



# Governor's budget targets safety, education, jobs

By Elva Österreich  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Legislature gathers for a 30-day budget session Tuesday, Jan. 19 in

Santa Fe. Gov. Susana Martinez announced her Fiscal Year 2017 budget proposal, which, according to a release from her office,

includes responsible budgeting and targets funding toward initiatives designed to keep New Mexicans safe, grow the state's economy, and reform and im-

prove the education of New Mexican children. The governor's \$6.46 billion budget proposal, which represents an increase in recur-

ring state spending of 3.7 percent (or \$228 million,) can be found online on the governor's

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## Fishful thinking



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Four-year-old Parker Gustine sits in front of a mobile tank and points out a catfish swimming past her Saturday, Jan. 9 during the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Many outdoor enthusiasts and vendors were on hand to display or check out the newest industry trends, products and everything related to outdoor fun. For more photos from the expo, see page A27.

## WSMR no longer accepts N.M. driver's licenses

### Bulletin report

Do you need to visit White Sands Missile Range for an event or project or even just to check out the Darth Vader helmet at the museum?

If so, you better have more than just a New Mexico driver's license.

The Army base east of Las Cruces announced that, since the New Mexico driver's license or issued identification card is not in compliance with the Federal REAL ID Act, they are no longer a valid single form of identification that can be used to gain access to the missile range.

The state's licenses can still be used at airports, though. The Department of Homeland Security extended the deadline for state driver licenses to meet REAL ID standards until Jan. 22, 2018.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum standards for the production and issuance of state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. With regard to authorized credentials for access to DOD Installations, the following forms of

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## Grant funds buy training equipment

The Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department will augment training for both volunteers and paid staff with new equipment purchased with a \$4,300 grant from the Firefighters Support Foundation, Inc.

The grant was secured in early December of 2015, and the equipment – a smoke machine, a positive-pressure fan and a hand nozzle – was delivered earlier this month.

The new smoke machine will allow training to take place in zero-

visibility environments similar to conditions common to structure fires. The other two pieces of equipment will facilitate training in systematic smoke removal to enhance visibility and effectiveness.

The Firefighters Support Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting firefighters and rescue personnel with the purchase of equipment that will enhance training and subsequently translate to higher levels of safety and effectiveness in real-life emergency responses.

The Doña Ana County Grants Administration Office worked closely with Capt. Celso Enciso of the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department to obtain the grant.

Volunteers and paid staff from all of Doña Ana County's 16 Volunteer Fire Districts will train with the new equipment at the department's training facility at 1430 Portland Dr., in Las Cruces.

"This is a great addition to our training inventory," said Interim Chief Eric Crespin.



Smoke training in progress.

## 10 jail cadets to graduate

Ten new detention center officers will be sworn in after having successfully completed the seven-week Basic Detention Officers' Academy at the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The public is invited to attend the graduation ceremony, which will take place in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center on Friday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m.

District 33 State Rep. William J. 'Bill' McCamley will deliver the commencement address, and Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Kent Wingenroth will administer the oaths of service.

The ceremony will feature the Detention Center's Honor Guard.

Graduating detention officers are: Christian Barba, Eugenio Carabajal, Robert Gonzalez, John Guerrero, Gerardo Leyva, Enoc Lira, Abraham Olague, Andrea Rodriguez, Leticia Romero and Jose Torres.

The public is encouraged to attend.

## Dog chaining rules will be modified on Jan. 16

Beginning Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, dogs throughout Doña Ana County will get some relief from chains and tethers as a portion of the county's new animal-control ordinance takes full effect.

Following a nationwide trend to abolish or severely limit the amount of time dogs can legally be chained – as well as the conditions under which limited chaining remains allowable – the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners has approved the following revisions, which Animal Control personnel in the field will be empowered to enforce.

- \* A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over a dog on his or her premises may use a tether as a temporary means of restraint only.
- \* A person shall not tether a dog to a stationary object for more than two (2) hours in any twelve (12) hour period.
- \* A person shall not tether a dog to a running line, pulley, or trolley system for more than four (4) hours in any twelve (12) hour period.
- \* A person shall not tether a dog in an unenclosed area where people or other animals are able to wander into the proximity of the tethered dog.
- \* A tether used to restrain a dog shall be at least twelve (12) feet in length. Such tether shall not enable the animal to reach beyond the owner's property.



