller that were found at a garage sale in Las Cruces. Chávez even has a copy of “An Execution in the Family,” about Julius and Ethel Rosenberg that is signed by the author, the Rosenberg’s son, Robert Meeropol.

Chávez has books in English, Spanish, German, French, Russian, Portuguese and even Farsi. There are books from Africa, Latin America, Europe and Las Cruces— classics and “the off-beat and unusual,” she said. Subjects include Chicano/Latino, Native American, children’s, world, Southwest, New Mexico and Frontera/border literature; history; two extensive collections of science and geology; and the Golden Age of Spain books. New, used, rare and out-of-print books are a specialty, Chávez said.

“People will find things that they’ve been looking for,” she said.

“Each book is like a child,” Chávez said. “The life of the bookseller is to be deeply moved by the lives of writers,” she said. “There are so many good writers.”

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# CHÁVEZ

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## 'We were people of story'

Chávez began writing at the age of eight, inspired by a willow tree at her family's home.

"Something of the tree came into me, and something of me went into that tree," she said. She still has the stump of that tree, and one of her first writings became "The Willow Game," which Chávez included in a collection of short stories called "The Last of the Menu Girls," published in 2004.

By the age of 10, "I knew that I wanted to be a writer," Chávez said. Around that time, her mother, Delfina Faver Chávez, gave Chávez her first thesaurus, which she still has.

"My mother was wonderfully talented and creative," Chávez said. Both her parents were avid readers and storytellers – "We were people of story," she said. "I grew up with educated, cultured and literate people."

Chávez remembers her father, Epifanio, telling her how he walked from Mesquite Street through fields full of rabbits to attend classes at NMSU. Her mother and her siblings would become the first Hispano graduates of Sul Ross State University in west Texas. Her father would graduate from Georgetown Law School with help from his godfather and mentor, State Sen. Dennis Chávez, for whom Denise is named.

Chávez herself graduated from Madonna High School in Mesilla Park, where she began writing "many skits and plays" and acted in many others. She later attended NMSU on a theatre scholarship. "I wanted to be an actress," she said. At NMSU, she studied with the late Hershel Zohn, a native of Russia, Yiddish actor and author who founded the theatre department at the university and encouraged Chávez. "We were doing things that were both avant-garde and classical," she said.

## 'My great blessing'

It was also at NMSU that Chávez met poet Keith Wilson. "He introduced me to great poets of the world," she said. "Keith was an incredible teacher, and so was Dr. Zohn." CCR has a personal collection of Wilson's books of poetry for sale online on Abebooks that benefits his estate. Wilson died in 2009 at age 81.

"It is my great fortune, my great blessing to

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# HOTEL

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project will come either from TIDD or the city, said City Manager Robert Garza.

Bower said the project could include additional property already owned by the city or which the city could purchase near the Amador Hotel. Bower said he has been working on the project for about nine months.

## Empty since 2006

The hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave., "stood on the corner of Amador and Water Streets in Las Cruces since the 1870s, serving as a rest stop for weary drovers and travelers," according to [www.amadorfoundation.org](http://www.amadorfoundation.org).

"The building has been a jail, a county courthouse, an events center, hotel, bank, a county building, and now it's going to be an events center, cum museum," said Amador Foundation President Heather Pollard, who attended the Feb. 22 meeting along with other board members.

Pollard said the building has been empty since the county moved to its new location on Motel Boulevard in 2006. The foundation was formed in 2007 "to restore and preserve this historic adobe building," she said. The building is on the state and national historic registers.

"To me, it's the final

lap," said Pollard, a longtime community activist who was instrumental in opening La Casa shelter and the Rio Grande Theatre, and is the former executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership.

"The south end of Main Street was really not included in the first set of plans that we had and now we're working on the second set of plans after 10 or 12 years," she said. "To me, the Amador is the gateway to Main Street and it's really important to me because I would not really want to take on another major project in my life. I think it's my last hurrah."

## 'Major, major decisions'

The foundation has been working closely with Bower on the project, Pollard said, and planned to meet with him again shortly after the Feb. 22 meeting "because there are going to be some major, major decisions made," she said.

After the county moved out of the building in 2006, Pollard said, "there were no buyers and we were very afraid it would just sink into the ground. Former City Councillor Dolores Archuleta "got the county and the city together in the building, and when she emerged, the city had agreed to buy the building for \$1. The Amador Foundation, through private sector (funding) and capital

outlay from the Legislature, has raised more than half a million dollars" to renovate the building, she said.

Pollard said about \$195,000 is being spent to restore the old hotel's columns, and another \$100,000 will go for asbestos abatement.

"The great thing is, our city manager (Garza) ... had the vision when Max Bower came to him with this idea," Pollard said. Re-development of the Amador, she said, will be an economic development and tourism draw "to our Downtown core. 2016 is going to be a huge year for Main Street."

"The city has been working with a variety of partners to revitalize the Downtown area," Garza said. "One of the most impactful projects we can put in place is 'The Amador.' It will serve as a gateway to Downtown that will invite residents to enjoy a vibrant space that will truly redefine this area of the city. I am thankful to have a positive private-sector partner in GMB Investments (the Bowers) who not only bring a wealth of development experience but also a desire to make our city a better place for all."

## 'A vibrant Downtown'

Bower said "the completed design and amenities will determine the final project budget," and said he is "committed to moving ahead with

(the project) as quickly as possible."

"So many people have invested their time, resources and energy into realizing a vibrant Downtown for all Las Cruces," Bower said. "It's time to take the next step in that vision."


"This is quite a project that will make big changes in the city, especially Downtown," said City Councillor and TIDD board member Gill Sorg.

"I really appreciate your vision," said Councillor and TIDD board member Kasandra Gandara.

Sorg, Gandara and fellow council and TIDD board members Greg Smith, Ceil Levatino and Olga Pedroza, along with Mayor Ken Miyagishi, voted in favor of the project. Councillor and TIDD board member Jack Eakman did not attend the meeting.

TIDD was created by the city in 2008 "to generate revenue within the Downtown area and to use those revenues within that area for public improvement projects," according to city documents. It is funded through existing gross receipts tax revenues, with additional funding from the New Mexico Legislature.

For more information, visit [www.amadorfoundation.org](http://www.amadorfoundation.org) and [www.las-cruces.org/code/history\\_exhibit/Learn-More/cityBegAmador.html](http://www.las-cruces.org/code/history_exhibit/Learn-More/cityBegAmador.html).



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# CHÁVEZ

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have had great teachers; to know so many great writers," she said.

Chávez attended The Dallas Theatre Center on a scholarship and would study there with the great American director Paul Taylor. She would later become a professor of acting, playwriting and multicultural theatre at the University of Houston, where she got to know Edward Albee and worked with directors from all over the world. One of them was José Quintero, a founder of the legendary Circle in The Square Theatre, who directed the first production of "Our Town" in New York City in 1959. "He was brilliant," Chávez said. "He became a good friend."

Later, Chávez lived in Santa Fe while she taught English and drama at Northern New Mexico Community College in nearby Española. Chávez continued writing plays and acting in Santa Fe, and remembers performing in "Brazil Fado," a musical by Megan Terry, in which Chávez "sang a song about the Inquisition while dressed as Carmen Miranda."

And through it all, Chávez was reading, writing and remembering her roots in southern New Mexico.

In addition to "The Last of the Menu Girls," Chávez is the author of "The King and Queen of Comezón," "A Taco Testimony: Meditations on Family, Food and Culture," "Loving Pedro Infante," "Face of an Angel" and a children's book,



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Award-winning author Denise Chavez views paintings in her bookstore Casa Camino Real.

"The Woman Who Knew the Language of the Animals," as well as plays, poetry and essays.

And, she just finished another novel, "City of Crosses," set in Las Cruces, which she wrote last November during the National Write a Novel in a Month event (see <http://nanowrimo.org/>).

"I had to do it," Chávez said. She completed the 50,000-word challenge even though she lost six days while attending an artists' conference in Mexico City. "I was sweating," she said, "but I miraculously fin-

ished two days early."

## 'Thinking in pictures'

"All writing is conflict," Chávez said. "A writer must think abstractly to become concrete. How do you describe the taste of anger? How do you describe the smell of cancer? That is our challenge as writers—to put our fingers on things and say, 'This is my interpretation.'"

Would-be writers, she said, should carry around a notebook without lines and fill it with "their own introspections,

images, songs and art." Writing is "thinking in pictures," Chávez said, "as well as an assemblage of parts."

She also advised those who want to write to "be with writers," to hang out with people "of like mind" who will "understand and support" you, who will "empower, enlighten and inform you." And it doesn't matter how old you are when you start writing. "It's never too late," Chávez said.

Becoming a writer is "all in the commitment," she said. "You have a commitment with

yourself. Your story is valuable, and only you can tell that story."

"I write very organically," Chávez said. "It's fun, it's challenging, it's hard work."

## '100 Memories'

Chávez has written for nearly six decades about the people, the culture, the food, the joys and the tragedies of the world she knows and the community of which she is a part. "I'm a lucky woman to have grown up in Las Cruces," Chávez said. "Education is never over for me. That's what I love about art and literature."

CCR recently held a book signing for Nigerian/British author J.J. Wilson, author of "Daminificados."

On March 5 and 6, Chávez will offer an intensive hands-on memoir-writing workshop, "100 Memories." Writers are asked to "bring a list of 100 memories to the workshop," Chávez said. Not 50, not 99, but 100. From this base, we will construct/reconstruct our memoirs," she said.

So, if you ask Denise Chávez what she's reading right now – or what she's doing – she'll tell you, "I'm in the middle of so many books."

For more information, contact Chávez at [casa@casacamino-real.org](mailto:casa@casacamino-real.org) or 523-3988. Casa Camino Real is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday at 314 S. Tornillo St. Visit [www.abebooks.com/casa-camino-real-las-cruces-nm/55655980/sf](http://www.abebooks.com/casa-camino-real-las-cruces-nm/55655980/sf). You'll also find the bookstore on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Casa-Camino-Real-Book-Store-Art-Gallery-345230548885989/>.

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# Mayor: 'The state of our city is strong'

**By Mike Cook**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I am pleased to report today that the state of our city is strong," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24, as he delivered his annual state of the city address at city hall.

"The past year has again brought exceptional progress," said Miyagishima, who was elected to his third four-year

term as mayor last November. He cited the downtown civic plaza and the East Mesa Public Safety Campus that are now under construction as examples, along with the city's intermodal transit center, renovation of the old city hall on Alameda Boulevard as a regional health clinic and redevelopment of the city's Amador Proximo neighborhood west of downtown.



MIYAGISHIMA

In his nearly 27-minute speech, Miyagishima also noted that the city has "continued to expand recreational facilities, ranging from the large open space being developed behind the Las Cruces Dam to the network of bike and walking trails that crisscross our city. Residents continue to enjoy our popular recreation facilities, including the Aquatic Center, our senior centers, and athletic fields," he said.

### Ongoing public investment

The mayor said the city is following the advice of policy experts who spoke

at last year's Domenici Institute at New Mexico State University, stressing "the importance of ongoing public investment, especially in infrastructure and education. These elements, we were told, are the key factors in building a solid future not just for local communities but our nation as a whole. I was happy to hear this because the decision to invest in ourselves is one of the most important commitments we've made as a city."

These investments, Miyagishima said, include economic development projects; the largest street maintenance project in the city's history; the construction of

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**Zak Hansen**  
Reflections

an Albuquerque children’s home where “she will be kept safely until a permanent home

could be found,” the Feb. 19, 1915 Las Cruces Citizen reported. “She has agreed to secure a divorce from her husband, who is certain of a long prison sentence in some federal facility.”

• Amado Chavez Jr., “who

was injured by a fall on a defective sidewalk on North Second Street, was granted a judgment of \$200 against the city.”

• Louise, Edna and Sophronia Vallandingham, the three daughters of Deming Headlight

editor E.R. Vallandingham, were killed the night previous “almost instantly when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Santa Fe railway coal car propelled by a

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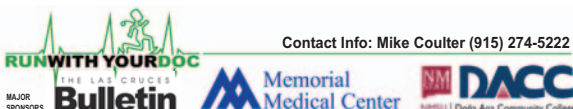
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# Downtown mosaic is 'having some work done'

By **Susie Ouderkirk**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Visitors to the Downtown Mall have probably noticed the yellow caution tape around the center of the walkway just south of the Main Street Bistro, which itself is just south of the Rio Grande Theatre.

The tape marks the boundaries of the La Placita Mosaic which is currently 'getting a face lift' with the help of the city and artist Glenn Schwaiger.

The City of Las Cruces Public Works Department is overseeing the project to repair the tile mosaic, called 'Earth and Cosmos,' which was designed by Schwaiger in 2011 as an art piece on the Mall.

La Placita is the name given to an outdoor special events venue around the Rio Grande Theatre.

The work on the project is being performed through a contract with G. Sandoval Construction, Inc. with Schwaiger consulting on the location and shape of the tiles to be replaced.

According to Andy Hume, downtown coordinator for the city of Las Cruces, "Because of long time expansion and contraction, some of the mosaic tiles have broken or are missing. The restoration project involves widening the joints under the mosaic and (painstakingly) resetting the tiles."

The project began in January with oversight by Schwaiger, and will include adding expansion joints to eliminate further damage, reduce maintenance, and improve pedestrian safety.

It is anticipated that the renovation will take three months.



The La Placita mosaic on the Downtown Mall is undergoing detailed repairs. Artist Glenn Schwaiger is overseeing the repair of his "Earth and Cosmos" mosaic, which involves widening the joints under the tiles and resetting them. Parts of the mosaic have carefully been taken apart for repairs. The damage was caused by long time expansion and contraction.

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# Entrepreneur moves through life like a sunshine dervish

By **Susie Ouder Kirk**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Lensi Shakra has an unusual name, which fits her because she's an unusual woman.

Her last name is pronounced the same as "chakra," the meaning of which is "any of the points of spiritual power

located along the body. The points are personified by gods and can be released through the proper exercises."

The name suits her breezy, energetic personality.

## 'Wild Thing'

Shakra first came onto



SHAKRA

my radar as a waitress at Chilito's on Foothills Drive. She always recognized my husband and me and seemed genuinely pleased to see us. We admired how fast she moved

around the restaurant while still giving each patron personal attention. Even with her hands full of steaming plates, she'd slow down near our table long enough to smile and say, "Hey! Hi! How are you?"

During a rare break in the activity, she would

pause to ask about our jobs and kids and life in general. Then she'd be back to work, whirling like a dervish of sunshine. My husband nicknamed her "wild thing," because of her energy and spirit.

You'd surmise that if your favorite thing about a restaurant is the waitress, the food might not be up to par. Not the case with Chilito's; the food is always good. But Shakra definitely was our top reason for going there. She just can't help being fun and funny and interesting. She started working as the marketing manager at the family owned restaurant in 2001 and still covers when they need her, 15 years later.

"I've had lots of very special people come into my life working at Chilito's over the years and love all my regular customers and some just passing through. Lots of them, even though they may not know it, have had a great influence on my life," she said.

## Genesis

Her unusual first name came about when her mother and father couldn't agree on a name for the coming baby. Her grandfather on her mother's side, Len, called the hospital and announced that since this was the last grandbaby, it better be named after him (she was the tenth grandchild, none of which had been named in honor of Grampa Len.) So it became Lensi.

Her even more unique last name was taken from a list and given to her Lebanese grandfather as he entered America through Ellis Island.

I started bumping into Shakra around town at a variety of events, usually connected to ground breakings or ribbon cut-

tings. We became friends and I enjoyed hearing about her newest venture, which was always fascinating or unexpected, yet totally credible coming from her.

## Planning parties

Originally from Montana, she moved to Las Cruces in 2000 to attend NMSU. She's an honorary New Mexican, however, having lived in the state since she was three years old, which is about when she discovered she loved putting on parties.

"I sometimes like to joke and tell people that I've been planning parties ever since I can remember."

Between tea parties and make-believe voyages across the America of her childhood living room with her dinosaurs and Transformers, "everyone always got an invitation and a thank you note for coming out," Shakra said.

This might explain her newest venture, Shakra Marketing Agency.

"I act as a bridge between clients and creative mediums from digital design work, branding and managing media. My company also aids in planning events and marketing promotions to go with those events."

She opened the business in October of 2015, and credits her involvement with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Conquistadores (the hospitality branch of the Chamber) with pointing her in the right direction.

"The Chamber works diligently with local businesses to make Las Cruces an appealing community for their businesses to prosper, develop and grow," Shakra said of her involvement as a Conquistadore. "We work closely with non-profit

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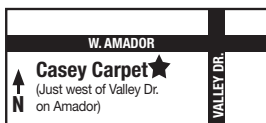
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organizations in aiding and executing fundraisers, events and building their networks in the community.”

With her own business, she moves at a pace similar to that which made her a good waitress. As a self-starter, she begins each day with a list of things to do and the en-

thusiasm to get it all done.

“When I wake up I think to myself: happy, healthy, wealthy. First things first: coffee, check emails, mentally prepare for a day full of running from meeting to meeting, conversing with people from all walks of life, usually planning or collaborating on what we

think to be brilliant ideas!”

## ‘Every day is a new adventure’

There’s really no down time for this “wild thing,” who says, “Every day is a new adventure. My hobbies include picking rocks, hiking, yoga, enjoying time with my puppies, and listening to music (I’m currently jamming to ‘Radio’ by Alka-

line Trio.)”

She and her bestie, Patty, spend every Friday night at alternate houses, cooking, drinking wine, watching old movies and music videos, playing pool and laughing.

“Lots of laughs,” she said.

Her personality is a reflection of her family.

“My heroes are my parents. My father was one of the kindest, most lov-

ing men I’ve ever met: genuine and true. And behind every good man is a great woman,” Shakra said. Her mother, Sheila, struggled with rheumatoid arthritis her entire life, “and still managed to accomplish more than a ‘healthy’ individual does in a lifetime.” Both Shakra’s parents have passed, and right now her family consists of “three very friendly furry kids

who will kiss you to death.” All three dogs are Chihuahua/Pug mixes.

Shakra claims to be an introvert, which most people don’t know about her. She prefers red chile, late nights that turn into early mornings and the smell of rain in the desert, but “only if I’m dancing in it,” she adds. “The most exciting time in my life is now; who knows what tomorrow brings.”

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switch engine,” the Citizen reported. Driver George Critchet, foreman of the Headlight’s print shop, remained in critical condition but was not expected to last “more than a few hours.” Mr. Val-landingham, who was also in the vehicle, escaped with minor bruises.

• Health officials arriving at the home of I. U. Self, whose “little daughter is suffering from scarlet fever,” found several neighbors “at the bedside of the little girl and promptly declared the party under quarantine, so that Self now is holding a ‘scarlet fever house party.’” A guard had been placed “to see that the quarantine is not broken.”

## 75yearsago

• New Mexico Sen. Dennis Chavez had advised Las Cruces Mayor Sam Klein and County Clerk Manuel Chavez of presidential approval of a \$370,000 WPA project constructing a 40-foot military road from the New Mexico state line to the Doña Ana target range, the Feb. 20, 1941 Las Cruces Citizen reported.

• A letter to the Citizen editor from one

W.T. Scoggin asked, “Do farmers of Doña Ana County know what is about to happen to them?” The letter continued, “This so-called soil and water conservation district that is soon to be submitted to farmers for approval is a form of communism that substitutes private ownership rights to community rights ... It matters not how incompetent its supervisors are, they can tell you what to plant and their word is final.” Scoggin called for at least 500 to 700 farmers to, in a word, “ORGANIZE!”

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# Reyes thrives as Graduate School dean

By **Charlotte Tallman**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University Graduate School Dean Loui Reyes has spent his career making sure those around him had the opportunities they needed to succeed.

Reyes, who completed post-doctoral work in educational learning technologies at NMSU, earned his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction, with a focus in early childhood education and bilingual education, at NMSU in 1997. He also holds a master's degree in teaching as well as a bachelor's degree in social work, both from NMSU.

From 1977 to 1997, he served as director of the Children, Youth and Family Program's Home Education

Livelihood Program.

Prior to becoming dean of the Graduate School in March 2015, he built his career in academia as a field-based instructor for Wheelock College in Boston, a visiting bilingual teacher at the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, a part-time instructor at the University of Texas at El Paso and a part-time instructor at El Paso Community College.

Teaching wasn't all Reyes had to offer.

He has served in various leadership roles as well, most notably as interim associate dean, associate dean and interim dean in the Graduate School.

He was also a faculty member in the College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction for 12 years.

"We have so many amazing programs at NMSU,"

Reyes said, acknowledging the programs are made possible by the colleagues he is surrounded by. "I don't even have words to explain the brilliance of our faculty and what they are offering our students. As dean, I am really able to understand the greatness of the graduate education that exists at NMSU."

In his role as dean, Reyes said his primary goals are to continue providing the resources needed to help students meet their personal and professional goals, grow graduate school enrollment and modernize graduate education for millennials.

"It is an exciting time for the graduate school. Our graduate students are attending conferences all over the world sharing the wonderful research we have at NMSU. That type of repre-

sentation is wonderful," Reyes said. "I am fortunate we have the foundation set for success because of the incredible work by our former deans. What we need to do now is create a graduate education that is responsive. I have to ensure we have the environment for the next generation of scholars to thrive in."

Thriving is an appropriate word to associate with the dean of Graduate School.

He believes everyone has the potential to thrive, and sees the good works of NMSU in the students NMSU graduates.

"We have a strong administration that really supports the graduate school and we really are a caring community," Reyes said. "I know I care, and my faculty cares and our students care. That really matters."