\* A tether used to restrain a dog shall be affixed to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog.

\* A person shall not wrap a chain or tether directly around the neck or other body part of a dog.

\* A tether used to restrain a dog shall not weigh more than one-eighth (1/8) of the animal's body weight. The tether weight shall include any additional objects attached to the dog or tether, such as locks or fasteners.

\* A tether used to restrain a dog shall have working swivels on both ends and shall be fastened so that the animal may sit, walk, and lie down using natural motions.

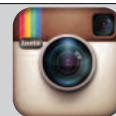
Critical definitions associated with the law include these three:

**TETHER** - To restrain an animal by means of a chain, lead, runner, cable, rope, or similar device attached either to a stationary object or to a running line, pulley, or trolley system.

**Physical Restraint.** A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over an animal shall keep the animal under humane physical restraint at all times.

**Owner's Premises.** A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over an animal on his or her premises shall restrain the animal either by a secure enclosure or by immediate control.

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# Mesilla trustee loves taking risks

**By Susie Ouder Kirk**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Stephanie Johnson-Burick has always taken risks.

She has worked in the razzle-dazzle of the gaming industry, then in the muddy-boots and barb-wire of Ralston Purina, followed by a stint on the buttoned up-but-toned down campus of New Mexico State University. Most recently she's punched the clock for the past five years at the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

Yes, Johnson-Burick — who is also a trustee with the Town of Mesilla — works at the jail.

As the recruiter/trainer for the detention center, Johnson-Burick spends her

day at the jail working on ways to increase the number of detention center employees. She has her hands full recruiting for jobs that appear to be dangerous and unpleasant: she'd like to have 185 employees and is currently 18 shy.

Due to the nature of the job, she'll see about 475 applicants during the quarterly academies, but will hire just about 50 new employees each time.

### 'One of the guys'

Johnson-Burick is naturally pretty with a bright white smile, loose chestnut hair and sharp fashion sense. She's quick to smile and comes across as innately feminine. But underneath the

sparkly exterior, she's a tomboy who embraces risk.

"I feel comfortable being one of the guys," she said.

Working predominantly with men doesn't faze her.

"I just don't notice the difference."

### Moving around

Johnson-Burick is a Las Cruces native

who has made her way out of — and back to — the area on a quest to find new and exciting places.

"I am actually from here; six generations from Mesilla. I was born in Las Cruces, but had lived in Munich, Germany, Killeen and Lubbock, Texas, Littleton, Colorado, and Las Cruces by nine

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Stephanie Johnson-Burick, a recruiter/trainer for Doña Ana County Detention Center, poses with one of her favorite co-workers, Officer Dallas, a Giant German Schnauzer.

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

### Another way of looking at MLK

#### Our world can still learn a lot from Dr. King

Martin Luther King Jr. would have been 87 today. He was only 39 when he was slain in 1968. His role in history, his role in America's Civil Rights movement from 1955-68, is undeniable.

Cities all over America have streets named for King, and we have a national holiday in his honor. All of that is well deserved. King's spiritual and intellectual leadership advanced the movement as no one else could have.

At roughly the same time, a contemporary of King's, Malcolm X, was also advocating for racial justice. Justice is the key word. Malcolm didn't necessarily care about racial equality. Malcolm was 39 when he was slain in 1965.

The two men only met once and worked different sides of the street, both literally and figuratively, but both made a difference.

When the two are compared, King is cast as the one who advocated progress through peace, while Malcolm is cast as advocating progress through violence. That is an unfortunate oversimplification, fueled by well known quotes from each man — King's "I have a dream" and Malcolm's "By any means necessary."

Here's another way of looking at Malcolm and Martin.

It's human nature for people to find differences in each other and create divisions of Us vs. Them. Primarily, the divisions are created through fear and ignorance of the differences.

Malcolm X had no problem with Us vs. Them. For a large portion of his life, he viewed whites as the devil. Given the experiences he had in his life, the characterization was justifiable. Prior to

Malcolm's rise, the Us vs. Them racial divide featured whites viewing blacks as subservient inferiors. Malcolm had no problem demonstrating differences between whites and blacks, proudly promoting the strength and power of the black man and the evil nature of the white man, creating a different kind of Us vs. Them. He dreamed one day little black boys and girls could compete with little white boys and girls in everything.

King, combining his lifelong Christian theology with the teachings of Mohandas Gandhi, worked to break down divisions of Us vs. Them. King believed humans inherently have a great deal in common. He dreamed of the day that little black boys and girls would hold hands with little white boys and girls.

Again, that's an over-

simplification of each of these fascinating, complex and dynamic leaders.

In today's world, however, it seems the fear associated with Us vs. Them is growing exponentially.

Everywhere we look, we can find Us vs. Them.

There has been great progress since the days of Malcolm and Martin, but we still have instances of Black vs. White. In Las Cruces, there are still occasional instances of Hispanic vs. Anglo. There are also instances of Hispanic vs. Hispanic; many are familiar with

the Spanish vs. Mexican divide that often exists in New Mexico.

Politically we have Conservative vs. Liberal, Republican vs. Democrat. National divides within the Republican Party have created pockets of Republican vs. Republican.

Men vs. Women, Young vs. Old; the list goes on forever.

Even divisions that, on the surface, are light-hearted and fun, can turn ugly. We have Texas vs. New Mexico, Aggies vs. Lobos, Trojans vs. Bulldawgs, Chevy vs. Ford, Honda vs. Harley, Red vs. Green. People have

stabbed and shot each other over less.

Maybe what we need is a good, old-fashioned space invasion. If an ill-willed fleet or two of spaceships from Galaxy 612 rained a laser attack on planet Earth, we might finally band together for a common cause.

Until then, we could look to Dr. King's example. Instead of building and expanding barriers between groups of humanity, we could work to reduce and eliminate barriers.

It's a big job. Some would say an impossible job. But we could start in our own lives.

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## A cautionary tale about Pleasant Valley

Once upon a time there was a beautiful little valley called Pleasant Valley. Pristine streams ran down from wooded hillsides. Wild game was abundant. Fish flourished. The peasants tilled their farms and irrigated them with mountain water. The livestock grazed the grassy meadows. It was a contented community, though lacking in material wealth.

Word of the scenic beauty of Pleasant Valley spread. People came to admire it. Some stayed. They brought with them treasured flora and fauna from their homes far away. Others followed to

do their laundry and build their homes and teach the children of the newcomers.

Those that came formed a committee to preserve the beauty of Pleasant Valley. A planned community was envisioned. Architecture and public buildings were required to conform to a style pleasing to the committee.

Streams were diverted to do the laundry of the newcomers. To water the lawns around their houses and bathe their children. The town became a city. Muddy tracks from the farm trucks detracted from the image Pleasant

Valley hoped to project. Animal smells wrinkled eco-sensitive noses. The peasants were encouraged to move to a neighboring valley.

Pleasant Valley grew. The committee imposed wood burning bans, zoned restricted agricultural areas, stressed cart pooling on the golf course and recycled the Cultural Center newsletters. After agonizing con-

sideration they built a nuclear plant because it was the cleanest and least ecologically depleting fuel. Hydro-electric power was unthinkable since it required damming a natural stream.

Eventually, the natural streams could not supply enough water to support the environmentally safe service industries that had become the lifeblood of Pleasant Valley.

The committee again considered damming the stream but the Concerned Citizens of Pleasant Valley rallied and prevented the dam's construction. They agreed to put bricks in their toilet to save water.

The committee, in desperation approached the peasants, "We want to buy your water and pump it to Pleasant Valley." The peasants asked

how they would irrigate their crops and water their stock if they gave up their streams?

"It doesn't matter," explained the committee, "You will be rich."

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**Christine Anderson**  
For The Bulletin



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vertical launch. Many have attempted this for years but only now are we seeing its achievement—and the best is yet to come!

The spaceport has already generated over 2000 jobs, currently employs a staff of 50 between Spaceport America and Virgin Galactic and has 28 New Mexico support contrac-

tors. We have attracted over 6000 guests to our Visitor Center since June and have conducted real-time virtual education classes with over 1000 sixth graders from Sierra and Doña Ana Counties since September. The first major motion picture was filmed at Spaceport America in September and we conducted our 24th launch

in November. As much as I like the Rail Runner, we are definitely not like it!