## NMSU DEAN'S LIST

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

### THIS WEEK – Graduate School

Dean Loui Reyes

### Honors College

Dean Miriam Chaiken

### College of Agricultural, Environmental and Consumer Sciences

Interim Dean James "Jim" Libbin

### College Arts and Sciences

Interim Dean Enrico Pontelli

### College of Business

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Dean Donna Wagner

### College of Engineering

Interim Dean Steven Stochaj

### Library

Dean Elizabeth Titus



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## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### College of Arts and Sciences gains interim dean

New Mexico State University has named Enrico Pontelli as Interim Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard announced Pontelli will fill the position vacated by Christa Sla-



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ton, who was reassigned to the position of senior administrator.

Pontelli is an NMSU Regents Professor with nearly two decades of service to the university. He has been Interim Associate Dean for Planning and Academic Resources in the College of Arts and Sciences since 2014. He is

also an alumnus, earning his Ph.D. in computer science from NMSU in 1997.

"We are fortunate to have such an accomplished academic, and highly talented administrator, available to serve as Interim Dean of the university's largest college," Howard said.

Pontelli agreed that a college as large as arts and sciences requires close collaboration with the associate deans.

"I know I have a good team," Pontelli said. "I

accepted this position because the other associate deans and the entire staff in the dean's office are really strong and I know they will continue to work very hard for the College of Arts and Sciences in serving our very diverse student population."

In the coming months, Howard will meet with the faculty and staff of the College of Arts and Sciences to discuss the search for a permanent dean, which will begin in the fall of 2016.

### NMSU library acquires the Papen political papers

The New Mexico State University library has been selected as the repository for the political papers of State Sen. Mary Kay Papen. Papen has represented New Mexico District 38 since 2001 and served as senate pro tem since 2013. She is the first woman to hold this position in the New Mexico state senate since 1940.

al, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

As part of an internship class with the NMSU Wildlife Museum, the students are required to create a program in which they provide educational lessons at schools or other public venues.

### DACC students create computer games

Thirty-five Doña Ana Community College students created 10 games during the 2016 Global Game Jam, a worldwide technological exercise where computer games were made from scratch during a 48-hour period.

Games from DACC ran the gamut of adventure and intrigue from exploring new worlds to defending against zombies and other monsters, to collecting architectural relics.

### Students develop outreach program for wildlife museum

New Mexico State University students have implemented educational outreach programs for the wildlife museum in the College of Agricultur-



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## Downtown retail poised to grow

By Alta LeCompte  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Downtown's retail sector has the assets and demographics to grow if the city chooses growth, consultant Bob Gibbs of Gibbs Planning Group told his audience Wednesday, Feb. 17, at City Hall.

Gibbs' presentation was part of a four-day charrette to share consultants' findings and gather citizen input for a new Downtown master plan.

Downtowns need anchors, Gibbs said, praising the city for keeping its library, post office, museums, courthouse and library Downtown where those facilities can serve as anchors attracting people to the urban core.

"You are fortunate to have City Hall here at the end of Main Street," he said.

Commercial anchors, however, are also important in creating a winning mix of Downtown attractions.

Gibbs said Las Cruces demographics are strong enough to attract national and regional stores and restaurants Downtown — and those businesses are increasingly looking to locate in historic downtowns.

Las Cruces has "wonderful,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Charrette attendees view concept drawings created by PlaceMakers, incorporating community input gathered during the four-day event.

historic buildings that retailers like," he said.

Target is especially interested in opening stores in downtowns, Gibbs said. And Walmart has

identified its next growth strategy as locating in the heart of cities, because it has saturated the suburbs.

Chains can contribute to vital-

ity and growth in downtown neighborhoods, Gibbs said.

Property values are 31 percent

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### Consultants: Act now to redevelop

#### Bulletin report

In order to ensure that Las Cruces' pent-up demand for apartments and retail is met Downtown rather than in suburban-style neighborhoods, the city must act now, consultant Susan Henderson told the final community input session for the new Downtown master plan.

Henderson, principal and project manager for PlaceMakers, spoke Friday, Feb. 19 at City Hall. City officials, residents, business owners and representatives of neighborhoods and organizations attended.

Henderson said after retail consultant Bob Gibbs (see story on this page) toured the East Mesa, he expressed a heightened urgency

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## New Mexico's sluggish economy troubles NMSU expert

#### Bulletin report

Oil prices are not about to rebound any time soon, and the effects have begun to hit New Mexico's already sluggish economy, Jim Peach, Regents Professor of economics at New Mexico State University,

said at the third annual Economic Outlook Conference.

Peach gave the state local view and Eugenio Aleman, a director and senior economist at Wells Fargo, gave the national perspective at the Feb. 18 confer-

ence hosted by NMSU and Wells Fargo at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Peach said job growth seen at the national level hasn't translated to New Mexico, where employment and GDP growth lag behind neighboring states.

"Oil prices have declined from \$100 per barrel to the low \$30 per barrel range over the past 18 months, and now we're seeing oil production in New Mexico

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# Global market uncertainty could be harbinger of slowdown

Much of the world has adopted negative interest rates in an attempt to stave off recession.

The idea is to penalize banks that are holding excess reserves thereby forcing banks to lend. The EU, Switzerland, Sweden and Japan all have adopted this strategy.

As things now stand, close to 30 percent of sovereign bonds offer negative yields. Banks in the affected nations and investors everywhere are plowing into United States Treasuries in search of yields and to avoid fees. The consequence is an appreciation of the U.S. dollar and a driving down U.S. returns.

Meanwhile, here in the United States, the stock market is down more than 10 percent from previous peaks, the traditional signal that recession is on the way.

Add to all this is the collapse in global commodity prices.

The average inflation adjusted price

**Chris Erickson**  
*State of the Economy*



of a barrel of oil over the last 30 years, for example, is \$43 dollars; the current price, as we in Las Cruces know so well and our siblings in Hobbs know even better, is bouncing around \$30. Copper prices are also down, hovering just above \$2 a pound. Two years ago, copper was above \$3.

Does this mean the United States is on the verge of a recession?

Maybe, but probably not.

What is certain is that there has been a sharp slowdown in the European economy and also in China. These two events together will probably halve global growth this year.

But recessions in other countries usually don't trigger recessions in the

U.S. First, the United States is really big. Depending on how you measure it, we are either the second largest, behind China, or the largest economy on Earth.

Second, while Europe and China are customers, they are also suppliers, so slowdowns in those economies suppress prices for products they produce, which means lower costs for U.S. businesses. And lower costs usually translate into higher profits.

Finally, Europe and China are also competitors. Remember, falling commodity prices, are the consequence of lower demand in Europe and China that translates into lower costs for U.S. producers.

There are some caveats. China is much bigger now than before. And this is its first slowdown since the initiation of reforms in 1979. We really don't know what the impact of a zero growth China will be on the world economy, be-

cause we haven't seen it before.

Second, the U.S. recovery that began in April 2009 never was very robust, so where normally international turmoil would be of less concern, that may not apply to current conditions.

This is sort of a on-the-one-hand vs. on-the-other-hand type of analysis. Could be this; could be that — very wishy-washy.

So let me be brave and make a prediction. There won't be a U.S. recession in the next 12 months.

A year from now if I'm right, I'll write another column to remind you. And if I'm wrong, well we just won't bring it up.

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## ECONOMY

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come down just a bit," he said.

"Boone Pickens a couple weeks ago said we were going to have \$50 or \$60 oil prices by the end of the year," Peach said. "Three days later he sold all his oil holdings. I don't know what kind of statement that makes about what he really believes."

Peach said the major oil producers have cut back on their investment and work force.

"I kind of trust these guys," he said. "They wouldn't cut if they thought oil prices were going to come back any time soon."

Trolling the headlines, Peach noted Pioneer Natural Resources has cut its rig count in half.

He said the number of active rigs in New Mexico declined from 101 in January 2015 to 22 in February 2016.

"I fully expect that to drop more," he added.

Fewer rigs means fewer jobs, since each rig needs 50 to 75 workers to keep it going.

In addition to stating his concern about oil prices, Peach pointed to other trends he considers danger signs: the labor market, state budget and out-migration from New Mexico.

The state unemployment rate leads the nation, while "Mississippi just beat us out by one tenth of 1 percent on poverty," Peach said, "and our

economy is not headed in the right direction to correct that trend."

Among the state's metropolitan areas, Las Cruces fared relatively well since 2007, charting an overall 1.2 percent increase in employment when employment was declining in other cities. The drop in employment was steepest in Santa Fe — 7 percent.

From December 2014 to December 2015, however, only Albuquerque added jobs, with a 1.3 percent increase in employment. Las Cruces nonfarm employment during the year declined 1.5 percent.

Peach said per capita income in New Mexico lags behind all the surrounding states.

"We're not making a lot of progress," he said. "I'm glad to hear Dr. Aleman say we're not going to have a recession this year, because New Mexico does well when the nation does well."

Turning to the state budget, Peach said it increased a little in the past two years, but the spending plan passed this month had a slight decrease.

NMSU funding was cut, he said.

Adjusting for inflation, the state is not spending what it did in 2008, Peach said, and New Mexico is challenged to provide the same level of services.

"We're in trouble in this state," he said.

Peach said New Mexico has seen negative population growth during the past two years.

"There are more people leaving the state than coming into it," he said. "Twenty seven counties had net out-migration; 21 counties lost population. That's not a sign of a healthy economy. Sorry."

Aleman said the U.S. labor market continues to grow, with strong numbers in December. He cautioned, however, that growth in the U.S. economy will remain constrained.

"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."

Aleman assured students in the audience they will have jobs when they graduate.

"Maybe not so high a salary, and you'll probably have to leave to New Mexico," he said.

Following Peach's downbeat outlook for the state economy and Aleman's cautious view of national and international developments, NMSU College of Business Dean Jim Hoffman, commented: "Let's put this in perspective.

"It's February and the weather is beautiful. If you look to the east, you are going to see one of the most beautiful mountains in the world."

## SAVE THE DATE

**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](http://lascruceshispanicchamber.com).

**SAT 2/27**

**9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Horse N Hound, 991 W. Amador Ave. will host a gardening workshop on aeroponic tower gardening, galvanized tub gardening and straw bale gardens. For more information, visit [facebook.com/horsenhoundlascruces](https://facebook.com/horsenhoundlascruces).

**TUE 3/1**

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

**THU 3/3**

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

**SAT 3/5 — SUN 3/6**

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



A concept view drawn by PlaceMakers with the Bank of the West building and plaza at right. The repurposed bank building would contain restaurants or cafés.

## REDEVELOP

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with regard to attracting retail and residential development Downtown.

She said according to Gibbs' analysis there's immediate demand in the area for some 250 apartments and almost 105,000 square feet of retail.

"Since numbers like those are likely to attract developers, including many who might prefer addressing that demand in outlying areas, they suggest a heightened sense of urgency for Downtown planning and implementation," Henderson said. "If the demand is absorbed in suburban regions, hopes for significant improvement in economic development and quality of life in the Downtown and adjacent neighborhoods could be delayed — or even dashed — for a generation."

Henderson said Gibbs predicted a lifestyle center would be built somewhere in the city in the next 12 months, generating \$23 million in tax revenue.

"If that center goes somewhere else, the number for Downtown retail space demand would more like 35 to 40,000 square feet."

The consultants advised city officials to attend to the annual

International Council of Shopping Centers convention held in May in Las Vegas.

"Cities that go there are selling their cities," Henderson said. "Cities that market their historic Downtowns get the deals."

### The plan for Downtown

Reconnecting Downtown with its neighboring historic communities should be the top priority as the city updates its master plan for the neighborhood, Henderson reported at the conclusion of the four-day community input charrette.

"One of the things we heard quite strongly ... was to think beyond Downtown," she said. "The Mesquite and Alameda Depot districts are part of a complete eco system."

She said during the charrette, with sessions from Feb. 16 to Feb. 19, the consulting team was asked to think of the neighborhoods holistically and reconnect them wherever possible.

Barriers to connectivity were put in place decades ago during early urban renewal efforts, she said.

"Walkability is an issue that needs to be healed," Henderson said. The issue is one of equity,

because the barriers block access for those too old, too young or too poor to drive a car between neighborhoods.

"You need to be thinking about how you neighbors from those neighborhoods get to Downtown, because Downtown depends on them economically," she said.

Henderson said much of the grid can be reconnected when two-way traffic is restored on Church and Water streets, a project that already has been funded.

In her presentation, she suggested additional ways to increase walkability.

First and easiest to address is creating a crosswalk for pedestrians to cross Campo Street.

"It's an easy fix," she said. "It's just paint."

She said the sidewalks "are not in the best condition" and need to be repaired and maintained. In addition, she said, the narrow sidewalks pose "serious constraints" and should be widened so they can accommodate walkers two abreast.

"You need to keep that at the top of your ask list," she told the audience.

Other recommendations included removing the gates at the museums, and creating tiny streets Downtown for east-west access by pedestrians, cyclists and slow-moving cars.

### Focusing energy around the plaza

In addition to enhancing walkability, the city should concentrate its redevelopment efforts in the plaza area, the PlaceMakers team suggested.

"It's a wonderful, programable space," Henderson said.

Getting a restaurant or café into the Bank of the West building should happen immediately, she said.

The building is currently three stories tall, but was designed for five. In essence it is three fifths done and enhancing it would "get the greatest energy into Downtown," she said.

A new building to the south with galleries overlooking the plaza would add to that energy.

Future construction should aim to repurpose two historic Downtown jewels, the Amador Hotel and the old courthouse, and use new construction to visually connect them with one another.

Special buildings should occupy the intersection of Main Street and Amador Avenue, signaling that the motorist or pedestrian has "arrived at someplace special," Henderson said.

### Parking it

On-street parking is essential

to ensuring the viability of Main Street retail establishments, Henderson said, echoing the recommendations of Bob Gibbs, who conducted a retail analysis and reported his finding Feb. 17.

The need for additional parking was an issue raised a number of times during the charrette.

Three structured parking facilities would be needed in the near term, five to seven years, Henderson said.

The planning team recommended apartment construction on lots currently owned by the city, with surface parking in the rear accessed by alleys.

### Next steps

Henderson advised writing an ordinance that would label Downtown as containing buildings of historic value, which would enable building owners and businesses to utilize an exemption to the International Building Code to upgrade their properties affordably.

"If the city is serious about developing the center of Las Cruces, there has to be a public-private partnership to provide parking," she said.

For more information about the charrette and Downtown master plan, visit [www.lascrucesdowntownplan.org](http://www.lascrucesdowntownplan.org).

## Ready for spring



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTTE

Mesilla Valley farmers, like this one north of the city, are cultivating the soil and beginning their spring planting. The last official frost day (when there's still a 10 percent chance of frost) is April 21.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### White Sands FCU promotes two employees

White Sands Federal Credit Union announces the promotion of Phillip Fifield and Frank Gutierrez. Fifield was promoted to the position of executive vice president and Gutierrez was promoted to the position of assistant vice president.

Fifield has been employed at White Sands FCU for 19 years, having begun his tenure as a loan officer. He also held the positions of branch manager and vice president of operations. Fifield holds a bachelor of science in business from the University of Phoenix. He is responsible for branch operations in Texas and New Mexico.

Gutierrez began his White Sands FCU career five years ago as a member service representative. He also held the position of branch manager. Gutierrez holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from New Mexico State University. He is currently managing the credit union's branch at 2190 E. Lohman Ave. in Las Cruces.

White Sands Federal Credit Union is a

member-owned, not for profit financial cooperative with offices in El Paso, Texas, Las Cruces, Truth or Consequences and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. For more information, visit [www.wsfcu.org](http://www.wsfcu.org).

### Gardening class at Horse N Hound

Horse N Hound Feed N Supply, 991 W. Amador Ave., will host a gardening workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

Juice Plus representative Leigh Ruther will talk about the tower garden — a state-of-the-art aeroponic growing system perfect for those who want a high yield quickly and in a small space.

Horse N Hound marketing director Rachel Courtney will give a demonstration on how to make a galvanized tub garden. There will also be a presentation on straw bale gardens.

For more information, visit the Horse N Hound facebook page ([facebook.com/horsenhoundlascruces](https://facebook.com/horsenhoundlascruces)) and click on events or call 523-8790.

## DOWNTOWN

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higher within a quarter mile of a Starbuck's and rental rates are 12 percent higher within 10 minutes of a Whole Foods.

"It feels OK to have an anchor such as Walmart downtown as long as it's well designed," Gibbs said. "Forty percent of Americans go to Walmart every week."

The current trend in well-designed downtowns is to surround anchor stores with small shops and provide parking in the rear, he said.

Another technique to ensure downtowns remain inviting is to break up long streets — such as Downtown Main Street in Las Cruces — into smaller districts. Where those districts meet is a natural place to locate anchor businesses, Gibbs said.

### Demand is favorable

Gibbs offered attendees research findings that challenge the view Las Cruces lacks the demographics to attract retailers.

"We were very pleasantly

surprised by the demand we found," he said. "This is a great location. Anybody can be here in less than 20 minutes."

Some 12,000 office workers are located within a 10 minute drive of Downtown, who represent \$20 million in potential restaurant sales.

"We were very pleasantly surprised that there's a lot of spending power here from office employees and students," he said.

Most Las Cruces don't spend a high percentage of their income on housing, Gibbs said. Instead they spend money doing things — buying clothing and electronics and taking vacations.

He said his firm did extensive research on Las Cruces' shopping habits.

"We know a lot about you," he said.

"There are 128,000 people in the trading area, with average incomes of \$53,000. Thirty five percent have bachelor's degrees, which is very favorable. You have excellent demographics that are attractive to national and regional retailers."

### Downtown retail do's and don'ts

Following are some tips culled from Gibbs Planning Group research.

- Preserve historic places — they draw people to town
- Sell things the local community needs, such as groceries, pharmaceuticals and dry cleaning
- Don't build leasable space that you won't be able to lease
- If a retailer's door is open, passersby are three times as likely to go into their store
- Sales are 15 percent higher in stores that paint the inside back wall a vibrant color
- Awnings draw people into stores
- Skylights increase sales 10 percent
- Passersbys have one and one half to two seconds to read a window and decide whether to go into a shop
- To draw diners, restaurants need to be at least 60 percent full

For more information about other charrette events and the Downtown master plan, visit [www.lascrucesdowntownplan.org](http://www.lascrucesdowntownplan.org).

### Analysis projects possibilities

Market analysis indicates the neighborhood could support 105,000 square feet of additional retail space, which could be expected to generate \$26 million in additional sales, Gibbs said.

Among likely candidates would be 17,000 square feet of general merchandise, 12,000 square feet of limited eating,

one or two small groceries and a pharmacy.

In 2016, Downtown could support 28,000 square feet of additional apparel sales space, which could generate \$616,000 in sales.

By 2021, Las Cruces could support 36 to 47 new stores and restaurants on Main Street, he said.

"This is very, very positive.

"There is not a doubt in our mind that your Downtown has

the potential to be very vital," Gibbs said.

### Capitalizing on assets

"There are hundreds and hundreds of small rules you can apply to your Downtown that will increase sales," Gibbs said.

Front doors should be open and freshly painted. Windows should be washed daily, and doors once an hour.

"A lot of front doors on your main street are biohazards," he said.

Other details that matter include 3-D letters on signs, which lead shoppers to believe the shop sells high quality merchandise at a good price. Hand-crafted sidewalk signs also are an attraction.

Gibbs said Downtowns nationally capture 2 percent of regional market share, while Las Cruces' Downtown has about a half percent.

There's room to grow.

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## Olympic legend to attend breakfast

### Bulletin report

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

In four different appearances at Olympic games, Jackie Joyner-Kersey won



**JOYNER-KERSEE**

three gold, one silver and two bronze medals in the track and field events heptathlon and long jump. She is

the guest speaker at the Lou & Mary Henson Community Breakfast, 7 a.m., Thursday, April 14 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

The annual breakfast raises money for the Boys & Girls Club. Henson, a hall-of-fame basketball coach, is the winningest coach in New Mexico State University history after two different stints with the school. He also coached at the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Mary, have hosted the breakfast for eight years.

Joyner-Kersey, who was named the Greatest Female Athlete of the 20th century by "Sports Illustrated for Women," is a former Boys & Girls Club member from East St. Louis, Illinois.

By the conclusion of her career in the heptathlon and long jump events, Joyner-Kersey – who competed in the 1984, '88, '92 and '96 Summer Olympics

# NMSU installs synthetic turf at Presley Askew

**By Amanda Bradford**  
For the Bulletin

When members of the Aggie baseball team take the field at home this season, they'll have a little extra spring in their step. Lush, green synthetic turf that was recently installed on the infield will provide a smooth, even playing surface and a beautiful backdrop for their games.

New Mexico State University unveiled the new turf in a pregame ceremony at Saturday, Feb. 20, at Presley Askew Field, 3315 S. Locust St., before as part of a three-game opening series against Towson University.