After the successful launch from Spaceport America last November, NASA has contracted with UP Aerospace for additional suborbital payload launches which could double the number of NASA launches in 2016. We also have multiple educational launches in the pipeline. Both UNM and

New Mexico Tech have developed or are in the process of developing rocket curriculum that will culminate in flight at the spaceport. NMSU is exploring avenues of participation as well.

Progress has also been made on the spaceport southern access road project. Doña Ana County (DAC) road engineers have completed the road design and it has been submitted to the BLM. The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared by Spaceport America environmental contractors and was delivered to the BLM on Jan 8, 2016. The EA will be made public for a 30 day review on the BLM's website. If all goes smoothly, it is expected DAC can release the RFP in mid-May with an award in early summer. This road is a critical route to the spaceport from all points south.

This year is an important one for us. We are transitioning to supporting all aspects of the spaceport from our operational budget as the bonds

have been spent except for the amount reserved for the southern access road. This means things that were previously covered by bonds like construction and equipment, now must be covered by the operational budget. We are also ramping up our marketing and business development activities and expect to earn about \$4 M in FY17 but this is just not enough to operate an FAA licensed commercial spaceport. Thus, we are asking the legislature for \$2.8 M. We feel FY17 is a bridge year, as we believe our anchor tenant, Virgin Galactic, will be flying in FY18. In addition Virgin Galactic's rent goes up from \$1M per year to about \$3 M per year in 2018 per their lease. We appreciate that our request is a lot of money but we also feel that it is a relatively small amount to protect the state's \$218.5 M investment already made in the new and exciting commercial space industry.

We are about ready to launch our new, dedicated

venue brand aimed at location scouts and experiential marketers around the world to attract lots more events at the spaceport. We have also grown our business development team so they can direct sell to this market, as well as the aerospace market. We will continue to work closely with our official tour operator to grow tourism in New Mexico and for the Spaceport America Experience tour. While we will continue focusing on the North American market, we will also be extending our market outreach to Europe and Asia.

ARCA Space is planning to test their AirStrato product at Spaceport America in 2016. We are pursuing additional tenants through our Northern Campus Development and have signed up our first tenant in this development, X2NSat, a satellite ground station company. Virgin Galactic will be unveiling its next generation SpaceShipTwo in mid-February. It's a bit early to predict when they will be returning for test flights at Spaceport America but we are ready for them.

I hope you will continue to support the spaceport and follow the exciting commercial space journey as it unfolds. Our next Open House is April 2. Please come visit us.

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Committee organizing to support local police

We believe that the first and most solemn responsibility of all public officials is to protect the lives and property of the citizens of this community.

We are extremely concerned about recent developments in this country which have imposed new and dangerous burdens on our local police. Harassment and outright attacks against the police, in

many instances organized and controlled by subversives, criminals and illegal aliens have increased alarmingly. And far too many politicians have bowed to the disruptive tactics and outright threats of organized pressure groups.

It is for these reasons that we have organized this Support Your Local Police Committee. We urge all responsible citizens in this community to work with us to:

- Support our local police in the performance of their duties;
- Oppose all harassment or interference with law enforcement personnel as they carry out their assigned tasks;

- Reject any “civilian review boards” or other outside “supervision” of our police;
- Prohibit the creation of any national police force, or any other centralized authority, which would replace or control our local police;
- Oppose any and all efforts to subsidize, regionalize or federalize our local police, since any loss of their independence from outside controls will inevitably lead to a loss of our protection and safety as well;
- Accept our responsibilities to our local police, to defend them against unjust attacks, make them proud and secure in their vital profession, and to offer them

out support in word and deed wherever possible.

We pledge to inaugurate a community-wide program to support our local police and keep them independent. We will work to create more understanding of the problems and threats our police face. We will remind our fellow citizens that our police have earned our help and need it now.

If you would like to receive more information or become involved, please contact the chairman, Donna O’Daniel at [donnaodaniel316@gmail.com](mailto:donnaodaniel316@gmail.com).

— Donna O’Daniel

The wealth effect in politics

It’s no secret money and power flow to and from politics.

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This has been the modus operandi of our political system for much of our country’s history. Countering those politicians and money waving influencers are supposed to be the mainstream media.

They’re supposed to watch for bad behavior in politicians and take the side of the citizens. But now they are taking sides for themselves in the political fights. They are vicious against the politicians they oppose while absent from the watchdog role with the politicians they support.