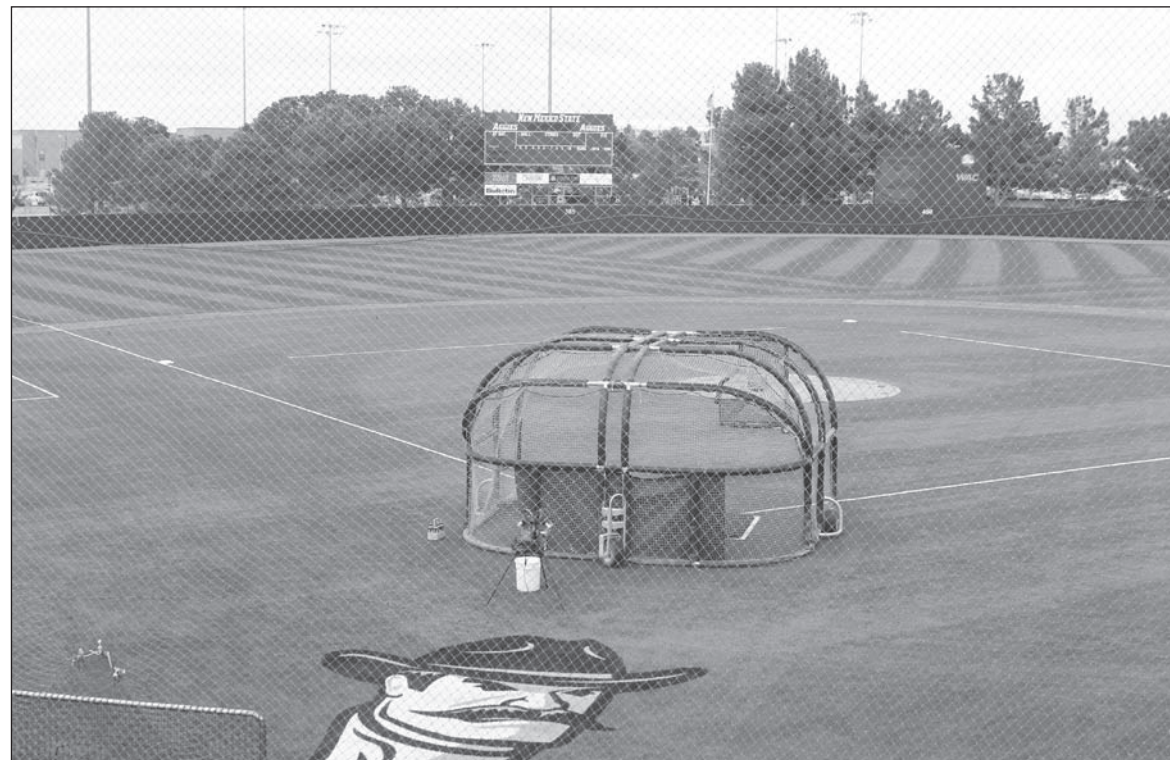
NMSU swept the series and now takes on Maine in a four-game series Friday to Sunday, Feb. 26-28.

The ceremony celebrated the donors who contributed to the turf project, including Scott and Teri Bannister, John and Charlotte Yates, Mike and Judy Johnson and NMSU President Garrey Carruthers and his wife, Kathy.

Scott Bannister said he and his family were inspired to start the fund for the project when they saw the enthusiasm and vision of head coach Brian Green, who returned to his alma mater in 2014 and has worked to build pride and confidence in the program. Bannister said the energy of Green and the team is contagious.

"I'm like a 15-year-old trapped in a 50-year-old's body," Bannister said. "I see the enthusiasm they have and it charges me up. I've seen a huge change in the way they carry themselves and their sense of pride."

The facility itself has also undergone major changes recently: A \$1.4 million renova-



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### UPCOMING GAMES

#### MAINE AT NMSU

Friday, Feb 26: 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 27: 2 p.m.; 4 p.m. (doubleheader)  
Sunday, Feb. 28: 1 p.m.

#### NMSU AT TEXAS TECH

Tuesday, March 1: 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 2: 1 p.m.

tion was started last year, funded by the Johnsons. The improvements included a new grandstand, the installation of chair-back seating and a stadium sun cover to help shade fans, as well as a new outfield fence and a new pressbox, which will also be unveiled at the game.

Green said the new infield

turf, which was designed and installed by New Mexico companies Molzen Corbin & Associates and Lone Mountain Contracting, will benefit the student-athletes in many ways.

"This is a game-changer in terms of the playing surface," Green said, noting that the smooth surface and reduced dust will create better conditions for practice and competition. "It looks beautiful, and it's a massive component of our recruiting, because it's boosted the pride and culture of the program, for both the players and the fans."

NMSU Director of Athletics Mario Moccia said the new turf offers benefits in terms of spending, aesthetics and community engagement, as well.

"This turf infield will significantly reduce maintenance costs in labor and materials

and look beautiful during our televised games," Moccia said. "It also offers multi-use opportunities for the campus and the community."

Bannister said that community connection shows in the way Green leads the team.

"He instills in these student-athletes a sense of citizenship, being good stewards of the game and giving back to the community," Bannister said.

Green said connection works both ways. Throughout the renovation process, it was not unusual to see a supporter stop by the field, pick up a shovel and help out for a bit.

"We're really excited to get out there and show everyone how much this support means to us," Green said. "We're all really proud of what's happening here."

## Preparing for track and field meet



COURTESY PHOTO

Oñate High School runners Sydney Aguilera, Jennifer Ramirez and Ryker Bilvado push through their workouts Tuesday, Feb. 23 at their school. The first 2016 high school track and field meet is scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Field of Dreams where Oñate will compete with Las Cruces High, Mayfield High and Centennial High.

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— also added four world championships to her six Olympic medals. She was the first woman in history to earn more than 7,000 points in the heptathlon and holds the world heptathlon record of 7,291 points.

Joyner-Kersee has also worked as a philanthropist and an advocate for children's education, health issues – in particular asthma from which she

has suffered throughout her life – racial equality, social reform and women's rights.

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

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

# Ag men, women build head of steam

## Bulletin report

The New Mexico State University men's and women's basketball teams plan to turn Las Vegas, Nev., into Las Cruces West.

As the Western Athletic Conference postseason tournament looms – games are scheduled for March 9-12 – the Aggie men and women have already secured the top seeds for their respective tournaments.

The Aggie men (20-9 overall, 11-1 WAC) clinched the top seed Saturday, Feb. 20 with a come-from-behind 70-57 win against Seattle University at the Pan American Center.

The Aggie women (23-3, 12-0) had already secured the top spot but hope to break an NMSU winning streak record.

A solid shooting night and huge first quarter on Saturday, Feb. 21 saw the Aggies win their 14th-straight game of the season, 66-56 against Seattle. The program record for most consecutive victories is 15, set in the latter half of the 1987-88 season.

## NMSU men

The Aggies' victory against the Red Hawks gave coach Marvin Menzies his fifth-straight 20-win season, and the seventh in the nine seasons.

NMSU also picked up its 35th consecutive WAC home win, extending the nation's second-longest conference home court win streak.

The Aggies were led by sophomore Braxton Huggins who came off the bench with a career-high 22 points. The 6-5 guard scored 19 of those in the second half.

Sophomore Pascal Siakam scored 15 points and 18 rebounds for his 23rd double-double of the season. He's second in the NCAA in double-doubles behind the 24 of Egidijus Mockevicius of Evansville.

The Aggies wrapped up their regular season home slate with the victory

## UPCOMING GAMES

### MEN

#### NMSU AT KANSAS CITY

When: Saturday, Feb 27

Tipoff: 1 p.m. MT

#### NMSU AT RIO GRANDE VALLEY

When: Saturday, March 5

Tipoff: 6 p.m. MT

### WOMEN

#### KANSAS CITY AT NMSU

When: Saturday, Feb. 27

Tipoff: 2 p.m.

#### RIO GRANDE VALLEY AT NMSU

When: Saturday, March 5

Tipoff: 2 p.m.

and next play at 1 p.m. MT Saturday, Feb. 27 at Missouri-Kansas City. NMSU then wraps up its regular season at 6 p.m. MT Saturday, March 5 at UT Rio Grande Valley.

## NMSU women

Against Seattle, the NMSU women started the game off red hot from the floor. The Aggies were 6-of-7 at the 4:33 mark and finished 10-of-13 from the floor at the end of the first quarter to lead Seattle U, 24-7.

Brooke Salas led the Aggies with 13 points on 5-of-6 shooting to go with six boards while Tyesha Davis chipped in with 10 points, five assists and two steals.

NMSU now returns home for its two remaining games of the regular-season. Up first for the Aggies will be Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. They then finish the regular season at 2 p.m., Saturday March 5 against UT Rio Grande Valley.

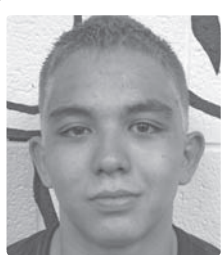
## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Anais Estrada** is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. She is the student athletics trainer for the Trojan wrestling, freshman and varsity football home games. Estrada is a very mature senior and takes her position as a student athletics trainer seriously. She shows pride in her performance, has a very positive attitude and is responsible, respectful and consistent with her duties. She has a 2.50 GPA and outside of student athletics training, Estrada enjoys taking care of and spending time with her family.



**Matthew Vazquez** is a 17-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. He is a four-year varsity Trojan wrestler. In Vazquez's freshman year, he placed third to qualify for state and qualified for state as a sophomore last year. He is wrestling captain and assists his teammates with positive motivation and respects all his teammates and coaches. Vazquez is dedicated to the sport of wrestling. He is a hard worker on the mat and in the classroom, with a 3.10 GPA. He enjoys fishing, camping and lifting weights.



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# Warming up pivotal to an improved game

Are you someone who hits solid shots on the practice range but struggles taking that swing to the golf course? As a follow up to my column last week, here's more information you can use.

One of the main reasons many avid golfers hit worse shots on the golf course than they do on the range concerns their mental set-up. One of my golfing friends, who partly prompted this article, said to me: "On the range I don't think much about it. I aim, get set and shoot. And I hit mostly solid shots with every club."

I later invited him to use his abbreviated, but more efficient and effective, pre-shot routine during his next stipulated golf round. He did — and produced far more solid, well-played shots. He'll thank me next week. The point is that many golfers use their brains differently on the golf course than



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

they do on the range during brief warm-up time or practice sessions.

Specifically, they tend to overthink and over-worry about shots when they are out playing a match. How about doing this: engage your mind before you address the ball: think about your target, club selection and rehearse your swing key. Then turn your brain off when you swing the golf club.

Make your time warming up count for something, rather than rapidly flailing haphazardly at golf balls with no specific target or purpose. Even on days when you don't play on the golf course, make your longer practice sessions resemble actual playing conditions. To

do otherwise would seem like a concert pianist practicing only scales and then expecting to play Rachmaninoff perfectly.

And a word about the order of clubs you select in your warmup session on the range. Many golfers get to the range and immediately pull the driver out of their bag, tee up a ball and proceed to wail away.

Not a good idea.

Teaching professionals strongly suggest you start with lofted clubs (like a pitching wedge or 9-iron), making easy swings, and then working up to full, more powerful swings with longer clubs. The fairway woods and driver should be last. If you have time, without being pressured, get to the short game practice green area and hit a few chip shots as well as some sand bunker shots.

The golf pros on all the professional tours have plenty of time to practice and warm-up

on the range and putting green before their competitive rounds. After all, that's their office.

NHL players have more hockey warmup ice time than polar bears.

NBA players have more "shoot-arounds" than Mexican drug gangs.

But for you and me, we can often be pressed for time, and don't always get to the golf course when we plan or would like to. We're sometimes forced to play without the leisure of a nice relaxed warm-up period on the range. Fine. Do some stretching and loosening. Take a couple of clubs and take some slow, smooth swings like a batter in the on-deck circle. Make sure you limber up your lower back, your hips and especially your shoulders; those are the key areas of your body that your backswing and weight shift and downswing depend on.

As a senior golfer (over 65) I certainly have learned the value of strength, flexibility and cardio workouts at the gym. Personally, on days when I work out in the morning I definitely play better (on average) than afternoon. An hour of gym exercise makes it a lot easier to make a sound, solid, flexible swing move even without hitting balls at the range.

So here are the three important things you need to do in order to successfully transfer your range game to the golf course, where it counts. First, hit most of your warm-up shots with your normal pre-shot routine and tempo. Second, visualize certain shots you know you will have out on the course and execute them well on the range. Third, gather the putting confidence you need by making several four-to-six footers on the practice green.

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# Hoops 4 Hope



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State Sen. Joseph Cervantes poses with University of New Mexico mascots during the "Hoops 4 Hope" basketball showdown that pits members of the state House against the Senate, Thursday, Feb. 11, at Santa Fe High School. The annual game raises money for the University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center. The game raised \$22,347. The Senate won 32-29.

# Fighting dyslexia



Receiving the dedication plaque from Judy Carter, director of the Las Cruces Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center, is Duane E. Walker, Scottish Rite Foundation of New Mexico. The Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center, located at 195 East Boutz Road — for Language Dyslexia — dedicated new classrooms on Feb. 15. The classrooms were funded by the Scottish Rite Foundation of New Mexico which was instituted by Walker. The center was the first effort on behalf of Scottish Rite Masons in New Mexico to work with children who have dyslexia language disabilities. Also in the photo, Easley; J. Jordan — Grand Master, NM; S. Macgee; W. Thornton — Deputy, Scottish Rite in NM; and L. Chamber.

# Shabbat event



COURTESY PHOTO

On Friday, March 4, members of the Las Cruces Jewish community will gather at Temple Beth-El to participate in the National Jewish Outreach Program's "SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA AND CANADA" event. This is a united effort by the entire Jewish community to renew interest in Shabbat, the Sabbath, as a day of rest. Temple Beth-El will be one of approximately 700 synagogues across the continent that will simultaneously open its doors so that community members can experience and rejoice in a Shabbat service and a festive meal. Rabbi Larry Karol will lead participants in an interactive Friday service at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner with all the rituals explained. For information, contact Karol at [rbbi@tblc.org](mailto:rbbi@tblc.org) or call 524-3380.



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new fire stations; and energy conservation, which he said the city has achieved by installing LED lighting in 13 city buildings and upgrading thousands of street lights to LED.

### Opposing electric rate change

Another important city investment, he said, was joining Doña Ana County and the New Mexico Attorney General's Office in opposing a rate hike proposed by El Paso Electric.

Miyagishima reserved the harshest words in his speech for the utility company, saying, "In my view, the El Paso Electric business plan, developed during another era, is poorly adapted to the rapidly changing energy economy that we now inhabit. A special problem is the company's choice to prioritize the construction of expensive new power plants rather than control peak demand through conservation and market incentives. Worse, this strategy threatens to lock consumers into paying for unnecessary generation capacity for decades to come."

Although a final decision on the rate case has not yet been made by the state Public Regulation Commission, "it's almost certain that our involvement in the case will result in substantial real dollar savings for the people of our city," Miyagishima said.

### 'Endless opportunity'

The mayor was also critical of people who are skeptical of city investments. "They will try to convince us that we're only responsible for ourselves. They will argue that the best way to build an economy is with low wages and rock-bottom taxes. They see many of the challenges we face in our community as insurmountable, and they believe the only way we can advance is to leave many behind. I have to admit that I am completely baffled by this point of view. When I look at our city, I see endless opportunity."

## IMPORTANT: SEEKING WITNESSES!!

A "Toss No Mas" event was held on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The previous day, Friday, October 16, 2015, between 10-12 in the morning, two women wearing matching purple shirts were at the LCPD Codes office in Las Cruces picking up materials related to the event. While the women were at Codes, a man entered the office to file a complaint about dog poop being washed out at his carwash business. If you are one of these women, or know who they are, please contact Claudia at Lilley and O'Connell, P.A, at (575) 524-7809, 1020 S. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Miyagishima had special praise for City Manager Robert Garza, city staff and members of the city council, whom he cited for their "vision and commitment."

The mayor also recognized several local organizations, including the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Work Group of Doña Ana County. He introduced Teen Pregnancy Work Group Chair Dr. Earl Nissen and said the group has led the way to a 66 percent decrease in births among 15- to 17-year-olds in the county since 2005, along with a 39 percent decrease in births among 18- and 19-year-olds.

### Education

Miyagishima said the local Early Childhood Education Working Group "represents a county-wide effort to help parents—the child's first and best teachers—ensure their children's cognitive and emotional development."

Community Schools, he said, "bring together dozens of organizations—from the Girls & Boys Clubs to the United Way of Southern New Mexico to NMSU—to help make our local school buildings hubs for activity for their surrounding neighborhoods."

"Education, of course, is of special importance to me personally," Miyagishima said. "I grew up in a family without a lot of financial resources, only a few blocks from Conlee Elementary School. My education at home, in the Las Cruces Public Schools, and at NMSU has played an enormous role in providing the many opportunities that I've enjoyed as an adult."

The mayor said his visits to third-grade classrooms every week throughout the school year to promote the Mayor's Fitness and Nutrition Program "are the highlights of my week."

"I wish everyone could accompany me to those classrooms and see how serious the students are when they sign that commitment," Miyagishima said. "I wish you could see how eager they are to engage with learning, to be strong and independent, and to take on the tasks of the world. Because I tell them they are our future generation and we are counting on them and they need to graduate from high school.

"But they can't do it on their own. We need to hold up our end of the bargain as well. There's no reason Las Cruces and Doña Ana County can't be national leaders in making sure all our children are prepared for kindergarten, learn to read, succeed academically, graduate from high school, and both enter and complete a successful college or career program. This is clearly one of the most important things we can do for the future of our community," he said.

### Neighbors who struggle

"I'll have to say, though, after the eight years I've been mayor, and the 22 years I've been in public office, and more than three decades in business and all the time

we've shared as neighbors, I know that it's not just the children who are important to us all," he said.

Miyagishima said the city also has an obligation to "a young mother in our community out looking for work," and "all the other workers in our community who show up every day to staff our businesses and nonprofits, our construction crews, our operating rooms, our mail routes and newspapers and schools. They deserve our investment too, and that includes a wage that allows them to lead successful lives, and participate fully in the economic life of our community."

He also cited college students and "our neighbors who struggle with their mental or physical health. I think of those who are in chronic pain or have lost their sense of purpose, those in trouble who need a second chance. They too, were once bright-eyed and eager grade schoolers, enjoying a time when their own preciousness was never in doubt. We need to remember our neighbors' value as they struggle, and know that they are wholly worthy of our investment and concern."

"We have a culture and lifestyle that make people want to live here—both long-term residents as well as those new to our region," the mayor said. "In addition to border-related opportunities in finance, logistics and transportation, we will have an opportunity to define ourselves uniquely and even more favorably within the region, as a prosperous center for education, medical care and quality of life. These are tremendous advantages for our community. The only thing we need is a vision large enough to reach our full potential, and a willingness to make the kind of investments that vision requires. That is a challenge we are determined to meet.

"This sense of valuing and caring for one another, whatever our station and circumstances in life, is yet one more advantage that we share as a community," he said. "It's the special sauce that drives and enlivens everything we do together, and one of the major reasons this is a special place to live.

"We seek to make sure that every resident—that's every resident—has as many opportunities as possible to live a good and fulfilling life. That's our common task and the commitment we make to one another. That's why the state of our city is strong.

"I know that the work of our council and staff, the directions we set and the decisions we make, are only a small part of the efforts being made every day by the people of our city; by those who devote large parts of their lives to making our community better. What I can promise is that we will continue, individually and as your representatives, to do everything in our power to join you in that effort, and to continue to make this a great place to live. Thank you for joining me here today, and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your mayor. Let's move forward with confidence on the tasks we have ahead."

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## MARGARET C. BACA

*November 16, 1920 to February 22, 2016*

MARGARET C. BACA, 95, longtime resident of Las Cruces and Mesilla Park, passed away on February 22, 2016 at home surrounded by her family.

Margaret was born to Miguel and Eloisa Chavez in Lemitar, NM, on November 16, 1920, and was one of nine children. She graduated from Socorro High School in 1938 and married Ruben

Baca in 1939.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222.

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## PATRICIA G. DUTTLE

*February 22, 2016*

PATRICIA G. DUTTLE, 87, of Las Cruces of Las Cruces died Monday, February 22, 2016 at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village. Services are pend-

ing with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



## DAVID D. MEDINA

*April 28, 1970 to February 16, 2016*

DAVID D. MEDINA, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend entered eternal life on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the age of 45. David was born April 28, 1970 in Las Cruces to Manuel "Bay" and Emilia De La O Medina.

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## AURELIA M. LOPEZ

*September 5, 1934 to February 14, 2016*

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, AURELIA M. LOPEZ, age 81, of Las Cruces on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village. She was born September 5, 1934 to Ignacio and Amelia Guerrero Mata. Mrs. Lopez was a caregiver and a communicant at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral.

Those left to mourn her passing include three sons, Johnny Lopez (Maria), Jaime Lopez, Tommy Lopez (Mary Ann); three daughters, Mona Aragon (Hector), Rosemary Martinez all of Las Cruces, Angie Alaniz of Houston, TX; two brothers, Guillermo Mata of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, MX, Luis Mata of Moreno, CA; a sister, Raquel Mata of El Paso, TX. Other survivors include thirteen grandchil-

dren; seven great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ramon Lopez; two brothers, Roberto and Carlos Mata and a sister, Romelia Bolado.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina with the Funeral Mass celebrated immediately thereafter. Inurnment of cremains will follow at Immaculate Heart of Mary Columbarium.

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## MARIA N. "CHENA" TORRES

*June 15, 1931 to February 16, 2016*

MARIA N. "CHENA" TORRES, age 84, of Magdalena passed from this life to the presence of our loving heavenly Father on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces, NM.

She was born June 15, 1931 in Polvadera, NM to Patrocino and Prudencia Benavidez Chavez. Mrs. Torres was an outstanding homemaker and was al-

ways of service to her community.

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## BENNY TELLEZ ABALOS

*July 26, 1935 to February 14, 2016*

BENNY TELLEZ ABALOS, age 80, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, February 14, 2016 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Benny was born July 26, 1935 in T or C to Rito and Ramona Tellez Abalos. He served his country honorably in the United States Air Force and in 1994, Benny retired from the United State Postal Service.

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## PATRICIA AILEEN HALL

*October 3, 1927 to February 15, 2016*

Our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Patricia Aileen Hall born Oct. 3, 1927, in Knoxville, TN, went to her heavenly home on Feb. 15, 2016. Preceded in death by her loving husband of 62 years Richard Hudson Hall, Sr., son, John Patrick and daughter, Deborah Kathryn.

Thank you to Drs. Victor Songbandith, Michael Guterrez, John Annabi and Dr. Hajj, the staff at Las Palmas and Monte Vista for the loving care you gave Mom. A special "thanks" to Grandaughters Bella Rivera and Shannon Hall.

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# Rodriguez will run for county treasurer seat

## Bulletin report

Eric L. Rodriguez, Doña Ana County chief deputy treasurer, announced he will run for county treasurer in this year's Democratic primary.

Rodriguez reports he has 10 years of banking experience, having assumed roles from teller to senior lending officer, relationship management and cash operations supervisor. He obtained his bachelor's degree in international business with a focus in finance from New Mexico State University and is a current MBA candidate with New Mexico Highlands University.

Rodriguez has participated in several community volunteer events including financial literacy programs for grade school children. He reports that he strongly believes that children should have a stronger understanding of money management to ensure a brighter future.

In January, by the recommendation of the treasurer's senior accountant, Rodriguez and the treasurer met to discuss the position of chief deputy and his aspiration for public service. He accepted the position and immediately took the responsibility of managing the implementation of the new computerized tax collection system with-

in the treasurer's office. The system will increase the office efficiency and enhance communication between the treasurer's and the assessor's offices.

Rodriguez is committed to continuing the policy of investing millions of Las Cruces tax dollars in local banks and credit unions to help stimulate the economy. He also promises to work hard on the collection of delinquent property taxes to avoid turning properties over to the NM Property Tax Division for sale, which allows the office to retain hundreds of thousands of dollars in penalty and interest owed on those delinquent accounts for county government use.

Last year alone the office kept more than \$300,000 in penalty and interest from going to the state.

Rodriguez has been a member of the community for 15 years. He married Teresita Batres Rodriguez at the Basilica of San Albino in 2013. They have a one-year-old daughter, Emma Luna Rodriguez.

"This community has been an integral part of my adult life and I am excited to run for office and serve the citizens of Doña Ana County," he said via a release. "I am grateful for the opportunity to learn the job and build a strong working relationship with my staff in order to manage the office effectively and with integrity."

## March of Dimes March for Babies



The annual March of Dimes March for Babies will be Saturday, April 30. Among the organizers, sponsors and participants at last week's kickoff breakfast were Southern New Mexico March of Dimes board member Steve Chavira, CEO Denten Park of co-title sponsor MountainView Regional Medical Center, ambassador family Ryder and Camille Plant, Assistant CEO Isaiah Zirkle of MountainView, board member and Mission Mom Laure Pierce of co-title sponsor Memorial Medical Center, SNM senior community director Margarita Eddings and March for Babies chair Jeff Flores of sponsor MECA Therapies.

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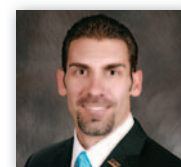
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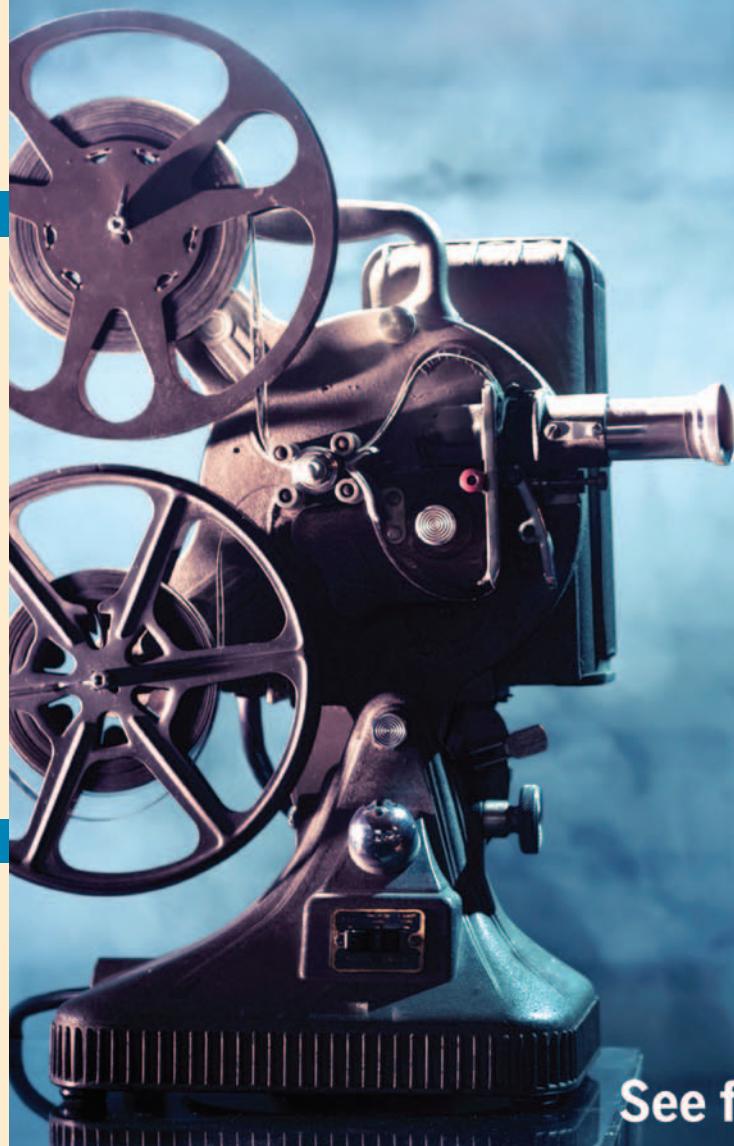
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# 2016 Las Cruces INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Inaugural event aims to celebrate film,  
grow filmmaking in southern New Mexico



featuring Danny Trejo

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# Inaugural festival aims to celebrate film, grow filmmaking in southern New Mexico

By Tracy Roy  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF), in its inaugural year, has lofty goals and one heck of a lineup. It's slated for Wednesday through Sunday, March 2-6, with nearly 150 films being screened at Allen Theatres Cineport 10 and a series of workshops at various locations throughout Las Cruces.

LCIFF Executive Director Ross Marks said one of the important functions of a film festival is training a crew base, which means involving students in the process, creating databases of area resources and people and advocating for Las Cruces as a great destination for shooting films.

## Tune Up Las Cruces

The festival is offering a variety of workshops, sponsored by the International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees (IATSE) Local 480 union. The program is designed to grow film and train people to work in the industry in Las Cruces, as well as work closely with the union.

"The LCIFF is going to train crew...in all capacities," Marks said. "We've got a makeup and special effects workshop. We've got a screenwriting workshop with (Tony Award-winning playwright Mark Medoff, television writer Bill True and "Machete" writer Alvaro Rodriguez). We've got a comedy workshop with Robert Wahl. We've got a casting workshop



A reception for Danny Trejo, in which he'll be presented with an "Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment" award will be held March 3 at Hotel Encanto.

with several major casting directors in the state, so for all of the local actors and people that are coming in who want not just feature roles, but want to be extras, this is an opportunity to get in front of the major casting directors who cast most of the film and television in the state."

There's also a filmmakers' Q&A panel about independent filmmaking with visiting artists who have films in the festival, and special to Marks, a car-casting event. Car enthusiasts who have a film-worthy ride can go to Cineport 10, have their car photographed and entered into a database in the event a filmmaker needs to call on them.

One event that really solidifies the festival's commitment to growth of the industry is the "Doing

Business with Show Business" workshop.

"We're going to take local business owners and the people who want to be involved with Las Cruces, as the industry grows, and teach them what to do, what to expect and how to manage that process," Marks said.

## The films

All of the bells and whistles at LCIFF are not meant to take away from the celebration of film, which remains the core of what the festival is all about. There will be about 25 feature films, 20 documentaries, 60 narrative shorts and 40 student shorts screened over the five-day period. Also, filmmakers will have the opportunity to join a location scout who will showcase unique spots Las Cruces offers the film community.

"So we're not just saying 'come to Las Cruces and represent your film,' we also want to show you what we have to offer as a film community," Marks said.

## VIP Parties

VIP ticket holders will have special access to events involving honored guests and filmmakers. A red-carpet event at La Posta de Mesilla on March 2 features celebrities from opening-night film "The Night is Young." A reception for Danny Trejo, in which he'll be presented with an "Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment" award will be held March 3 at Hotel Encanto. Finally, a filmmaker's social on March 4 offers a mix and mingle with filmmakers and Rodriguez will be honored during the party, which

will be held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

## Shoot Las Cruces

Another aspect of the festival is a pilot contest called "Shoot Las Cruces."

"We're asking people to submit a 60- or 90-second trailer for a television series idea," Marks said.

An audience will weigh in after a screening at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, then selected judges will vote on it.

"The rule is that the series has to be shot in and around Las Cruces," Marks said, but the contest was open for everyone – in-state or out.

The winner of the contest gets \$30,000 in goods, services and cash to make an actual pilot. The

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winner will be flown to Los Angeles to meet with Lionsgate to work with producers on finding a potential home for the pilot. The program is inspired by a similar program in Santa Fe.

“There’s real history of success with this program,” Marks said, “And there’s no better way to get a steady stream of revenue than a television series. ‘Breaking Bad’ was a game changer for entertainment in the state, because it’s an on-going thing.”

### Future filmmakers

Film students have been instrumental in getting LCIFF off the ground. In fact, the festival planning began inside a classroom.

New Mexico State University’s Department of Arts & Sciences former Dean Christa Slaton backed the idea, and a summer class was set up. There were 18 students whose entire class was planning a film festival, covering all bases such as film solicitation, social media marketing, brand creation and film selection.

“It was a really comprehensive approach to figuring out how we’re going to make this happen. And it started as an academic exercise with those students,” Marks said.

More than 30 students have signed up to work

the festival, some volunteering, others earning internship credit. One major task leading up to the festival was film solicitation.

“We asked students to find films and aggressively solicit them, with the idea that our festival would be a celebration of the best of the best,” Marks said.

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| FRI FEBRUARY 26 • 12:00 P.M.                                       | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Promoting Art in Las Cruces Networking Luncheon at Main St. Bistro |                    |
| FRI FEBRUARY 26 • 2:00 P.M.  | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
| Makerspace-Bouncy Balls  |                    |
| FRI FEBRUARY 26 • 3:30 P.M.  | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
| Library Lab-Stories/Activities ages 6-10                           |                    |
| SAT FEBRUARY 27 • 1:00 P.M.  | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
| Team Anime ages 12-18  |                    |
| SAT FEBRUARY 27 • 7 & 9:30 P.M.                                    | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Friends of Bob and Tom Comedy Tour                                 |                    |
| SUN FEBRUARY 28 • 2:00 P.M.  | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
| 4th Sunday Movie-FREE award-winning flick                          |                    |
| TUE MARCH 1 • 10:30 A.M.   | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
| Read to Me-Storytime ages 1-3                                      |                    |
| TUE MARCH 1 • 2:00 P.M.  | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
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| TUE+THU MARCH 1+3 • 4:00 P.M.                                      | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
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| WED+THU MARCH 2+3 • 10:00 A.M.                                     | BRANIGAN LIBRARY   |
| Toddler Time-Storytime ages 3-5                                    |                    |
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| Mother Goose Time—Activities for Infants                           |                    |
| FRI MARCH 4 • 5:00 P.M.  | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Downtown Art Ramble  |                    |
| SAT MARCH 5 • 6:00 P.M.  | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| LC International Film Festival Awards                              |                    |
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- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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# Events Calendar

## FRI. 2/26

**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, 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 Double Clutchers**, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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

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

**8 p.m. Live folk and Americana with Blue Gramas**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. No cover. Call

**9 p.m. Live music with Billy Townes**, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

## SAT. 2/27

**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](http://www.fcmlc.org).

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

**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 contact forces. 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, Captain Jeff Porter will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Pat Gill 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 glitter goo. The program encourages visitors to embrace their artistic creativity while engaging in educational activities inspired by Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Free. Call 541-2137.

**1 p.m. Sin Fronteras poetry reading**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

**2 to 4 p.m. Encaustic Workshop with Georjeanna Feltha (part 1)**, Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St. Multimedia artist Georjeanna Feltha will give a workshop on Encaustic Painting. Feltha will have such things as buttons, watch parts, leaves, etc., but participants are welcome to bring objects they might want to try with the wax. Encaustic painting involves using heated beeswax to which colored pigments are added. The liquid or paste is then applied to a surface, such as wood, canvas and other materials. Found objects can also be placed into the wax. Cost is \$95, includes all materials. Call 532-1046 or email [jacklsg1@gmail.com](mailto:jacklsg1@gmail.com).

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

**3:30 to 4 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms**, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

**7 p.m. Friends of Bob and Tom Show Comedy Tour**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Join the funny friends of nationally syndicated hit radio program "The Bob and Tom

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

**8 p.m. Live acoustic covers with James Gier**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. No cover. Call

**8 to 11 p.m. Live El Paso rockabilly with Sorry About Your Sister**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

**9 p.m. Live music with Billy Townes**, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

## SUN. 2/28

**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 to 4 p.m. Encaustic Workshop with Georjeanna Feltha (part 2)**, Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St. Multimedia artist Georjeanna Feltha will give a workshop on Encaustic Painting. Feltha will have such things as buttons, watch parts, leaves, etc., but participants are welcome to bring objects they might want to try with the wax. Encaustic painting involves using heated beeswax to which colored pigments are added. The liquid or paste is then applied to a surface, such as wood, canvas and other materials. Found objects can also be placed into the wax. Cost is \$95, includes all materials. Call 532-1046 or email [jacklsg1@gmail.com](mailto:jacklsg1@gmail.com).

**3 p.m. Mesilla Valley Concert Band concert**, Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on the NMSU campus. In addition to a favorite Sousa march, special band numbers will include Shostakovich's "Folk Dances", conducted by our own Jim Young; Andrew Boysen's beautiful love song "Song for Lyndsay", conducted by Centennial HS band director Joseph Flores; and several other exciting pieces conducted by our own John Schutz will round out the program. As an added treat, the concert will include special guest ensemble, The El Paso Brass. The El Paso Brass has been performing regularly since its founding over 40 years ago. The quintet includes key members of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and other distinguished musicians from the Southwest. Free.

## MON. 2/29

**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 [lascolcherasqg@aol.com](mailto:lascolcherasqg@aol.com).

## TUE. 3/1

**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.

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**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. 3/2

**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](http://www.fcmlc.org).

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

**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. 3/3

**9 a.m. Grandma Mona's Science Story Time**, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Grandma Mona invites children ages 3 to 5 to the museum for Science Story Time the first Thursday of each month, to read a story relating to one of the many exhibits in the museum. Free. Call 522-3120.

**1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Drawing and Painting**, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. This intermediate and advanced class will focus on the unique concerns of each student, working in a variety of media, including watercolor, acrylic, water soluble oil paints, pastels, and colored pencil. Subject matter will comprise of still life, landscape, figure, and architectural space. Students may start classes

at any time and proceed at their own pace. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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

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


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## FRI. 3/4

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

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

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



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# No Strings Theatre Co. opens 'The Birthday Party' on March 4

No Strings Theatre Company presents Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party" directed by Karen Caroe, opening on the stage of the Black Box Theatre on Friday, March 4, and running through Sunday, March 20.

"The Birthday Party" was written in 1957 and has become one of Pinter's most produced plays of all time. This "comedy of menace" transcends traditional theatre by taking a familiar setting – in this

case, and English home – and turning it into an unsettling place of lies, deceit and chaos. It is both menacing and intriguing.

Well-known local actors appearing in "The Birthday Party" are Jamie Bronstein as Meg, Mark Hammersmith as Petey, Bobby Senecal as Stanley, Heather Hosford as Lulu, Sam Damon as Nat Goldberg and Joshua Taulbee as Dermott McCane. Peter Herman is lighting designer, Autumn Gieb is costume

designer and Diego Acosta is assistant director.

Performances of "The Birthday Party" are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 13 and 20, and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17. The Black Box Theatre is located at 430 N. Main St. Tickets are \$12 for regular admission, \$10 for students and seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursdays are \$8.

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# 'The Night is Young' explores reality, ambiguity of life

**Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Los Angeles writers Matt Jones and David Hill – who wrote, directed and star in “The Night is Young,” selected as the opening night film at the inaugural Las Cruces International Film Festival set for March 2-6 – being a twentysomething in the City of Angels is “crazy, fascinating, blissful, scary, annoying and, sometimes, all of the above.” This love/hate relationship with the city – and the trademark angst and uncertainty that come with being in your 20s and on the verge – bleed through every frame of “The Night is Young,” a brisk, sharply funny and oddly poignant coming-of-age comedy.

David (Hill) sits alone in a hip LA restaurant, eyes glued to his phone, an attempt to drown out the pretentious drivel pouring from the mouths at the next table – a Hollywood actor and a fast-talking producer.

Syd (Kelen Coleman) sits at the bar nursing a drink, nearly falling for the cascade of cheap pickup lines from the slick “actor”/professional bartender serving drinks.

Matt (Jones) screeches into the parking lot, late and frazzled, where his beat-up car and self-worth come under verbal fire from a caustic valet, late to meet David.

Amy (Eloise Mumford), fixing her makeup in a bathroom mirror, is told she looks “terrible” by the elderly



David Hill, Kelen Coleman, Eloise Mumford and Matt Jones star in “The Night is Young,” selected as the opening night film for the inaugural Las Cruces International Film Festival, kicking off March 2.

woman sharing the mirror – not out of animosity but misplaced grandmotherly concern – and returns to Syd’s side, quick to eviscerate the would-be suitor with an acid tongue.

Matt and David meet Amy and Syd, finding they’ve got more in common than the restaurant they share; namely, they’re fed up with work and unsure of their next move. David, an actor on bingeable Netflix hit “Hard Times,” is tired of being typecast after his role as Smash, a “retard” with a penchant for smashing beer cans on his head; Matt, a writer, loathes his

douchey 25-year-old boss and his time spent writing for the dumbed-down American version of a Korean cartoon about a psychic panda and his magician goat assistant; Syd, a budding actress, has become frustrated with the stream of rejection that is the audition process; and Amy, the only one of the bunch who likes her work, has lost touch with her friends and social life.

Thrilled to meet anyone not oozing self-absorption, the four head out for a night on the town they love to hate and hate to love, all prompted by that same fateful question: So what do you want to do now?

The night takes them from overpriced, Urban Outfitters wannabe-dive bars to a raging house party to flipping the bird at the pre-dawn LA skyline from the lookout at Griffith Park before early morning breakfast at some nameless Valley diner.

Along the way, they’ll meet wannabe actors, slimy agents, overdressed hipsters discussing artisanal cheeses, sloppy-drunk blondes culling attention through high-decibel unpleasantness, hedonistic party hosts, oddly prescient Uber drivers, philosophical strippers, dismissive bartenders and overenthusiastic DJs, air filled with meaningless conversations, bellies full of watered-down drinks and nothing but possibility on the horizon.

While “The Night is Young” begins as hundreds of C-O-A comedies have before, time and time again Hill’s and Jones’ film skirts conventions, setting up familiar tropes just to stand them on end or topple them completely. It may hit some familiar notes along the way, but it hits them when you least expect them, in ways you’d not see

coming, dispensing and reforming them along the way.

Hill and Jones have done a great job with the dialogue here – a good thing, since most of “The Night is Young” is watching people talk to one another, or at least try to. Many in the genre come off as cloying desperate and out of touch when penning “hip” dialogue, forcing their characters through rhetorical acrobatics to seem “with it” through up-to-the-minute slang from twelve months ago; here, however, Jones and Hill have a knack for writing believable banter. This is how people talk, filled with pop culture references and turns of phrase, at once vapid and profound, and it’s rare to see a film capture its crackle correctly.

Much of this may come from the characters’ easy chemistry. Jones and Hill must have grown close during the writing process; they come across as real people with real depth, real friends with real histories and unclear futures. The same goes for Mumford and Coleman; they’re multi-dimensional, multi-faceted women with concerns far removed from boys and clothes.

Well-written dialogue is a plus, but Jones and Hill seem to have a comedic timing a step above most. In a movie with so many blink-and-you-miss-it snips, quips and retorts, an overwhelming majority of them land, as this new foursome of friends discuss love, life and work between debating which TV mom they fantasized about or whether they’d rather have two noses or three butts.

Supporting cast is just as solid, even in bit roles. Standouts are actor and writer Brett Gelman as Rick Ramsey, the bearded and debauched party host, Allison Janney (“The West Wing” and TV’s “Mom”) as sagelike driver Wanda DuBois, a brief cameo from Kevin Pollock as an overbearing producer and Shoshana Bush and Carlson Young as drunken duo Kimber and Chair – yes, Chair, short for Charlotte – as the screeching party girls we’ve all tried to avoid.

As “The Night is Young” hits its final notes over a montage of what well could be, it leaves nothing neatly tied or clumsily resolved. There are a few answers, and plenty more questions. Just like it began, the future still remains largely a mystery to Matt, Dave, Syd and Amy – just like it is for the rest of us.

So – what do you want to do now?

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# ASTC opens Trujillo Era drama 'In the Time of the Butterflies'

**Review by Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Beginning in 1930 and ending with his assassination in 1961, the Dominican Republic was ruled by Rafael Leónidas Trujillo Molina, nicknamed "El Jefe," a ruthless, unelected military strongman leader who held power through puppet leaders and whose regime killed an estimated 50,000 people throughout a three-decade period of oppression and bloodshed, known as the Trujillo Era.

Central to Trujillo's infamy is the Parsley Massacre – or El Corte, "the cutting" to Dominicans, and Kout Kouta A, "the knife blow" to Haitians, carried out in the fall of 1937 as Trujillo gave the direct order to his men to carry out a genocide against the Haitian population at the republic's western border. For five days in October, Trujillo's men killed Haitian men, women and children, using guns, knives, machetes and clubs. At the close of the siege, an estimated 20,000 Haitians lay dead.