In the last 20 years, the Internet has blossomed in a watchdog role despite taking no vows to be accurate. With all of these eyes watching politicians, you would think scummy behavior by elected officials would be as dead as television rabbit ears.

However, scummy behavior in politicians seems more rampant than ever. With the next session of the New Mexico Legislature set to start Jan. 19, there are many initiatives looking to reign in the influence of money in politics. Transparency watchdogs are pushing for tougher reporting of campaign do-



Michael Swickard  
In My Opinion

stand the scummy side of politics. Paper shufflers and those who look at the paperwork only get a tiny look at scummy behavior. Filed paperwork only

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# Levatino to run for State Senate

## Bulletin report

Las Cruces City Councillor Ceil Levatino has announced plans to run for State Senate District 37 in the 2016 legislative elections.

"The major reason I decided to do this is a frustration on a number of different levels with how the state legislature — particularly the senate — is being run," Levatino said. "As a city councillor, I've had a first-hand look at the difficulty municipalities like Las Cruces have had dealing with the state legislature. The whole hold harmless debacle is a perfect example of that."

If the Nov. 8 general election were held today, Levatino, a Republican, would face Democratic incumbent William "Bill" Soules. No other candidates have yet declared candidacy for the position.

Under New Mexico law, Levatino could retain her city council seat even if she were to win a state legislature position. Her city council District 6 term expires November 2017.

Senate District 37 encompasses essentially the northeast quadrant of Doña Ana County. It in-



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cludes Sonoma Ranch in Las Cruces and includes the area north of there and east of Interstate 25.

"I think it really is time for a change," Levatino said. "I think everybody's getting a little tired of us being at the bottom of the good list and the top of the bad list. It starts with the education system. Jobs and the economy are in terrible shape. This area in particular is in deep trouble economically."

Levatino went to nursing school in Albany, New York, and worked as a renal transplant nurse for a decade before going into real estate. She worked as a Realtor for 33 years.

She came to Las Cruces in 2002 and was elected to City Council in 2013.

"I know what it takes to win a race and I plan on working just as hard this time as I did when I ran for city council," she said. "My suggestion to voters in Senate District 37, is give me a chance. That's all I'm asking for. If I don't perform, fire me. But we've got to try new approaches."

"You have to admit, for the last several decades, what we're doing at the Legislature has not worked. It's time — past time — to try something new."

## IN THE NEWS

### Luchini Towing and Recovery receives award

Eric Luchini of Luchini's Towing & Recovery has received the Order of Towman from American Towman Magazine. The award is given to a towing professional for his or her dedication to the towing trade and for serving the community. Recipients were nominated by police and fire chiefs from across the nation.

Recipients of the Cross

of the Order enter into an elite organization of towing professionals called the Towman Order. Inductees take an oath to continue their unparalleled dedication to their towns. Luchini received the honor in November of 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland, during the 27th annual American Towman Exposition.

### City closings for MLK Jr. holiday

City Hall and most other City of Las Cruces offices will be closed to

the public on Monday, Jan. 18, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected. The following is a list of services /closures for Jan. 18: Meerscheidt Recreation Center open from 8 a.m. to noon; East Mesa Recreation Center open from noon to 5 p.m.; Frank O'Brien Papen Center closed; Regional Aquatic Center open from 6 a.m to 3 p.m. (includes fitness area); Thomas Branigan Library closed; All Senior Programs closed;

RoadRunner Transit regular service except no Aggie routes; all museums closed; Convention and Visitors Bureau closed.

### County offices closed Jan. 18

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, for the Martin Luther King Jr., holiday. Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed. Saturation patrols and DWI

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shows mistakes made in reporting but not the real intent.

The real players when major money is given and taken do not intend for it to be seen. When a willing bribe giver and a willing bribe taker exchange, there is not any paperwork filed. If both parties are happy, no one will talk about it. The same is true for those politicians who sell out for sexual rewards or jobs for relatives.

To see the real effect of money on politics you must look at a measured effect of the money, not the decisions elected officials make because there are always explanations. If someone is on the take, their net worth goes up. But the watchdogs are not looking at net wealth increases.

If watchdogs don't look at the wealth effect, they will not see it. What needs to be done by the investigative reporters is very mundane and labor intensive: Chart every year of service as to the net worth of the person serving. Start with the year before elected and keep a running tab on how their wealth changes.