Amid all this death, oppression and violence, however, those under Trujillo's rule still found ways to live, few with more lasting impact than that of sisters Patria, Dedé, Minerva and María Mirabal: "las Hermanas Mirabal," the real-life revolutionaries who led an underground movement against Trujillo. Three of them sisters paid dearly, dragged from their car, beaten to death and left alongside Puerto Plata Road, martyred for their cause. But it was the Mirabal sisters' lives, not their deaths, that helped topple a tyrant.

These revolutionary sisters were the subject of Dominican-American novelist Julia Alvarez' 1994 novel "In the Time of the Butterflies," nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award and promptly banned in several school districts across the U.S. – further proof of its cultural import.

The novel was later adapted for the stage by Obie Award-winning playwright Caridad Svich in 2011, and on Friday, Feb. 26, American Southwest Theatre Company and the New Mexico State University Department of Theatre Arts debut their production of Svich's revolutionary drama as on the stage of the ASNMSU Center for the Arts.

"Butterflies" Director Larissa Lury came to Svich's work through what she termed "a collision of circumstances."

Lury, also a professor in the NMSU theatre department, had been turning over a conversation in her head, prompted by a discussion held months prior in her Creative Drama course.

"In that class, I do a unit on Applied Drama, which is about using theatre as a means of facilitating communication and generating potential solutions for situations and conflicts that the participants experience," Lury said.

To begin that section, Lury prompts students to focus on something about the world they'd like to change.

"In the Fall of 2014, when I asked that question, the kidnappings of the students on their way to a protest in Guerrero had recently happened, and we had a very moving conversation about what it means to have a government you can't trust, about feeling close to a situation and at the same time so far from it and about when and how a person decides to stand up for

something or to take action," she said.

Meanwhile, eager to produce a work by a Hispanic or Latina writer "with great roles for the actresses in our department," Lury had been perusing scripts, Svich's among them – Lury is a fan – discovered the playwright had penned a play based on a novel she'd loved years before: Alvarez' "In the Time of the Butterflies."

In just her first reading, Lury said, she "saw those themes and ideas popping off the page, and I knew that the play had something important to say to us, and a compelling way to say it," The director was immediately able to "visualize some of the ways in which we might bring it to life on stage."

While the backdrop of "Butterflies" is brutal, Director Larissa Lury said the play "is not a play about Trujillo and his atrocities. It is a play about what it takes to get us to move, about what it means to be a revolutionary. It is a play not about the deaths, but about the lives of the Mirabal sisters and of a woman from America seeking her place in all of this."

"Trujillo is more in the shadows of this play than at its center. It is not about him; it's about the Mirabals – their lives, their experiences, their decisions and coming to terms with those decisions. This is the story of the impact they had, not of the impact Trujillo had."

At its core, Lury said, "Butterflies" pushes its audience to ask a question of themselves: "What does it take to get us to act? What does it mean to become a revolutionary?"

To this, Lury admits, there are no easy answers.

"That's something I am still asking myself, daily," she said. "I don't have a good answer, yet. I think it takes recognizing that you can cause change, that it can be up to you and not someone else far away and more powerful and 'important' than you are ... In order for us to live in the world we want, we have to believe that it is up to us and not someone else to make it that way. We can't trust that someone else is taking care of it."

Through her time spent with Svich's play, Lury said she's come to see the many different shades of revolutionary act and, especially, the importance of those acts which seem to lack glory.

"One of the things this play helps me to see is that being a revolutionary can come in many, many different forms, including doing things that may seem entirely unrevolutionary, but which allow someone who is on the visible side of a 'revolution' to prod change to happen," she said. "For example, Dede Mirabal took care of all of her sisters' children. That was a bigger help to her sisters' cause than the history books might reveal."

Lury said "Butterflies" also helps change and shape a more accurate image of women at the forefront – rather than in the shadows – of revolution; as victors, not as victims.

"Often, when we hear about women in times of war or revolution, we hear about them as victims; we are told about them to awaken our empathy as to how bad a situation is," she said.

"It's rare that we hear the stories of women rising up, so that we are fed, fueled and inspired by them as opposed to by what has happened to them. While the

Mirabals' deaths certainly played an important role in the movement against Trujillo, their own inspiring actions while alive are the focus of this story."

Though Alvarez' novel was published more than two decades ago and we are nearly 55 years past Trujillo's bloody reign, Lury said "Butterflies" is still relevant today – frighteningly so.

"Just yesterday, I was listening to news about the election in Uganda and how the president, who has been president for 30 years, won the recent election amidst claims of voter fraud and intimidation, and put the leaders of the opposition under house arrest," she said. "We have our own elections coming up. We have policies that may be interfering with voter registration; we have a low percentage of people in our country who actually vote, and we have some candidates who clearly have the support of large numbers of people but whose ideas are terrifying to others. Finding our own voices and empowering them feels essential."

This is where "Butterflies" shines its light on us.

"This play looks at the human side of the decision to take action, not a lofty political one; it's about ordinary people who make the decision to do something, and who do it in their own very personal individual ways," she said.

The ASNMSU Center for the Arts is located at 1000 E. University Ave. on the NMSU campus. Show times for "In the Time of the Butterflies" are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, through March 13. Tickets are \$10 to \$17 and are available at the Center for the Arts box office from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by calling 646-4515 or 646-1420.

Following the Feb. 26 opening night performance, a reception will be held sponsored by the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences and Dean Christa Slaton. Following the Sunday, March 6, performance, a panel discussion will be held, featuring Adelina Garcia, a longtime Las Cruces resident and native of the Dominican Republic; Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Latino History Professor at NMSU; and members of the creative team.

This production contains adult content.

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# Medoff directs new 'I, Custer' at Las Cruces Community Theatre

Tony Award-winning playwright and Distinguished New Mexico State University Professor Mark Medoff has once again chosen a student work to direct on the Las Cruces Community Theatre stage. Every year, Medoff takes submissions from current and former students, all entering their scripts for a chance to work with the well-known director and see their work come to life.

The Las Cruces Community Theatre presents "I, Custer" written by Neal Adelman. Adelman was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, and now lives in Las Cruces. He writes plays and short stories. His one-act play "Tarrant County" was a 2014 Kennedy Center for the Arts College Theatre Festival John Caudle Outstanding Short Play National Finalist and his full-length play "Ponti-

acs" was the 2015 recipient of the Kennedy Center for the Arts College Theatre Festival Mark Twain Award.

"There is little that is more joyful for me at this time of life than to work with my students on their creative work and to bring with me some of the core artists in my theatrical team. Neal Adelman appeared in a graduate playwriting class of mine five years ago. He was getting an MFA in prose-writing," Medoff said. "I heard about three sentences of the as-yet-unnamed play and knew he was up to something very special."

"I, Custer" begins moments before the Battle of Little Big Horn and reimagines the final moments of George Armstrong Custer. To charge or not to charge. Charge! Shot in the face and dying, Custer meets up one last time with his

beautiful and loving wife Libbie to figure out what went wrong. A one-person show, Marissa Bond plays Custer and explores the history of the boy General, his myth and the origins and extraordinary appeal of war.

Bond is a regular on the theatre stages in Las Cruces. Some of her recent performances include No Strings Theatre Company's "Mad Gravity," the 2015 Medoff directorial project "Recreational Living" and Muffin Mix Productions' short film "Perfect."

Medoff received the Tony and Olivier awards for "Children of a Lesser God" and was nominated for an Academy Award and a Writers Guild of America Best Adapted Screenplay Award for the film script of "Children." The majority of his 33 stage

plays have begun in Las Cruces, starting with "The Wager" in 1967. His most recent play, "Marilee and Baby Lamb: The Assassination of an American Goddess," was produced in October, 2015 at the Rio Grande Theatre. Plans are under way to move the play to Broadway in 2016.

"I, Custer" opens Friday, March 4, and will run for nine performances through Sunday, March 20. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for students/seniors/military, \$10 for groups of ten or more and for children age 6 and younger. Opening night includes a gala with cake, wine, refreshments and an opportunity to visit with the cast. Tickets can be purchased at [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org) or calling 523-1200.

## 'Difret' strokes for 'difret' folks

Review by Jeff Berg  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

One of my least favorite "activities" in the whole world plays a key role in the bracing and hopeful "Difret," shot in Ethiopia: tradition.

It is fine when it marks something that does not hurt, degrade, or harm others, like Christmas stockings or cultural celebrations, but when it does cause

distress to others, tradition should be banned forever.

Such is the case in "Difret," which means "courage" in the Amharic language – an appropriate title for this strong film.

Hirut (Tizita Hagere) is a young woman attending primary school. This day, her teacher has informed her that she is being promoted to the next grade. The school day

ends and Hirut runs home across an open field to tell her family the good news.

It is here she is pursued by several "men" on horseback, including the man who has chosen himself to be her husband. As "tradition" states, they kidnap her and take her to an old building, where she is kept prisoner after being knocked out and sexually assaulted. This spoils her

for any others who may want to marry Hirut, since not being a virgin is shameful – one of many catch 22s for women in this culture.

The husband-to-be is not only a barbaric lout, he is a moron. He leaves the building briefly, forgetting his rifle, which Hirut grabs as she makes her escape.

The men corner her, she is



Tizita Hagere stars in writer/director Zeresenay Berhane Mehari's Ethiopian biographical drama "Difret," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

able to get a round into the firing chamber of the rifle, which is pointed at hubby now wearing a big toothy grin as he slowly approaches the terrified but brave girl.

In a moment, Hirut is a widow before ever marrying.

The other men capture her and take her back, where all sorts of other archaic traditions come into place. Hirut is eventually banned from the village by a council of elders,

who opt for that rather than executing Hirut, as many of the men of the village demand.

Into this fray comes Meaza Ashenafi (Meron Getnet), a compassionate, smart and tough lawyer from a local women's legal aid group. With Meaza's help and that of several other educated people who have dumped "tradition," Hirut is safe, albeit temporarily, and might have the option of a real trial.

At Meaza's house, where she

is taken for protection, everything is foreign to her – the appliances, the telephone, all of the things we take for granted. Hirut is very intelligent, she has just not had experiences outside her own world.

Meaza calls upon a retired lawyer who helps her to make a case against the local assistant district attorney, who has sided with the men who kidnapped





# Museum's Cowboy Days return for 17th year

The Old West becomes new again each spring at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Cowboy Days, the museum's biggest event of the year, returns for the 17th year on Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6. The fun is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for everyone 5 and older. For those who want to come early and save, the first 100 carloads each day will be admitted for \$10 each.

Cowboy Days brings to life New Mexico's ranching traditions through demonstrations, food, living history activities and other programs. While learning about history is important, having fun is paramount.

Enchantment Historical Productions has a knack for making history fun. The group has three programs planned each day:

- "Old West Thunder" is a gunfight re-enactment program set in an Old West saloon, featuring authentic firearms with blanks. The scripted gunfights portray both historical events and conflicts inspired by dime novels.

- "The 19th Century Fashion Show" is hosted by Andrea Severson, a PhD candidate in history at UTEP, and includes fabulous costumes that illustrate the evolution of fashion in the American West.

- "The Big Camp Revival Meeting" is a living history performance that takes place in 1880 and includes music, mischief and a genuine antique pump organ that dates back to the Civil War.

In addition to these programs, costumed museum volunteers will be



The Borderland Pistoleros Cowboy Mounted Shooting Club will do demonstrations during Cowboy Days at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum on March 5-6.

at various sites around the 47-acre facility portraying characters from the Old West and interacting with festivalgoers. The Borderland Pistoleros Mounted Shooting group returns to Cowboy Days and will demonstrate their skills of shooting from horseback in the museum's roping arena twice each day. The museum's livestock staff hosts the popular Parade of Breeds program twice each day, as well. Each of the museum's seven different breeds of beef cattle will be brought into the round pen individually where each breed's unique characteristics and history will be discussed.

Cowboy Days also fea-

tures chuck wagon cooking and other demonstrations, including blacksmithing, dowsing, wool spinning, and wood carving. There are many children's activities planned, including the popular Sheriff's School, and rides that feature ponies, the mechanical bull, the stagecoach, and new this year – a miniature train.

Music also is a big part of the event and featured performers include Voz Vaqueros, Bruce Carlson, Washtub Jerry, Glenn Moreland, Wayne Thomason, James Michael, Jim Tomlinson and Kenny Arroyo.

Western Writers of America authors Melody Groves, Linda Jacobs, Ralph Estes and Ollie Reed will sign books and tell stories. The Back

Country Horsemen will perform packing demonstrations, and there will also be a plant sale and food, arts and crafts vendors. Pat Howard's working dogs will do herding demonstrations on Sunday.

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 Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors 60 and older, \$3 children ages 4 to 17, \$2 active military and veterans and free for museum members and children younger than 3. For more information, call 522-4100 or visit [www.nmfarm-dranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarm-dranchmuseum.org).

## COWBOY DAYS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 5

#### Ongoing activities:

Stagecoach rides, arts and crafts vendors, living history, wood carving, blacksmithing, dowsing, wool spinning, chuck wagon cooking, children's activities, plant sale and Back Country Horsemen.

**10:00 to 10:30:** Washtub Jerry performs in the Courtyard with Kenny Arroyo.

**10:00 to 10:30:** Author Melody Groves in the Theater.

**10:00 to 11:00:** Pony rides (\$5) on the South 20.

**10:30-11:15:** Old West Thunder gunfight in front of the Bruce King Building.

**10:45-11:15:** Sheriff's School activity for children in the Amphitheater.

**11:00-5:00:** Train rides and mechanical bull rides (\$5) at the Pavilion.

**11:00-11:30:** Glenn Moreland performs in the Courtyard.

**11:00-12:00:** Borderland Pistoleros Cowboy-Mounted Shooting in the Roping Arena.

**11:00-12:00:** Voz Vaqueros singers near the food vendors.

**11:00-11:30:** Author Ralph Estes in the Theater.

**11:45-12:30:** 19th Century Fashion Show in Theater.

**12:00-1:00:** Parade of Breeds in the Round Pen.

**12:00-4:00:** Pony rides (\$5) on the South 20.

**12:00-12:30:** Bruce Carlson performs in the Courtyard.

**1:00-1:45:** Wayne Thomason performs in the Courtyard with musician Jim Tomlinson.

**1:00-1:45:** Author Linda Jacobs in the Theater.

**1:45-2:30:** The Big Camp Revival Meeting in the Theater.

**2:00-2:45:** James Michael performs in the Courtyard.

**3:00-4:00:** Parade of Breeds in the Round Pen.

**3:00-3:45:** Old West Thunder gunfight in front of the Bruce King Building.

**3:00-3:30:** Washtub Jerry performs in the Courtyard with Kenny Arroyo.

**4:00-5:00:** Borderland Pistoleros Cowboy-Mounted Shooting in the Roping Arena.

**4:00-4:30:** Glenn Moreland performs in the Courtyard.

**4:15-4:45:** Sheriff's School activity for children in the Amphitheater.

### Sunday, March 6

**Ongoing activities:** Working dogs, stagecoach rides, arts and crafts vendors, living history, wood carving, blacksmithing, dowsing, wool spinning, chuck wagon cooking, children's activities, plant sale and Back Country Horsemen.

**10:00-10:30:** Sheriff's School for children in the Amphitheater.

**10:00-11:00:** Pony rides (\$5) on the South 20.

**10:00-10:30:** Glenn Moreland performs in the Courtyard.

**10:30-11:00:** Author Melody Groves in the Theater.

**11:00-12:00:** Borderland Pistoleros Cowboy-Mounted Shooting in the Roping Arena.

**11:00-11:30:** Washtub Jerry performs in the Theater with Kenny Arroyo.

**11:00-11:45:** Old West Thunder gunfights in front of the Bruce King Building.

**11:00-4:00:** Train rides and mechanical bull rides (\$5) at the Pavilion.

**12:00-1:00:** Parade of Breeds in the Round Pen.

**12:00-12:30:** Bruce Carlson performs in the Courtyard.

**12:00-12:45:** 19th Century Fashion Show in the Theater.

**12:00-1:00:** Voz Vaqueros singers near the food vendors.

**12:00-2:00:** Pony rides (\$5) on the South 20.

**1:00-1:30:** Sheriff's School activity for children in the Amphitheater.

**1:00-1:30:** Wayne Thomason performs with musician Jim Tomlinson in the Courtyard.

**1:00-1:30:** Author Linda Jacobs in the Theater.

**2:00-3:00:** Borderland Pistoleros Cowboy-Mounted Shooting in the Roping Arena.

**2:00-2:45:** The Big Camp Revival Meeting in the Theater.

**2:00-2:30:** Glenn Moreland performs in the Courtyard.

**3:00-3:30:** Washtub Jerry performs in the Courtyard with Kenny Arroyo.

**3:00-3:30:** Author Ralph Estes in the Theater.

**3:00-3:45:** Old West Thunder gunfights in front of the Bruce King Building.

**3:00-4:00:** Parade of Breeds in the Round Pen.

**3:00-4:00:** Pony rides (\$5) on the South 20.

# Unique choices, flavors make Bite of Belgium a step above

By Susie Ouderkirk  
Las Cruces Bulletin

With an atmosphere of freshness and light, A Bite of Belgium, 741 N. Alameda Blvd., continues its run as one of Las Cruces' most loved casual eateries. My lunch companion, (I'll call him Captain Watson) pointed out the pleasant natural light from the skylights and the huge suspended flowerpots, trailing delicate plants. The clean, bright atmosphere made for relaxation.

At lunchtime on a Thursday, we anticipated a light crowd, but we were wrong. Almost all the tables were filled and not just with working downtown diners on a lunchbreak; there were tables with families of children and several couples who seemed to be leisurely enjoying each other as well as the food.

Our server was attentive and the menu offered up plenty of choices. Captain Watson chose the ham and green chile quiche (one of two available on that day) and a



Bite of Belgium's ham and green chile quiche was flavorful without being overpowering, and the roast beef sandwich, with potato salad on the side, combined several complementary flavors.

side of the liege waffles with raspberry cream on the side. I opted for the roast beef sandwich with my choice of homemade bread, spread and sides. Sliced roast beef can be tricky: it's so often tough, and occasionally inedible. I order it intentionally when I want to challenge a restaurant. A good roast beef sandwich begins with the quality of the cut, and gets better or worse with marinade and an educated eye, knowing how to trim the tough portions out.

To make an effort at good health, I went with

wheat bread (baked in house) and because I am a lover of goat cheese, I went for the Greek yogurt feta spread (as opposed to mayo or mustard.) In addition to a small green salad, I ordered the house potato salad. Another side option is Bite of Belgium's home cooked potato chips, which I've had before and are light and crispy.

The other in-house sandwich spreads include: garlic and herb, pesto and sundried tomato. The sweeter cream side choices for the waf-

fles are Bavarian, three-cream lemon mousse, vanilla custard, vanilla whipped cream cheese, Greek yogurt, banana, espresso, strawberry, orange, raspberry and cranberry.

We ordered at 11:46 a.m. and our food arrived, beautifully plated, at 12:03. The Captain's first reaction was one word: "Wow." The dishes were colorful and inviting. "The quiche is hot. The waffles are hot. This is a lot of food for \$9," he said.

My first impression was how lean the roast beef appeared. I noticed

peppercorns in the sauce, which tipped me off that the sauce was not the one I ordered. But I gave it a try and it was pleasant.

To Bite of Belgium's credit, the roast beef was almost perfect. Just a bite or two of tough meat was forgotten as the bread—playfully crispy on the outside, airy and light on the inside—blended with the cheese, tomato, grilled onion and lettuce for a tasty treat.

The potato salad was chilled and refreshing, and the meal provided plenty of food.

Captain Watson men-

tioned that he particularly appreciated the delicate green chile in the quiche, which he often finds too overpowering.

Restrooms, floors, tables and menus were all clean and the variety of food choices was impressive. Prices for waffles run from a very affordable \$2.95 to \$8.75; hot sandwiches are in the \$10 range, and cold sandwiches run about \$9. Soups and salads are available from \$3.95 to \$8.95, with a kids menu in the \$5 neighborhood.

In addition, traditional egg and bacon breakfasts are on the menu, along with create-your-own omelets and a very European French toast. The restaurant's hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., seven days a week. They can be reached at 527-BITE (2483.) My money says Bite of Belgium will be around for a long time.

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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](http://www.sudoku.com)

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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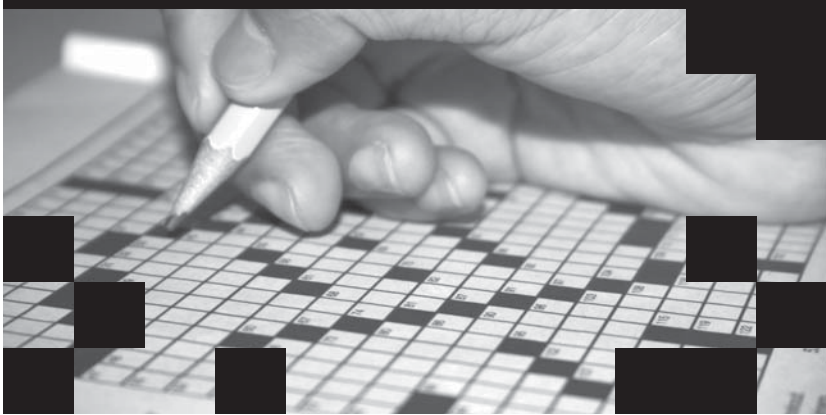
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# BrainGames



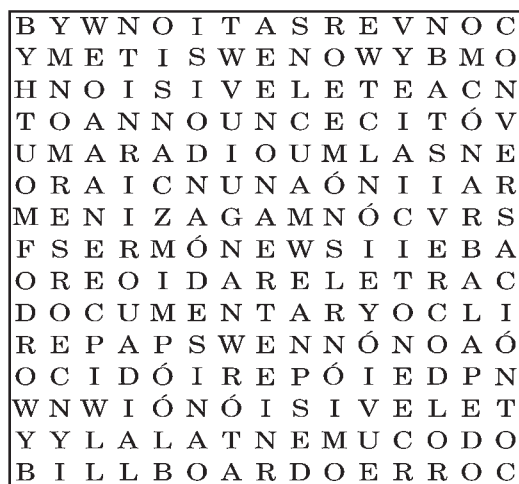
## Word Salsa

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.

### SPREAD THE WORD

- | ENGLISH          | SPANISH      |
|------------------|--------------|
| BILLBOARD        | CARTELERA    |
| BY WORD OF MOUTH | DE PALABRA   |
| CONVERSATION     | CONVERSACIÓN |
| DOCUMENTARY      | DOCUMENTAL   |
| MAIL             | CORREO       |
| MAGAZINE         | REVISTA      |
| NEWS ITEM        | NOTICIA      |
| NEWSPAPER        | PERIÓDICO    |
| RADIO            | RADIO        |
| SERMON           | SERMÓN       |
| TELEVISION       | TELEVISIÓN   |
| TO ANNOUNCE      | ANUNCIAR     |

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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                                       | DOWN                                 |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Chimney powder                             | 1 Soap                               |
| 5 Baby noise                                 | 2 Individual                         |
| 9 Reverse                                    | 3 Poet product                       |
| 10 At that point                             | 4 Uppermost                          |
| 11 Profound                                  | 5 Sentries                           |
| 12 Eternity                                  | 6 Monkey                             |
| 13 Occurrences, for short                    | 7 Sticky stuff                       |
| 16 Elton John title                          | 8 Sothorn or Margret                 |
| 18 Chilly                                    | 13 Painter, Bosch                    |
| 19 "Starksy ___ Hutch"                       | 14 Whoopi's "Sister ___"             |
| 20 Arrival time, for short                   | 15 Burmese coin                      |
| 21 Trousers                                  | 16 Biological pocket                 |
| 24 Mark on the skin                          | 17 Printer's need                    |
| 27 Nonetheless                               | 21 Harmony                           |
| 28 Ford product                              | 22 Bulbous veggie                    |
| 29 Keanu Reeves role                         | 23 Einstein's preoccupation          |
| 30 Juvenile                                  | 24 High school test                  |
| 31 Threaten with exposure, for money         | 25 Actor's come-on                   |
| 37 Agreement word                            | 26 Nibbled                           |
| 40 ___ Dury and the Blockheads, British band | 31 Bathroom washing accessory        |
| 41 "Law and Order" swab target               | 32 Express mirth                     |
| 42 Scuff                                     | 33 Irk                               |
| 43 Hound for payment                         | 34 Passage                           |
| 44 Doubtful points                           | 35 Data                              |
| 45 Put into service                          | 36 Final action, when all else fails |
| 46 Freudian word                             | 38 Effortlessness                    |
| 47 Youngster                                 | 39 Expanse                           |
| 48 Solidly built for ocean travel            | 49 Sea feature                       |
| 52 Alcatraz escape transport                 | 50 Newspaper column                  |
| 56 Legal org.                                | 51 Demolish                          |
| 57 Liveliness                                | 53 With no exceptions                |
| 58 Namely                                    | 54 Plane directors' org.             |
| 59 Wing part                                 | 55 Building demolition material      |
| 60 Expunge                                   | 60 Become more intense               |
| 63 Farm sound                                | 61 Corn section                      |
| 65 ___-de-cologne                            | 62 Pull or carry with effort         |
| 66 Mattress type                             | 63 Chinese dictator                  |
| 67 Power measurement                         | 64 Black gold                        |
| 68 Electrical measurement                    | 68 Action word                       |
| 69 Belch                                     | 69 Home run hitter                   |
| 72 Accomplished                              | 70 Expression of disgust             |
| 75 Fever                                     | 71 Feel bad about                    |
| 76 ___-end                                   | 72 Flood vessel                      |
| 77 At that time                              | 73 "___ Hur" classic movie           |
| 78 Door handle                               | 74 Thai language                     |

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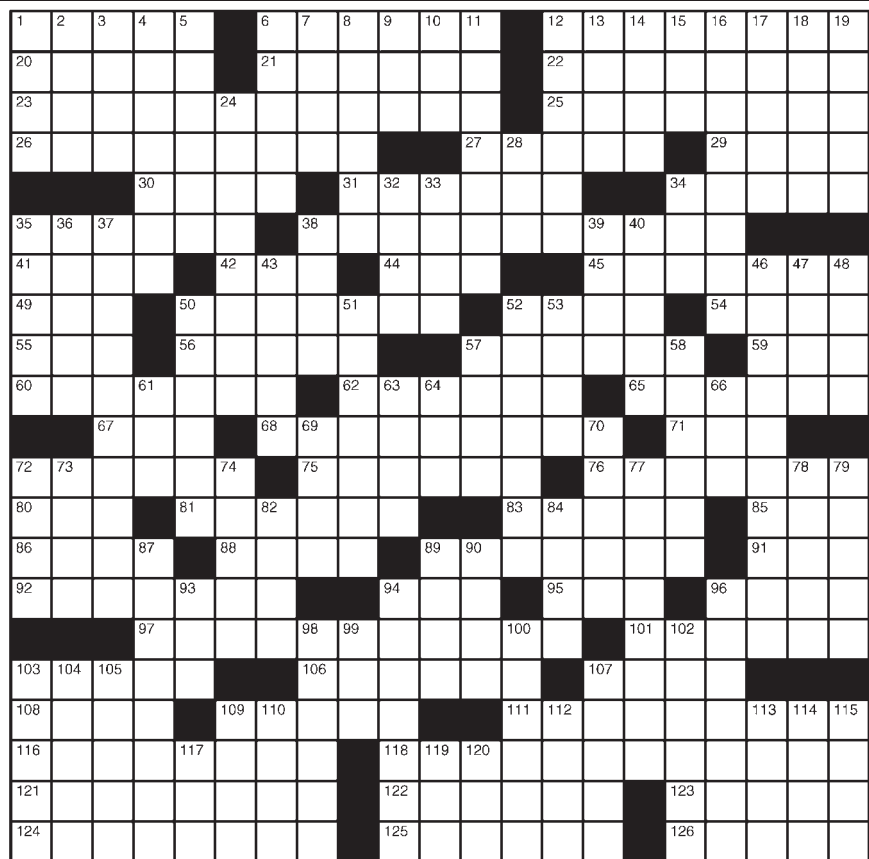
#### ACROSS

- 1 Be ready for
- 6 Milk-producing organs
- 12 Tumorlike hardening of tissue
- 20 Lead-tin alloy
- 21 Writer Fallaci
- 22 Rhinitis
- 23 "Not" resisting successfully
- 25 "Not" fully present
- 26 Forest edges
- 27 Fine thread
- 29 \_\_\_ go brag!
- 30 Collides intentionally
- 31 Like best friends
- 34 Nutritional deprivations
- 35 S.E. Hinton's middle name
- 38 "Not" like someone unknown
- 41 Fontanne's partner
- 42 Pres. Coolidge
- 44 French possessive pronoun
- 45 "A Shropshire Lad" poet
- 49 Back of station?
- 50 "Not" partially spoiled
- 52 Simpson boy
- 54 "\_\_\_ kleine Nachtmusik"
- 55 Barcelona uncle
- 56 Jagged, as a leaf's edge
- 57 Micromanager's concern
- 59 Sault \_\_\_ Marie
- 60 Da Silva of soccer
- 62 Send an overdue notice
- 65 Kidded around
- 67 Dream letters
- 68 "Not" to make money
- 71 Muckraker Tarbell
- 72 Ran off
- 75 "The Treasure of the \_\_\_ Madre"
- 76 "Inventing the \_\_\_"
- 80 Center opening?
- 81 Small sofa
- 83 Bender
- 85 Bilgewater
- 86 Wilson's predecessor
- 88 Middling marks
- 89 "Not" reaching standard
- 91 Balin or Claire
- 92 Anti-war activist Cindy

- 94 Lingerie buy
- 95 Buckeyes' sch.
- 96 Al Capone feature
- 97 "Not" bother to help
- 101 Comic laugh
- 103 Stormed
- 106 Actress Louise
- 107 Virginia rail
- 108 AC/DC power
- 109 Psalms word
- 111 Those who obtain
- 116 "Not" wink
- 118 "Not" a strong suit
- 121 Go-between
- 122 Pinup Anderson
- 123 Become fixed
- 124 Bruises without laceration
- 125 Ghost
- 126 Perfect places

#### DOWN

- 1 Chem. chart figure
- 2 Low dam
- 3 Comic Johnson
- 4 "\_\_\_ the Wind"
- 5 Magnetic induction units
- 6 Sounds of pain
- 7 British composer
- 8 Central parts
- 9 \_\_\_ tai cocktail
- 10 Jillian or Landers
- 11 Aerie occupants
- 12 Cascades peak
- 13 Phone message
- 14 Lovett or Talbot
- 15 Immature newt
- 16 Practice
- 17 Cricket segments
- 18 Earn
- 19 Moshe of Israel
- 24 Work-shift record
- 28 Neighbor of Syr.
- 32 Tabula \_\_\_
- 33 Put in service
- 34 Pot-au-\_\_\_
- 35 Overjoy



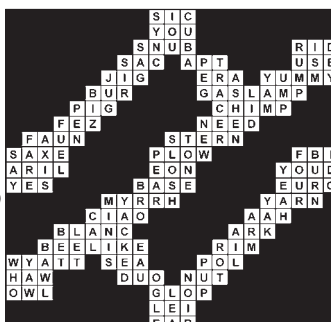
- 36 Sensational
- 37 "Not" one's biography
- 38 Landon and others
- 39 Auto-racing org.
- 40 A-ha!
- 43 Cool
- 46 "Not" overlook
- 47 Feed the kitty
- 48 Exigency
- 50 Greek Mercury
- 51 Some fruits
- 52 City on the Lagan River
- 53 Legendary Hun king
- 57 Designer Christian
- 58 Fritz of Sci-Fi
- 61 At the age of: Lat.
- 63 Fencing sword
- 64 It's c-c-c-cold!
- 66 Hustle and bustle
- 69 Bone: pref.
- 70 Infield protectors
- 72 Wagers
- 73 Moonfish
- 74 Coffeehouse order
- 77 Very much in Vichy
- 78 Of sound quality
- 79 Gawk
- 82 Hiker's housing
- 84 Inferior
- 87 Airing on TV
- 89 Vases with bases
- 90 Congressional aide
- 93 Stashed away
- 94 Chess pieces
- 96 Wrapped with a decorative cloth
- 98 Bowling lanes
- 99 CAB successor
- 100 Sketcher's need
- 102 Melodic
- 103 Renaissance fiddle
- 104 Texas shrine
- 105 Arrive
- 107 Crouch
- 109 Ross and Bering
- 110 Bronte heroine
- 112 Half of DII
- 113 Back end of a kitchen?
- 114 Bride strap
- 115 Without: Fr.
- 117 Tahlequah, OK school
- 119 Catch forty winks
- 120 Radio static letters

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

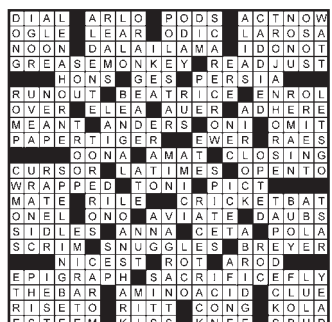
#### Word Salsa



#### Diagramless



#### No Zoo



#### CRYPTOGRAM

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 F A L T A D , V K W Z R L W F H D  
 W R D P R F A P D ? "  
**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
 A plumber was politely assessing the leak damage: "Let's look on the bright side. If you lived in Venice, this would be a fine historic house."

# Devilish debut chilling in all the right ways

**Review by Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Robert Eggers may well have sold his soul for his “The Witch.”

The writer/director’s debut feature, a 17th century-set “New England Folk Tale” is so uncommonly good, so meticulously crafted, patiently filmed and deeply frightening, one suspects some sort of Faustian, “Cross Road Blues”-style bargain was made.

Set in the mid-1600s, some decades before the infamous Salem witch trials would burn their way into the annals of American history, “The Witch” begins with a silent and staring Puritanical tribunal, faces cold to the pleas of the man before them.

The accused, William (Ralph Inenson) stands before the council for a doctrinal deviation from local Christian practice. Facing banishment, the deeply devout William will make no apology for his faith, and the family – wife Katherine (Kate Dickie), eldest daughter Thomasin, (Anya Taylor-Joy), son Caleb (Harvey Scrimshaw) and twins Mercy and Jonas – faces banishment from the plantation. Belongings piled in a wagon, the family set out into the foreboding woods.

Settling on a spot some days’ ride from their former home, the family sets to work, in months erecting a house, a barn, a stable, planting corn, chopping firewood and welcoming into the world the



Ana Taylor-Joy stars in writer/director Robert Eggers’ chilling, 17th century period tale “The Witch,” now playing at Allen Theatres.

infant Samuel. Near the stream one day, as Thomasin plays peek-a-boo with her new baby brother, the infant disappears – peek, he’s there, boo, he’s gone – stolen into the woods by a witch with undoubtedly horrific intentions.

Thrust from their home, their infant son lost and surely dead, William and Katherine place even more in the hands of God, he through hard work and she through unrepentant bouts of weeping, giving away only to hissed, frantic prayer.

Things get worse.

Crops rot and die, afflicted by some pestilence. Strange sounds emanate from the forest. Animals act strangely, disappear completely or turn up mutilated. Twins Mercy and Jonas strike up a relation with the farm’s black goat, holding lengthy conversations (in a chilling medieval singsong, of course) with their new friend Black Philip.

Things get worse.

“The Witch” is truly a standout horror film, beginning surely with its direction. Eggers is a pa-

tient, calm director, and his debut burns slow, steadily building tension, releasing briefly then building even more. He shies away from jump scares, quick-cuts, obvious twists, pandering exposition and comedic relief – the mainstays killing the genre. The result is an unrelenting, at times punishing film, grim and frightening long after the credits roll. It’s horror at its finest, ranking near “The Shining,” “The Exorcist” and “Rosemary’s Baby,” in technique as well as ter-

Cinematographer Jarin Blaschke, relying on long static shots, slow pans and symmetry, gives “The Witch” an unrelentingly tense and claustrophobic feel. Many of its seemingly benign shots – the family’s departure, an unmoving stare at the edge of the forest, trees swaying – are packed with foreboding. Blaschke’s and Eggers’ avoidance of gore for gore’s sake and its grounded, fleeting violence, bathed in the merciless greys of a New England sky, give “The Witch” its

## THE WITCH

**Rated: R**

**Running time: 93 minutes**

**Starring: Ana Taylor-Joy, Ralph Inenson**

**Director: Robert Eggers**



visceral, gritty impact.

All of this tension is ratcheted up by Mark Korven’s hellish score, building and intensifying the film’s atmosphere by working with unconventional instruments – the medieval, stringed Swedish nyckelharpa, the experimental “waterphone” and a severely abused cello among them – and a choir of talented improvisational singers, human and instrumental imperfections intact and at front. Director Eggers strictly forbade any electronic elements, keeping “The Witch” locked firmly in time, place and tone. It’s minimal and as dissonant as can be and only intensifies, using silence to scare just as much as sound.

So too do the costumes in “The Witch” exceed period credentials. The film’s tight shooting and close-quarters setting leave no room for error, and costume designer Linda Muir does a remarkable job. Thousands of pages of research informed her work, and the film’s costumes were created using historically ac-

curate techniques, designs and materials. The set work and production design – Eggers’ background – is just as good. It’s this painstaking attention to details that elevate “The Witch” so far above standard horror fare.

There are several deep things at play in “The Witch,” touching on themes of faith, religion, family, coming-of-age, sexuality and gender. What does it mean to hang on to belief in the face of suffering and tragedy? While William and Katherine turn their attentions upward, to their God, what are they turning away from – and what could it offer?

“The Witch” isn’t going to win many non-secular fans – it’s been unofficially endorsed by the Satanic Temple for showing “the results of a patriarchal theocratic society in the microcosm of the family,” signaling a “call-to-arms for a Satanic uprising against the tyrannical vestiges of bigoted superstitions and will harken a new era of liberation and unfettered inquiry” – but never ridi-

cules its characters’ unwavering piety, no matter their cost. An old-world Christian family, alone, isolated and under attack from something sinister far beyond their comprehension could be forgiven such a choice.

One of the Satanic Temples’ talking points was the film’s status as one of a scant few tales of Colonial America told from the point of view of a teenage girl, especially amid the hysteria, fear, horror and ultimately violence that met fears of budding young women dancing with the devil in the moonlight – fears that continue today in different shapes. It’s an old story made new, but sadly not antiquated.

For the patient viewer – I realize there are few – you won’t find a more frightening film in the multiplex than “The Witch,” and with an introduction like this, we can expect big things from its talented director – whatever bargain he made.

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## ‘DIFFRET’ FROM PAGE B8

and beat Hirut. The DA’s application of “tradition” and ancient custom still has root, but Ethiopia seems to be in the midst of change, most of which is for the good.

Hirut is threatened, but strong, and

all of the silly things that the DA tries to use in his cold calculated approach – Hirut is older than 14 because she has breasts; how did she know how to use a rifle? are used in an attempt to see this young woman executed, due all to “tradition.”

“Difret” is a different sort of movie. I had not heard of it before it was booked

by the Mesilla Valley Film Society, but I’m glad that I was able to see it and I hope it draws bigger crowds than other smaller, ethnic-related titles do when they play at the Fountain Theatre.

The performances are excellent and not shrill; the directing, although a tad loose in places, is strong and effective; and the story is believable and informa-

tive as we witness the coming of the new from the old.

“Difret” is a drama to be sure, but it is one that will keep your attention and offer the cause for discussion afterward.

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# Galleries & Openings

## LAST CHANCE

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "The Visionaries" 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 documentary and fine-art photography since 2010. His main themes focus on identity, place and empowerment. He lectures at the University of Colorado, Boulder. "Visionaries" remains 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.

**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 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.

**QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY** presents something completely different during the February First Friday Downtown Art Ramble. Artist Dani Anderson experiments in a variety of media but will be showing her acrylic-on-canvas paintings on canvas that is highly textured, saturated with color and filled with found objects, polymer clay, copper foil and anything else she visualizes as she creates intriguing abstract shapes and designs. Anderson's work will remain on display through the end of February.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

**BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY** presents "Conglomerations!" from fine artist Wall Batterton. Batterton has exhibited from Mexico City to Chicago, Los Angeles to Santa Fe and parts in between. He is a multi-media and mixed media artist. In "Conglomerations!", Batterton exhibits his collages and face sculptures. He uses each medium to

make a unique statement about his view of the world at large. "From modern left-over stuff and salvaged wood scraps, I watched the faces evolve into an endless variety of human-like expressions. They are my modern tribute to our ancestral primitive art that is still present all over the world," he said. "My collages are expressions of my view of the world condition – the mounting-frenzied-over-populated world, crazed by wars, the planet's rampant groups, religious ferment and downright mental desperation. "Conglomerations!" will remain on display through the end of February.

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

**MESQUITE ART GALLERY** presents the work of Deming sculptor Claudia Dennee, who makes wonderful use of found bones, skulls, wood and more. Her pieces are composed of mixed media including wood, bone, paper and metal. She finds mesquite and bone in the desert surrounding her home. They are incorporated in the design by extensive carving, gluing, paper, leather and metal application and painting. "I am inspired by myth, fairy tale, and natural surroundings," Dennee said. "Animal behavior often informs my pieces. In addition, cross-cultural and archaeological records are often referenced." Dennee's work will remain on display through the end of February.

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.

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

**MAIN STREET BISTRO & ALE HOUSE** presents in celebration of Las Cruces' For the Love of Art Month the work of Las Cruces Arts Association members during the month of February in a collection called "Art We Love," also on display at the LCAA Art on Easels Gallery, just down the way inside the Community Enterprise Center at 125 N. Main St.

Main Street Bistro & Ale House is located at 139 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-5977.

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** features two local artists for the month of February, Patricia Black and Meredith Loring. Black's work in watercolor paintings and crafted detailed gourd work range from realistic to dynamic. Her love of color is evident in her work. Loring combines her lifelong love of fabric and needle crafts

with her artistic vision of developing objects and materials to be reborn into new forms. In addition, the 30 artists of the Gallery offer art in many media's, which include original paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused glass art jewelry, unique one of a kind woodturning objects, stained glass, photography, mixed media, unusual decorated gourds, handmade textile weavings, art tile, affordable natural quality gems stone jewelry, prints, cards, miniature paintings and handcrafted basket weavings.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

**MAS ART** presents work from members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, collected in an exhibit titled "For the Love of Spring" and celebrating For the Love of Art Month, through the end of February.

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

**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.

## ONGOING

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** presents a collaborative exhibit showcasing the photo-intaglio prints of artists Louis Ocepek and Mary Wolf in "Tableaux Parisiens." The work in "Tableaux Parisiens" reflects each artist's individual views and experiences gathered by walking the city of Paris over a 20-year period. Wolf said, "Intertwined in the work are our different perspectives of the vistas, architecture, people and objects we

discovered." Photo-intaglio prints in the exhibit include images of the city's metro system, cultural and public space, the small immigrant neighborhood La Goutte d'Or ("Drop of Gold") a Romanian gypsy circus found in the 11th Arrondissement, and images of museums, cemeteries and daily life on the street. "Tableaux Parisiens" will remain on display through Saturday, March 5.

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](http://www.unsettledgallery.com), email [u@unsettledgallery.com](mailto:u@unsettledgallery.com) or call 635-2285.