There are ways to hide wealth with spouses and children and other relatives. But wealth sticks out in our society because to have wealth is to use it. Just piling up numbers in an account doesn't do anyone any good. To have money is to spend money.

So when looking at a public servant on the take there will always be evidence of unbridled increase in wealth. This is especially so when you compare them to colleagues. Some people in politics will have a similar wealth before, during and after their years in service. Others hit the jackpot and pile up wealth.

Of course there will always be explanations such as: I started a new way of investing. It is returning a 1,000 percent per month... Can we see your market report? Ah no.

It is important to treat each wealth inquiry fairly and not with partisan zeal so that some slip through and others are caught. For this to be useful we must catch everyone who spins up their wealth briskly while in office.

Questions of fantastic increases in wealth are not proof of taking bribes, but it certainly opens the door to looking very carefully. But if this inquiry is automatic to all who are elected it will discourage bribes because when caught politicians turn on the bribe givers. There is no one thing to clean up politics but this will help.

Most importantly, it is unfair to the honest servants of the people to look at them like they are a chicken-killing dog. The effect of the time served on honest politicians shows they give citizens a great gift of their time and effort while not taking any advantage of their position.

We owe them this inquiry to catch scummy politicians. We are left with honest and faithful servants.

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### Real Christmas tree recycling

The City of Las Cruces would like to remind you that you can recycle your real Christmas tree at the City's "Old Foothills Landfill" at 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. The tree will be chipped and composted so that it may have future use as landscape material. The composted mulch is available free to residents. For questions, contact the Solid Waste Utility at 528-3700.

### Social Security office to have limited services during renovations

The Las Cruces Social Security Office will undergo renovations Friday, Jan. 15 through Tuesday, Jan. 19. The office will open to the public during this time with limited services. The office will be closed Jan. 18 in observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The office will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 20, offering full services.

During these days, we want to encourage individuals to take advantage of our electronic services which we offer in both English and Spanish by visiting the website [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Individuals ages 18 and older may sign up for a my Social Security account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). With a my Social Security account, Social Security beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income recipients can now access their benefit verification letter (which serves as proof of income), payment history, 1099 forms and earnings record instantly. Social Security beneficiaries also can request a Medicare replacement card, change their address and start or change direct deposit information online. Those not yet receiving benefits can use their online account to get a personalized Social Security Statement, which provides earnings information as well as estimates of future benefits. The portal also includes links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits.

Many Social Security services are also conveniently available by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call TTY, 1-800-325-0778.

### BeWellnm to hold Health Insurance Exchange events in Las Cruces

BeWellnm, the official state marketplace for New Mexicans to shop, buy and compare health plans, will be hosting public informational events in Las Cruces. The free events provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the changes in federal law affecting health insurance and health care, the various plans offered on the exchange, and subsidies or tax credits for which they may be eligible. Information will be given in English and Spanish. There will also be assistance provided to help with individual enrollment. The deadline to enroll in an exchange-based health plan is Jan. 31.

Meetings will be held on Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. (session one) and 6 p.m. (session two) at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave.; and 3 p.m. (session one) and 6 p.m. (session two) at Doña Ana Community Center, 5745 Ledesma Dr. The Jan. 21 meetings will be at 3 p.m. (session one) and at 6 p.m. (session

two) at the Lion's Club Community Center, 1501 N. Solano Drive. BeWellnm offers a variety of services. Visit [www.bewellnm.com](http://www.bewellnm.com) to apply for cost-assistance, compare prices, change plans, and enroll in a plan. For more information about the events, please call (505) 433-3498 or [tom@garritypr.com](mailto:tom@garritypr.com).

### IRS opens 2016 tax season Jan. 19

The IRS will begin accepting individual electronic returns on Jan. 19. The IRS expects to receive more than 150 million individual returns in 2016, with more than four out of five being prepared using tax return preparation software and e-filed. The IRS will begin processing paper tax returns at the same time. There is no advantage to people filing tax returns on paper in early January instead of waiting for e-file to begin.

As part of the Security Summit initiative, the IRS has been working closely with the tax industry and state revenue departments to provide stronger protections against identity theft for taxpayers during the coming filing season.