**ART OBSCURA GALLERY** presents "Monochaotic," an exhibit featuring work from 13 of Las Cruces' best artists – Noah MacDonald, Michael Poncé, James McVann, Philip McVann, Crook, Sam Ross, Woar2, Joshua Flores, Rafael Torres, Mama Cass, Aaron Valenzuela, Logan Howard and Deret Roberts displaying work in black and white. "Monochaotic" will remain on display through the first weekend in March.

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

**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" will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "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 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" will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

# CMI instructor screens 'The Dust Storm' at LCIFF on March 4

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"The Dust Storm," a full-length independent film written and directed by Albuquerque native Ryan Lacen and edited by New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute (CMI) graduate and current instructor Ben LaMarca, will be screened as part of the 2016 Las Cruces International Film Festival.

The Dust Storm will be shown at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4 at Allen Theatres Cineport 10, located on the west side of Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

The film is "a relationship movie; it takes you back and makes you remember that one relationship that rocked your world," Lacen said. "It's about a couple that reunites years after their rocky breakup to find their romance

reborn, tested and shaken up – all while encompassing the heartbeat of the southern music scene."

"I've been writing it my entire life," Lacen said. "This was the most honest script I've written. Every character in there spawned from a different encounter in my life." He co-directed the film with his friend and colleague, Anthony Baldino, and produced it "with my closest film friends," he said, calling on "love and favors from my years in the industry. You can see it on screen. It became something special. It's a little independent film with a big heart."

LaMarca spent more than three months working on the film in LA, Nashville and Las Cruces, editing a 40-hour rough cut down to a 96-minute feature film.

Lacen's "killer cast" for The Dust Storm includes Colin O'Donoghue, an Irish actor and musician probably best known for his role as Captain Killian "Hook" Jones on the ABC television show "Once Upon a Time"; Kristen Gutoskie of the CW TV series "Containment"; Jim O'Heir, who played Garry Gergich on the hit NBC TV se-

ries "Parks and Recreation"; and actor, singer and former model Chris Carmack, best known for his roles in the ABC TV series "Nashville" and Fox's "The O.C."

The film wrapped in July, after more than a year of work, including pre- and post-production, filming, editing and scoring, Lacen said. It premiered at the Twin Cities Film Festival in Minneapolis in October 2015.

LaMarca, 32, was born at Mile Marker 131 on Interstate 10 as his father was driving his mother from Lordsburg to Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces for his birth. He was one of the first graduates of CMI in 2005, and has returned as a visiting college instructor. LaMarca has been a successful film editor for the past three-plus years in Los Angeles, where he met Lacen and started working with him on "The Dust Storm."

For more information about "The Dust Storm" and to see a trailer, visit [www.theduststormfilm.com](http://www.theduststormfilm.com). For more information, the full lineup of movies showing during the Las Cruces International Film Festival and to buy tickets, visit [www.lciffest.com](http://www.lciffest.com).

**Mesilla Valley  
Concert Band** Sunday, February 28,  
3:00PM  
NMSU Atkinson Hall  
FREE Admission



The Mesilla Valley Concert Band is pleased to present another free concert on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Atkinson Recital Hall in the Music Center at NMSU. In addition to a favorite Sousa march, special band numbers will include Shostakovich's "Folk Dances", conducted by our own Jim Young; Andrew Boysen's beautiful love song "Song for Lyndsay", conducted by Centennial HS band director Joseph Flores; and several other exciting pieces conducted by our own John Schutz will round out the program. As an added treat, the concert will include special guest ensemble, The El Paso Brass. The El Paso Brass has been performing regularly since its founding over 40 years ago. The quintet includes key members of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and other distinguished musicians from the Southwest. You'll not want to miss this very entertaining performance on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



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March 13, 2016 • 3 pm

**Barrage 8 LED Light Show & Concert**  
April 3, 2016 • 6pm

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# AtTheMovies

## Coming soon on DVD *March 1*

### Creed

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Michael B. Jordan  
Director: Ryan Coogler

### The Danish Girl

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Alicia Vikander  
Director: Tom Hooper

### The Night Before

Rated: R  
Starring: Comedy  
Starring: Seth Rogen, Joseph-Gordon Levitt  
Director: Jonathan Levine

### Room

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Brie Larsen, Jacob Tremblay  
Director: Lenny Abrahamson

## Top-grossing Feb. 19-21

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| <b>1</b> <b>Deadpool (Week No. 2)</b><br>\$56,470,167        | <b>6</b> <b>Race (Week No. 1)</b><br>\$7,353,922                       |
| <b>2</b> <b>Kung Fu Panda 3 (Week No. 4)</b><br>\$12,516,601 | <b>7</b> <b>Zoolander 2 (Week No. 2)</b><br>\$5,455,344                |
| <b>3</b> <b>Risen (Week No. 1)</b><br>\$11,801,271           | <b>8</b> <b>Star Wars: The Force Awakens (Week No. 10)</b> \$3,907,295 |
| <b>4</b> <b>The Witch (Week No. 1)</b><br>\$8,800,230        | <b>9</b> <b>The Revenant (Week No. 9)</b><br>\$3,866,741               |
| <b>5</b> <b>How to Be Single (Week No. 2)</b><br>\$8,202,430 | <b>10</b> <b>Hail, Caesar! (Week No. 3)</b><br>\$2,745,705             |

# Picking the Flicks



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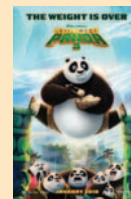
### Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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



### 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



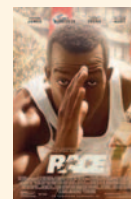
### The Boy

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



### Race

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Track star Jesse Owens is thrust onto the world stage at the 1936 Olympics, facing off against the Germans and crushing Adolf Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy.  
Starring: Stephan James, Jason Sudekis  
Director: Stephens Hopkins



### Deadpool

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



### How to be Single

Plot Overview: New Yorkers Alice, Robin, Lucy, Meg, Tom and David all have in common the need to learn how to be single in a world filled with ever-evolving definitions of love.  
Starring: Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson  
Director: Christian Ditter



### Risen

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Following the Biblical story of the Resurrection through the eyes of a nonbeliever, Clavius and aide Lucius are tasked with finding out what happened to Jesus after the crucifixion.  
Starring: Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton  
Director: Kevin Reynolds



### 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 Brodin, George Clooney  
Director: Joel and Ethan Coen



### The Witch

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: A 1930s New England family falls victim to the forces of possession, witchcraft and black magic.  
Starring: Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Ineson  
Director: Robert Eggers



### Zoolander 2

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Back to modeling, Derek Zoolander and Hansel take on a company that's pushing them out of the business.  
Starring: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson  
Director: Ben Stiller



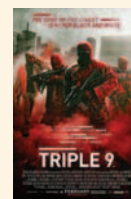
### Gods of Egypt

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Bek, a mortal, teams with the god Horus in their fight against Set, the god of darkness who has taken Egypt's throne.  
Starring: Brenton Thwaites, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau  
Director: Alex Proyas



### Triple 9

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: A gang of dirty cops and criminals is blackmailed by the Russian mob to pull off a near-impossible heist.  
Starring: Casey Affleck, Chiwetel Ejiofor  
Director: John Hillcoat



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### Eddie the Eagle

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: The true story of Eddie Edwards, tenacious underdog British ski jumper who captured the world's attention in the 1988 Winter Olympics.  
Starring: Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman  
Director: Dexter Fletcher



### Room

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: Following their escape from the home they'd been held in his entire life, five-year-old Jack and his mother discover the world for the first time.  
Starring: Brie Larsen, Jacob Tremblay  
Director: Lenny Abrahamson



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# What's up with the Orthodox Church (again)?

Please bear with me this week as I turn to in-house issues with the Orthodox Church. This is necessary not only because everyone knows about the recent meeting between the Patriarch of Moscow and the Pope, but because of inaccuracies in reporting in the wake of the meeting.

Let me remind readers that Orthodoxy is the oldest form of Christianity in the world; the original mission outposts of the church that became episcopal centers were Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem, Rome and Byzantium, renamed Constantinople. These trace back to mission efforts on the part of the original Apostles and their descendants. If we could turn back the years, Christianity was a world religion, almost wholly united east and west, prior to the year 1000.

A widening gap grew, for many reasons, some linguistic, some liturgical, and some because of political circumstances, between the East and West of the Orthodox Catholic Church. That gap culminated in the schism of the



**Gabriel Rochelle**  
*Tales from the Cassock*

11th Century. Since then, efforts have been made to heal the split, but the 16th Century Reformation increased the divisions, thus further splitting the Western church.

The meeting of Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Church with Pope Francis in Cuba earlier this month was highly touted but poorly reported from an historical perspective and naïve about its significance. Reports said that this was the first meeting between a leader of the Russian Church and the Pope since 1054. In fact it was the first meeting ever, because the church in Russia began in Kiev, the Ukraine, in 988 and was barely half a century old before the split between East and West occurred. No Moscow Patriarch ever met a Pope until Cuba. The Pope, in any case, had previously met with the Ecumenical Patriarch, the other major leader of

world Orthodoxy, in late 2014. No firsts here.

As for the significance, the media seems to expect that all such meetings are oriented toward union, because the Ecumenical Movement of the 20th Century dominated religious reporting so much. The impression was given that reunification is central to the agenda of world Christian leaders. It is not. Most of us realize that the conditions for reunification are so abysmal due to the proliferation of Christian sects that such hopes are invariably utopian. Reunification would be nothing short of a miracle, but of course we can always pray for one. It's just not likely in my or your lifetime.

So what is the function of these meetings? What's at stake if not union? For the Pope I believe these are occasions to reach out, as leader of the Western Church, to embrace the leaders of the East as a token of the underlying unity that already joins both churches. After all is said and done, we are and remain far closer to one another than we are to

any Protestant groups. For the Patriarch of Moscow, this was an opportunity to flex his muscle on the eve of the Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church scheduled on Crete in June of this year. There are fourteen patriarchates and autonomous churches in Orthodoxy. There is ongoing jockeying for power between the two, Moscow and Constantinople, since they are the major leaders and represent the majority of the Orthodox population of the world. Patriarch Kirill's visit with the Pope gave an opportunity to demonstrate his importance for world Orthodoxy.

For those who wish to engage further on this, our Bishop Daniel, who is quite conversant with the world scene, will be with us this weekend. Look for three specific occasions oriented to the public announced in the religion notices on these pages.

*Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit the church web site at <http://stanthonylc.org>.*



## It's here!

The blooming of the Flowering Plum trees all around Las Cruces lets us know that spring has arrived.

PHOTOS BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK



## RELIGION LISTINGS

### Spirituals concert at church

Culminating Black History Month, the Voices of Bethel Choir of Bethel Second Baptist Church present the 22nd Annual Spirituals Concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 405 E. Hadley Ave. Guest musician will be Marvina "Cooky" Levy, assistant minister of music at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Albuquerque. Guest choirs are NMSU Gospel Choir, Hill Baptist Church, the Hand Bell Choir from University Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church Choir. The community is invited.

### Orthodox Bishop to visit Las Cruces

Bishop Daniel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church will visit St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda, on

Feb. 26-28. The community is invited to join the church for several events, including: 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, Bishop Daniel meets with the Model UN group from NMSU at the church; at 5 p.m. on Saturday the Bishop will attend Vespers and a potluck supper. On Sunday, Feb. 28, he will preside at the Divine Liturgy, followed by a potluck luncheon. For information, contact Fr. Gabriel at 323-1038.


### Science of Mind Magazine discussion

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## *Yard of the Month*



The High Range Neighborhood Association Yard of the Month goes to Linda Kichel on Frontier Drive.

## BRIEFS

### **Gardening classes continue in March**

Jackye Meinecke (former owner of Enchanted Gardens and local gardening expert) will be conducting gardening classes on Saturdays 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](mailto:gardens@zianet.com) or call 323-0903. The next class is Saturday, March 5

— Organic Vegetable Gardening: Grow your own produce with skills adapted to southwest gardening. From soils to plants, learn what you need for a successful vegetable garden.

### **Community garden plots available March 1**

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department has community garden plots available to the public for summer planting starting March 1.

Register at the Parks and Recre-

ation Department office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave.

Registration is open until all plots are leased. The cost of a lease from March 1 through Nov. 30 is \$15. Plots are available at the following gardens: Las Esperanzas Community Garden, 341 E. Picacho Ave, Tony Gomez Community Garden, 2250 S. Espina St. and Sage Community Garden, 6121 Reynolds Dr. Only one space per person may be leased and spaces are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information call 541-2550.



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# The Inverted Jenny: A valuable rarity

By Armando C. Angel  
For the Mesilla Valley Stamp Club

On May 10, 1918, the U.S. Postal Service issued a 24-cent stamp for the new air-mail service featuring a Curtiss JN-4 airplane nicknamed the Jenny. The bicolor stamp was printed with a red frame and a blue "aero plane" in the center. A bicolor stamp requires two printings: first the frame is printed in a flat press and then the airplane in the center is printed.

During the printing process, one of the new Jenny stamp sheets was inadvertently placed upside down for the second print, causing the image of the plane to be inverted as well.

An astute stamp collector named William T. Robey, in the post office to buy some of the new stamps, noticed a sheet of 100 stamps with the mistake. He bought the entire sheet for \$24. He then sold the sheet to stamp dealer Eugene Klein for \$15,000. Klein sold the sheet to Colonel H.R. Green for \$20,000. Green separated the stamps and priced them at \$200 each.

He placed one of the stamps in a gold locket for his wife, but many of the rest were lost or stolen. Mrs. Green's locket recently sold for approximately \$20,000.



The rare and valuable 'Jenny' stamp was mistakenly printed upside down in 1918. One hundred inverted stamps were produced during that printing run. In 2016, a single inverted Jenny can sell for as much as \$350,000.

The price of the remaining Jennies increased to about \$150,000 each, and a recent single stamp sold for \$350,000. In 2013, a block of four stamps sold for \$2.9 million dollars.

But there's more. In 2013,

the U.S. Postal Service prepared a 95th anniversary souvenir sheet with inverted Jennies for \$2. The Postal Service also printed 100 sheets with the plane upright. This created an instant rarity which

were supposed to be distributed randomly in post offices around the country. However, this didn't happen, and approximately 50 copies have been found and sold for roughly \$50,000 each.

## Stamp Club show set for March 13

The Mesilla Valley Stamp Club will host its 26th stamp show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The Stamp show has something to offer everyone from beginners and intermediate collectors to advanced philatelists and the general public.

Stamp collectors, both local and from out of town, will exhibit their stamps and compete for awards.

Stamp dealers from four states will bring their varied and specialized stocks of worldwide stamps, postal history and supplies. They will be buying stamps as well as selling. Young collectors can pick up free stamps at the junior stamp collectors' table.

Whether you're looking to start a collection or would like an expert to evaluate what you already have, the show has something for you. Hourly door prizes will be given out and admission to the show is free. For information, call 202-1937.

## BRIEFS

### Jiffy Lube "What Drives You?" scholarship deadline nearing

Since 2007, the Jiffy Lube "What Drives You?" High School Scholarship program has awarded scholarships to local New Mexico high school students. Funded locally by Jiffy Lube of New Mexico, the scholarship asks high school students to express their goals, passion and drive in a 500-word essay that details their ambitions for the future.

This year, the program will award two \$2,000 scholarships to two New Mexico high school students totaling

\$4,000 in all.

Scholarship submission deadlines for the 2015-16 school year are March 11, 2016 for licensed teen drivers and April 22, 2016 for students enrolled in driver's education.

The Jiffy Lube scholarship opportunity is open to all students regardless of test scores or grades, enrolled in a New Mexico high school, and either currently taking driver's education or who are already licensed.

Scholarship money will go directly towards secondary education, in the form of college or other qualified technical or professional programs chosen by each winning student.

For more information about the Jiffy Lube New Mexico "What Drives You?" scholarship program, talk with your child's driver's education teacher, high school counselor or visit [www.myjiffy.com](http://www.myjiffy.com) or [www.yourturn2apply.com](http://www.yourturn2apply.com).

### Judges and volunteers needed for Science and Engineering Fair

The New Mexico State University College of Engineering is seeking judges and volunteers for the 2016 Southwest New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5. The Southwest New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair is affiliated with the Intel State and International Science and Engineering Fairs.

Eligible students will advance to the State and International Fairs and compete against more than 1,000 International Fair contestants. Event coordinators are seeking judges in all categories and levels for Saturday, March 5 and volunteers to help with set-up, registration, judging and the awards ceremony Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5. For more information and judge and volunteer forms, visit <http://scifair.nmsu.edu>.

# Track team raises money



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Members of the Centennial High School track team took advantage of the warm spring weather on Saturday, Feb. 20 to raise funds for their season. Left to right: Ela Sandoval, Cori Hanson and Savannah Loera make a customer's truck sparkle. The team earned approximately \$4,000 during the event, which was hosted by Sandoval Construction.

# New Mexico drought may be over; weather trackers invited to join up

"We're much better off this year than last year," said State Climatologist David DuBois, who is part of the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

DuBois, speaking at the Wednesday, Feb. 10 Doña Ana County Extension Service master gardener meeting, said the state is now experiencing more rainfall and slightly cooler temperatures than in the past.

He also invited master gardeners and anyone else who is interested to join the national Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) to help track local weather conditions for the national nonprofit organization that measures and maps precipitation nationwide.

DuBois said NMSU has weather data dating back to Jan. 1, 1892. The New Mexico Climate Center (NMCC), which DuBois manages at NMSU, operates a network of weather stations locally and elsewhere in New Mexico to gather data and provide "a wide-ranging view of weather around the state," according to an NMCC brochure. The center also disseminates climate information

through its website, blog and twitter account.

Data shows that 2012 was the warmest year on record (2015 was fourth), DuBois said, with an average statewide temperature of 64.5 degrees. The coldest year on record was 1948, with an average temperature of 56 degrees. The wettest year in the past 124 years was 1941, with

19.6 inches of rain recorded. The state's driest year was 1970, which had only 3.44 inches of rain and snowfall, he said.

The past three months show Las Cruces and the entire state well above average for recorded moisture, DuBois said. Water year 2016, which began last Oct. 1, is at 195 percent of average, making it the third wettest year on record, DuBois said.

Nearly 5.45 inches of rain and snow have been recorded since the water year began, compared to less than three inches during the same period last year.

Since 2011, the state has an 8.84-inch deficit of precipitation. That's "almost a year's worth of rain that we're missing over the last five years," DuBois said. There's been a "huge improvement" in precipitation since June 2013, he said.

### GET INVOLVED

CoCoRaHS began in the state in 2005. DuBois is the state coordinator. For more information on CoCoRaHS, including how to join, visit [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org).

Contact DuBois at 646-2974 or [dwdubois@nmsu.edu](mailto:dwdubois@nmsu.edu). Visit <http://weather.nmsu.edu>, <http://nmclimatecenter.blogspot.com>, <http://youtube.com/nmclimate> and <http://facebook.com/nmclimate>.

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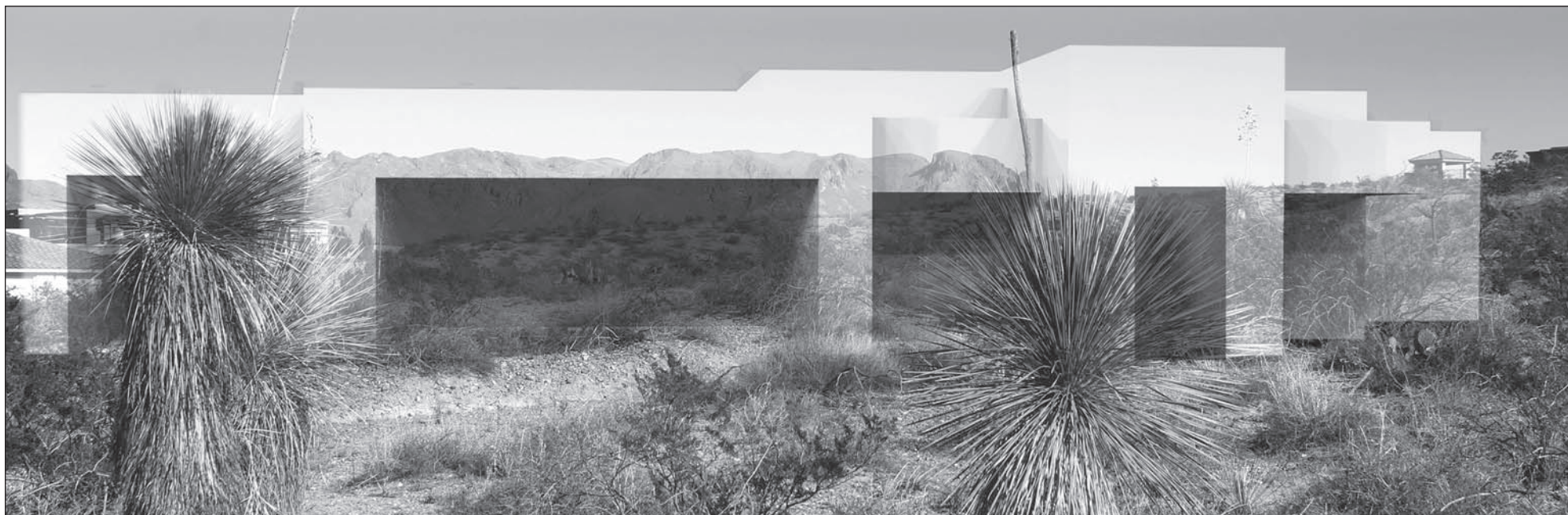
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## FROM THE GROUND UP: *A series by Susie Ouderkirk periodically showcasing the building of a New Mexican home in Las Cruces*



In part two of our series, "From the Ground Up," an artistic rendering of the home is ghosted onto the original photo of the lot, introduced in the Bulletin last week (Feb. 19.) The rendering is by Home Designer Steve Calderazzo. Keep an eye out for future articles about the building of a New Mexican house.

# Get good morning nutrition as clocks move forward

It's almost time to spring forward. On March 13 clocks need to be set an hour later. Some bemoan the Daylight Savings Time (DST) change in that it robs them of sleep, throwing circadian rhythms off. Not good if recent reports are true — Americans are already sleep deprived.

On the positive side, staying lighter later means more time can be spent outdoors. If nighttime driving isn't for you, extended daylight is a plus. One report stated that business is better when the sun shines later into the night, thus more time to shop till you drop. Extended daylight tends to make us feel healthier, happier, and more active and productive.

Whether you're for or against DST, the time change can be tough for some, especially for those who stay up later yet still need to rise early. Although our bodies adjust to the time change eventually, it's not pleasant getting there. Expect tired, sluggish, and grouchy mornings for several days or maybe even weeks.

We've all read that eating breakfast is good for us. Benefits are plenty. Studies show that concentration, alertness, and moods improve significantly. My personal scientific research concludes that chile-charged breakfasts are best. Why? The burn from its bite and resultant rush is an eye opener and helps the "bod" get in gear for the long day ahead. I suggest preparing a snappy, siz-



**Sunny Conley**  
*Chile Knights*

zling-hot breakfast casserole the night before clocks are changed. Refrigerate the fixin's overnight and bake the next morning. Transitioning to Daylight Savings Time won't seem so awful after all.

### Hot and Savory French Toast Casserole (Yield: 12-18 servings)

10 cups French bread cut into 1-inch cubes  
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8 ounces crimini mushrooms, sliced  
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8 medium-large eggs  
2 cups milk  
½ cup half and half  
Salt and pepper  
2 cups shredded Monterey jack cheese  
Sour cream, salsa and cilantro, for serving

Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Put the cubes of French bread in the dish. Set aside.

In a large skillet over medium heat,

brown the sausage, breaking it apart as it is cooking. Cook until it is cooked through. Remove to a bowl, keeping the grease in the pan.

Add the mushrooms to the pan and cook until browned and softened. Add the mushrooms to the bowl with the sausage. Add in the green chiles and stir all to combine. Pour the sausage mixture over the bread in the baking dish, distributing as evenly as possible. Sprinkle the cheese evenly over the top.

In another bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk and half and half. Season with salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture on top of the sausage and bread, making sure the bread all gets saturated by the egg mixture. Cover the dish with foil and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Bake the casserole, uncovered, for 50-60 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean. Serve with sour cream, salsa and cilantro, if desired.

### Smoky Black Bean and Bacon Casserole (Yield: About 6 servings)

1 (14 ounce) can black beans or pinto beans, drained and rinsed  
2 (10 ounce) cans Rotel, drained  
¼ teaspoon kosher salt

2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend  
2 slices thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled  
5 large eggs  
½ cp low-fat milk  
1/2 T. Chipotle Tabasco sauce  
8 corn tortillas

In a large bowl, stir together black beans, Rotel, and salt.

Spread heaping ¼ cup of bean mixture on the bottom of a greased 9x9-inch baking dish.

Place 4 tortillas over the bean mixture, overlapping tortillas slightly. Layer half of bean mixture and then 1 cup of shredded cheese over tortillas. Add another layer with remaining 4 tortillas. Top with remaining bean mixture. Sprinkle crumbled bacon over bean mixture.

In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, and Chipotle Tabasco sauce.

Pour egg mixture evenly over dish. Cover, and chill for at least 3 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spray one side of a sheet of aluminum foil with nonstick cooking spray, and cover baking pan tightly with foil. Bake for 30-40 minutes. Top with remaining 1 cup cheese. Return to oven, and bake, uncovered, for another 5-10 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5-10 minutes, uncovered, before serving. (Recipe inspired by *ihearteating.com*.)

# LEGAL NOTICES

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## Legal Notice

### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 16-0034

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL M. POSEY a/k/a HAZEL MAY POSEY DECEASED

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that SANDRA REITZER has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 9, 2016.

**SANDRA REITZER**  
5616 England Drive  
Santa Teresa, NM 88008

Prepared by:  
**ALAN D. GLUTH**  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri,  
Suite A  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 28, 2016, Salvador Nunez on behalf of the Salvador and Alejandrina Nunez Trust, PO Box 70, Mesilla, NM 88046 filed application numbered LRG-1605-POD12, OSE File No. LRG-1605-C, 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-1605 located at X = 1,468,599.1 Y = 464,355.3 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-1605-POD12 located at approximately X = 1,468,647 Y = 464,384 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 4.86 acres of land owned

by the applicant located within part of the SE1/4 of projected Sec 26, T23S, R01E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-012-0222 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-1605-POD12 will be located in Mesilla, NM at approximately 144 feet west of the intersection of Valle Grande and Paisano Rd. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-1605 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 29, 2016, Triple A Farms, LLC, 4320 Pantera Cir., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-823-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right, LRG-823, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed supplemental well LRG-823-POD4 to a depth of 500 feet with a 20-inch casing at or near X=1,456,062 ft and Y=486,002 ft (NMSP, Central Zn NAD83), on land owned by applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-823 and LRG-823-S for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determi-

nation by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 119.18 acres of land owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4, SW1/4 and SE1/4 of proj. Sec. 4, T23S, R1E (NMPM). The site of proposed well LRG-823-POD4 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 2,300 feet north of the intersection of Shalem Colony Trl. and Coral Rd, 2/3-mile north of Picacho, NM. Emergency Authorization to Drill the well was requested per §72-12-24 NMSA.

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: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00010  
Judge Mary Rosner

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIETTA FAY MILLER, 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 in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: February 11, 2016

/s/Jeri Hamner  
Jeri Hamner, Personal Representative of the Estate of Marietta Fay Miller, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
PO Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01955

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**VICTOR ARREOLA, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICTOR ARREOLA (true name unknown); ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ, aka ELIZABETH M. ARREOLA, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ, aka ELIZABETH M. ARREOLA (true name unknown); NEW MEXICO DEPART-**

**MENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 23, 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 2675 Golden Sun Drive, Chaparral, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lots 22 and 23, Block 12, of Desert Aire Estates, as shown on plat filed in the office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 2, 1960, recorded in Plat Book 1, page 48, Plat Records,

### INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

| Description                           | Number     | Pre-Bid/<br>Pre-Proposal Meeting | Due Date / Time           |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Armored Transportation and Depository | 15-16-134A | N/A                              | March 8, 2016 / 2:00 PM   |
| Spring 2016 Hotmix for Overlay        | 15-16-153  | N/A                              | March 10, 2016 / 10:00 AM |

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Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to [bidclerk@las-cruces.org](mailto:bidclerk@las-cruces.org)

Dates 2/26/16

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: 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 03/18, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02142

**Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually**

**but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SCOTT LARABEE; MELISSA LARABEE; STATE NATIONAL BANK, nka COMPASS BANK; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

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Lot 33H, Block 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 6, 1966, in Book 9 Page 97 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2003 Palm Harbor VIN No. PH193487UX.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 25, 2015, being



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Dates 2/26/16









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COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 23, 2004 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21 AT PAGES 84-89, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on March 29, 2016**, at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted 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 December 10, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 169,878.06, with interest at the rate of 5.575% per annum from October 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$4,817.09 .

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A

BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption . **PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

By: Margaret Lake, Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank NE, Suite A3  
Albuquerque, NM 87123

(505)715-3711

1 NM-14-640925-JUD  
IDSPub #0102200

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3/11/2016 3/18/2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00901

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**HOLLY SHERIDAN AND JOHN DOE SHERIDAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2106 Pine Needle Way, Las Cruces, NM 88012-6033, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK 6, THE PINES, UNIT TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 1, 1995, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 303-304 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on March 31, 2016**, on the front steps of the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County

of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, NA . WELLS FARGO BANK, NA was awarded a Judgment on November 13, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 119,043.95, with interest at the rate of 5.250% per annum from September 29, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$3,150.59.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master  
c/o Legal Process Network  
P.O. Box 51526  
Albuquerque, NM 87181  
505-417-4113

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IDSPub #0102080

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**Help Wanted Full-Time**

**Help Wanted - Professional Administrative**

Existing K-8 Charter School in Las Cruces, New Mexico, is seeking applicants for Head Administrator. Interested persons may go the school website: [jpaultayloracademy.org](http://jpaultayloracademy.org) to view applicant qualifications, learn more about the school, familiarize themselves with the charter, and obtain an application. A completed application and current resume may be delivered in person or mailed to:

J Paul Taylor Academy  
Attn: HA Search Committee  
402 W. Court Bldg 2,  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
or emailed to:  
GC@jpaultayloracademy.org  
Closing date and time:  
4:00pm (MST)  
March 11, 2016

**NMSU - Accountant, Sr.**  
Performs a variety of complex accounting functions in a dynamic organization. A Bachelor's degree in Accountancy and three (3) years of professional experience is required. For more details and to apply, please log on to the NMSU website at <http://jobs.nmsu.edu/> and select **Posting #1600056S. Posting closes 3/2/16.**

**NMSU - Program Manager**  
Researcher and writer responsible for developing a wide variety of written materials including proposals, reports, presentations, newsletters, plans, and assessments for the NMSU Arrowhead Center. Bachelor's degree in a related field and five (5) years of professional experience required. For more details and to apply, please log on to the NMSU website at <http://jobs.nmsu.edu/> and select **Posting #1600060S.**

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**Miscellaneous**

Mesilla Valley Stamp Club will host its 26th stamp show in Southern New Mexico at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Sat. March 12, 10am to 5pm and Sun. March 13th, from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free.

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- Crate 16-watt Palamino tube amp..... \$300
- New full size violin, case, bow..... \$200
- Marshall MG100 amp & 4 x 12 cabinet..... \$300
- Shure 5M57 mic mint ..... \$ 60
- Sennheiser 835 vocal mic ..... \$ 65
- Ohanna concert uke..... \$139
- Vintage Alvarez 6-string bass ..... \$517

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Responsibilities include providing support to the department with a variety of electronic banking related products and services.

Ideal candidates must be customer service oriented and possess a strong attention to detail as well as strong communication skills. Computer knowledge required; Microsoft Word and Excel used on a daily basis.

Interested candidates must be able to successfully pass a pre-employment credit, background and reference check.

Applications available on line at [firstamb.com](http://firstamb.com) and may be submitted to: First American Bank Attn: HR Dept. PO Box AA Artesia, NM 88210

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**Junior Underwriter & Loan Processor**

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Ideal candidates should possess a working knowledge and/or experience with FHA, VA, conventional mortgages, real estate appraisals, surveys and government regulations as they apply to real estate lending. Computer knowledge required; Microsoft Word and Excel used on a daily basis. .

Positions require a high level of attention to detail as well as being able to multi-task in a professional setting. Candidates must possess excellent customer service abilities. Confidentiality is a must. High school diploma required, prior experience in real estate is preferred.

Interested candidates must be able to successfully pass a pre-employment credit, background and reference check.

Applications available on line at [firstamb.com](http://firstamb.com) and may be submitted to: First American Bank Attn: HR Dept. PO Box AA Artesia, NM 88210

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## Virus contained; racing to start at Sunland on Feb. 26

By **Susie Ouderkirk**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After halting horse racing and quarantining Sunland Park Race-track and a number of nearby training facilities on January 22, The New Mexico Racing Commission continues to closely monitor an outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus making its way through the area. A spokesman for Sunland Park stated by telephone that live racing is scheduled to begin again on Friday, Feb. 26.

The Livestock Board and Racing Commission emphasizes that EHV-1 is not contagious to humans, but spreads quickly through the equine population via direct

contact, feed and water buckets, grooming equipment, tack, bridles and trailers.

EHV-1 can cause severe neurological problems in horses and, according to the New Mexico Livestock Board website, 72 racehorses in New Mexico and 2 in Texas (around the Sunland Park area) have been diagnosed with EHV-1 to date. Katie Goetz from the Department of Agriculture said, "It's important to remember that cases of EHV-1 are not always fatal." As many as five horses per day are being released from the isolation barn.

A major indicator of the virus is a high fever, so all horses are required to have their temperatures

taken twice a day.

"The results are logged in and reported to both Sunland Park and the Racing Commission," said Dan Fick, acting director of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

There are 21 barns that were exposed to the virus that have been returned to non-exposed status to date.

One critical element that has facilitated the timely and effective handling of the Sunland Park virus outbreak is the proactive communication between track veterinarian Dr. Alexandra Eckhoff, who speaks both English and Spanish, and the track staff, employees and workers.

## The fault in our cars: AG files suit against carmakers

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas announced in January that he filed suit on behalf of the State of New Mexico against Volkswagen, Porsche, Audi, and their U.S. subsidiaries for state air quality control act and deceptive trade practice act violations. The Attorney General's suit stems from Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche's admitted use of emissions-cheating software in diesel-powered vehicles delivered and sold throughout New Mexico, as well as from those companies' false advertisement portraying those diesel vehicles as being clean-running and eco-friendly.

"At this point, defen-

dants have all agreed to accept service of the complaint," said AG Communications Director James Halinan. "The case is underway, and we will be taking preliminary steps to aggressively prosecute the case on behalf of the State of New Mexico. We anticipate the court will set a case management conference in the near future, at which point we will have a clearer picture of key filing and hearing dates. With respect to the multi-district litigation, Attorney General Balderas has the benefit and the right to file suit in New Mexico, and we believe that the case will stay here until

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## Voyagers Travel Center announces spring trip

Voyagers Travel Center, which is part of the Las Cruces Senior Citizens Corporation, announces spring, 2016 opportunities and activities for persons 50 years and older. Apr. 16-22: Grand Canyon, Las

Vegas and the Hoover Dam. Cost: \$730 per person double; \$1,020 per person single. For more information, call Helen Glover, Voyagers Travel Center at 523-1152 or visit [lascrucesvoyagerstravelcenter.com](http://lascrucesvoyagerstravelcenter.com).

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its successful resolution.”

The lawsuit seeks a jury trial as well as damages to be determined by the court. Named plaintiffs are the State of New Mexico by Attorney General Hector Balderas; defendants are the American and German owners of Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen. Specific claims include violations of New Mexico’s Air Quality Control Act, Unfair Practices Act, and public nuisance going back to at least 2008, when the diesels were first introduced in New Mexico.

According to Hallinan, “Funds recovered by our office go into the Consumer Protection Fund which we use to fund water litigation against the U.S. government, Texas and Colorado to protect southern New Mexico’s water. We use it to fund half of our budget, which includes expansion of special agents

and prosecutors in our Las Cruces office.”

In a side note related to the recent Legislative session, Hallinan said, “Had the legislature approved it, we also would have used money from this fund to pay for a mobile forensic unit that would have been used in Doña Ana County and other southern counties to assist local law enforcement to catch child predators and child pornographers.”

The New Mexico complaint cites the carmakers’ “willful and deliberate violations of New Mexico environmental and consumer protection statutes” during an approximately seven-year charade in which Volkswagen-made vehicles were touted as being “clean diesels” and as eco-friendly tools in the fight against pollution from motor vehicle emissions.

# NMSU project to help students understand dangerous drinking

How many shots of alcohol does it take to fill a plastic, red solo cup? The answer is 11 and that’s just one of the questions New Mexico State University students are asking as part of the “Aggies Winning Choices: Awareness, Education, and Smart Decision-Making about Binge Drinking” project.

Jennifer Stacy and Jonah Barnes-Moore, New Mexico State University public health seniors, are peer-educators on the research project “Aggies Winning Choices” to help educate students about alcohol consumption and reduce binge drinking among undergraduates.

“Aggies Winning Choices” is a three-year NCAA CHOICES grant and collaboration between NMSU’s Department of Public Health Sciences in the College of Health and Social Services, NMSU Athletics Department,

Campus Health Center and NMSU Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education (WAVE) program, which began in fall 2015. The \$30,000 grant aims to reduce binge drinking in NMSU undergraduate students using social marketing and a harm reduction perspective by raising awareness about the topic.

“Our goal in writing the grant was not to moralize with students and tell them there is only one choice and that is not drinking, but our goal was to help students learn that when you engage in drinking to understand where you limitations are and to make smart choices,” said Satya Rao, professor, undergraduate program coordinator and graduate public health certificate program coordinator. “That’s the focus – to know when you can drink and when you drink too much

– to understand that line that we all have and it’s very personal.”

Binge drinking is defined as consuming several alcohol drinks in a short period of time, typically five drinks for men and four drinks for women in one sitting.

According to a report from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, each year about 2,000 college students die from alcohol-related injuries, while about 700,000 students are assaulted by another student and about 100,000 students are victims of sexual assault or date rape by another student, who has been drinking.

At NMSU, about 33 percent of students don’t drink alcohol, 46 percent have reported binge drinking, and of the students who drink, 71 percent don’t drink and drive.



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# Rosemary known as 'the herb of remembrance'

By Trish McCall

## Rosemary

**Latin name:** Rosmarinus officinalis

**Part used:** Leaves

Native to the Mediterranean coast, rosemary is a member of the Lamiaceae, or mint plant family. Its common and genus names come from the Latin *ros*, meaning "dew," and *marinus* meaning "of the sea," referring to its indigenous growth preference. While many associate rosemary as a culinary herb, it is also powerful medicine.

Rosemary is, in general, stimulating. Some have even used rosemary tea as an energizing substitute for coffee. While it does not contain the caffeine that coffee does, one way that rosemary works is by stimulating metabolism, particularly the body's usage of blood sugars and fats. Rosemary makes more blood sugar available to the brain and the heart, which rely heavily on this as an energy source. Additionally, rosemary exerts a general warming and cleansing action throughout the body. It invigorates the lungs and thus increases oxygenation throughout the body.

Since ancient times, rosemary has been called "the herb of remembrance." Indeed, Greek scholars used to wear laurels of rosemary about their heads, which was claimed to help them think clearly during

exams. As is often the case, modern research has confirmed what the Greeks knew long ago. Rosemary contains a constituent called carnosic acid, which prevents free radical damage in the brain. Free radical damage is thought to be a contributing factor in stroke, Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Thus, rosemary is often used as a preventive for these diseases. Because it helps support the memory, it's a good herb for the elderly diet.



Rosemary has an affinity for the cardiovascular system. It's immensely rich in antioxidants. It stimulates circulation and gets blood moving out into the peripheral capillaries, so it's a good herb to use when there's loss of sensation and/or coldness in the extremities due to poor circulation. Rosemary also helps to strengthen the arteries and the heart. Its stimulating properties are of value to those with low blood pressure. It's considered a general heart tonic, and has been used as a treatment for cardiac edema and congestive heart

failure. If you have a heart condition and are interested in trying rosemary, consult a qualified herbalist, as its use is dependent on the constitution of the individual.

Rosemary's strengthening properties also extend to the digestive system. It's a carminative herb, which helps expel gas from the digestive tract. It calms digestive upset (other than those caused by ulcers) and is an appetite stimulant. In general, it improves digestion of foods.

Topically, rosemary is used to relieve the discomfort of muscle pain, sciatica and neuralgia. It also nourishes the glands of the skin and improves water retention, thus improving skin hydration. Rosemary is also an excellent herb for the hair. It stimulates the hair follicles and circulation in the scalp, and improves hair growth.

Rosemary can be prepared as a tea or tincture and, of course, can be added to foods. It is also available in an essential oil, which many use for topical purposes.

Pregnant women should not use therapeutic doses of rosemary, and should avoid the essential oil entirely.

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## Healthy Happenings

### Hands-Only CPR Training at MMC

Learn the newly accepted hands-only technique in this 30-minute class. Classes will run from 10 – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12 in the Memorial Medical Center West Annex Conference Room, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The next class is Saturday, April 9. Classes are limited to 30 participants. For information, call 524-2167.

### Breast Cancer Support Group meets Feb. 27

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation meets the fourth Saturday of each month and next meeting is Feb. 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor, Annex Bldg. (on the west side of the main entrance.) Speaker is Dr. Bishnu Rauth, Oncology, Hematology of the New Hope Cancer Center speaking on "What's New with Breast Cancer Treatment." Meetings are free, no registration required and open to all. For information, call 524-4373.

### Run/Walk to benefit St. Luke's Clinic for the homeless

Run with your Doc 2016, a benefit for Saint Luke's Health Care Clinic takes place on Saturday, Feb. 27. The 1-mile Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m.; the 5K and 10K Runs start at 8:30 a.m. at the DACC East Mesa Campus, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. \$25.00 per person before Feb. 19. T-shirt included; teams allowed. Online registration is:

[www.raceadventuresunlimited.com](http://www.raceadventuresunlimited.com) or call 915-274-5222.

### Upcoming Aquatic Center events

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department presents Water Polo Camp at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, offering fundamentals in the sport of water polo for children 6 – 12 years of age. Camp is Monday, Wednesday, Friday, March 7, 9, 11, 21, 23, and 25. Register through March 4 at the Aquatic Center, Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per participant.

Spring Swim Lessons start March 1 at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday. (No classes March 15 and 17.) Classes will be held for both Learn to Swim and Pre-School lessons. Cost per session is \$45. Level "Completion Certificates" are required or participant must take a swim evaluation. Swim evaluations are available throughout February, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No evaluations during registration times. Class space is limited. Register at the Aquatic Center Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Classes are held at 1401 E. Hadley Ave. For information call the Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

### Mountain View Sr. Circle presents 'Doctor's Orders' cancer talk

"The Truth About Cancer" the quest for the cure continues - episode #10 "Doctor's Orders," from 2 to 3:30

p.m. on Thursday March 3. Presenter: Laura Smart, Independent health & wellness consultant. For information, contact Laura at [laurasmart@comcast.net](mailto:laurasmart@comcast.net) or 425-233-9082

### Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

Zumba takes the "work" out of workout. A mix of Latin and World rhythms mixed with low and high intensity moves provides an enjoyable total workout to energize your body and give you a serious helping of awesome! Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m., at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Call for more information: 522-0503.

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