The filing deadline to submit 2015 tax returns is Monday, April 18, rather than the traditional April 15 date. Washington, D.C., will celebrate Emancipation Day on that Friday, which pushes the deadline to the following Monday for most of the nation. (Due to Patriots Day, the deadline will be Tuesday, April 19, in Maine and Massachusetts.)

The IRS urges all taxpayers to make sure they have all their year-end statements in hand before filing, including Forms W-2 from employers, Forms 1099 from banks and other payers, and Form 1095-A from the Marketplace for those claiming the premium tax credit.

Although the IRS begins accepting returns on Jan. 19, many tax software companies will begin accepting tax returns earlier in January and submitting them to the IRS when processing systems open.

Seventy percent of the nation's taxpayers are eligible for IRS Free File. Commercial partners of the IRS offer free brand-name software to about 100 million individuals and families with incomes of \$62,000 or less; The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) offer free tax help to people who qualify. Go to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) and enter "free tax prep" in the search box to learn more and find a VITA or TCE site near you, or download the IRS2Go app on your smart phone and find a free tax prep provider.



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## COMING UP

### Green Party to meet on Jan. 20

Green Party of Doña Ana will meet Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 3 p.m. at the Thomas Branigan Library Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor Mezzanine, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All are welcome. For information, email [nancymay37@gmail.com](mailto:nancymay37@gmail.com).

### Resilience in New Mexico Agriculture meeting Jan. 15

New Mexico State University and New Mexico First are joining forces to help develop a strategic plan to maintain a resilient New Mexico food and agricultural system. The Resilience in New Mexico Agriculture regional meeting will be held in Silver City from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Grant County Extension office, 2610 N. Silver St. A free lunch will be served.

Ten additional regional meetings will be held around the state through March and the information will be compiled into a background report on the state of agriculture in New Mexico, which will be used by a task force to develop the Resilience in New Mexico Food and Agriculture Strategic Plan.

There is no registration fee for the meeting, but space is limited and reservations are required. To register and learn more, visit [nmfirst.org/events/resilience-in-new-mexico-agriculture](http://nmfirst.org/events/resilience-in-new-mexico-agriculture). For additional information, call 505-225-2140 or email [info@nmfirst.org](mailto:info@nmfirst.org).

### Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents musical guest

On Friday, Jan. 15, Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents Steve Shelby from 7 to 9 p.m. at 3900 W. Picacho Ave. For information, call 680-6394.

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## BUDGET

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### 'Fiscal stability'

"This budget prioritizes keeping our communities, families, and children safe, while investing in critical education reforms to help our kids learn," Martinez said. "We must also focus on creating jobs and developing a more diverse economy throughout the state.

"With these goals in mind, I am confident we will once again be able to work with the Legislature to craft a responsible budget that will make a positive impact on the lives of New Mexicans while ensuring a foundation of fiscal stability for our state."

The governor's FY 2017 budget includes significant investments in improving public safety and the well-being of children in New Mexico, including:

- \$11 million for targeted compensation increases for the hardest to recruit and retain positions in state government, including correctional officers, probation and parole officers, forensic scientists, and child abuse caseworkers in addition to certain public health workers and information technology personnel.

- Nearly \$1 million to expand the unit that captures those who abscond from parole, in an effort to prevent them from committing future crimes.

- \$9 million in various Department of Public



Gov. Susana Martinez addresses the New Mexico Legislature during the 2015 session. The 30-day 2016 session begins Tuesday, Jan. 19, in Santa Fe.

Safety initiatives, including implementing the final phase of a plan to increase the compensation of commissioned police officers, increasing the number of State Police officers, and improving the capacity of the State Forensic Laboratories to address criminal case backlogs. Recurring and non-recurring revenue would also be used to establish a clearinghouse that would allow every judge in New Mexico to have access to accurate criminal background information on defendants, as well as to clear the backlog of rape kits in police departments across the state.

- More than \$8 million to fund increases in various child well-being initiatives, including increasing the number of families served by family

support workers in an effort to prevent child abuse (in addition to the continued use and development of child advocacy centers throughout New Mexico), hiring additional caseworkers in order to reduce case loads on those who investigate abuse referrals, recruiting more foster care families, expanding the ability for law enforcement to access child abuse case history from CYFD in real-time, improving outreach efforts to target populations for early childhood services, and increasing enrollment in the governor's CYFD caseworker loan repayment program whereby these workers can receive financial assistance with the payment of student loans in return for service to the State.

### Education spending

Additionally, the governor's budget proposes to spend \$101 million in new funding to support the needs of New Mexico's public school classrooms and students. This represents 44 percent of the governor's proposed total new recurring spending. In addition to covering basic school services, such as higher utilities and enrollment growth, this additional funding will be invested, in part, in raising the minimum starting teacher salary from \$34,000/year to \$36,000/year.

Additional education reform proposals designed to help support teachers and help struggling students and schools succeed include:

- \$10 million to launch "New Mexico Reads to Lead 2.0," which builds on current early reading interventions by targeting the use of reading coaches and other interventionists specifically on the state's habitually lowest-performing schools.

- \$55.2 million in total funding for Pre-K and K-3 Plus, an increase of \$7 million over last year's funding. Under Governor Martinez's administra-

tion, funding and participation in Pre-K has roughly tripled, and approximately 22,000 New Mexico students now have access to summer tutoring in early grades when they are struggling to read. The governor's budget also calls for \$5 million in new capital funding for the construction of additional pre-K classrooms throughout the state.

- \$8.75 million in funding to expand the state's new teacher mentorship program, known as "Teachers Pursuing Excellence," which builds upon the success of a similar principal mentorship program established two years ago, as well as expand district-driven performance-pay pilot programs to meet demand for participation in this effort. The Governor's budget would also continue to provide pre-loaded debit cards to teachers each year to help them pay for school supplies for their classrooms and provide stipends to help recruit and retain teachers in hard-to-staff subject areas and locations.

- \$1.5 million to offer 66 high-performing college students a \$15,000 scholarship to enter a college of education and commit to teaching in New Mexico, as well as provide \$10,000 stipends to the top 50 teachers in the state, expand the state's teacher loan repayment program, and expand the state's new program through Northern New Mexico College that specifically develops and trains new Native American teachers.

- The governor's budget also provides \$30 million for textbooks and instructional materials in New Mexico classrooms, an increase of \$5 million over last year, and aims to combat truancy in middle and high schools by expanding funding for district-driven

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plans to place social workers in key middle schools and dropout prevention coaches in the high schools that receive those middle school students.

### Economic development

With respect to economic development and job creation, the governor is proposing several investments and reforms designed to help small businesses grow, attract companies and jobs from out of state to New Mexico, and encourage greater diversity in the state's economy. These initiatives include:

- A total of \$10 million for the successful Job Training Incentive Program (\$2 million recurring, \$8 million non-recurring), which serves to support small businesses as they hire and train new workers in New Mexico. This would be the highest level of funding for this program during this administration.

- Roughly \$10 million in capital funding to maintain a robust closing fund for economic development projects, through the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA). These LEDA grants are designed to help the state and local communities invest in infrastructure projects to attract specific companies to the state.

- \$1.25 million in non-recurring funding for a new "Rapid Workforce Development Fund," which would allow the state to quickly train a specialized workforce through one of the state's community colleges or other higher education institutions in order to close a business recruitment deal.

- \$2.3 million in new funding for the Department of Tourism to increase the impact of the successful New Mexico True advertising campaign. Tourism is on the rise for the fifth straight year in New Mexico, with spending by tourists in our communities increasing by 4.5 percent in 2014. We have also seen a record number of visitors to New Mexico each of the last few years.

Various other proposals to increase

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staffing for international trade, expand the use of business incubators, invest in MainStreet capital projects and additional MainStreet programming, and fund the Technology Research Collaborative to bring innovative products being researched at national laboratories and universities to the marketplace.

The governor's budget also makes available roughly \$4 million for targeted tax relief, which could include easing the tax burden on small businesses, exempting the retirement income of certain veterans from personal income taxes, encouraging the location of new or expanding companies in MainStreet districts or other key economic development zones, and fixing the renewable energy production tax credit.

With respect to other significant budget obligations, the governor's budget proposal allocates an additional \$69 million in Medicaid spending, roughly 2/3 of which is due to the federal government's scheduled reduction in federal match from 100 percent to 95 percent of the cost of those enrolled under Medicaid expansion. Additional Medicaid costs are, in part, due to what is known as the "woodwork effect," whereby individuals apply for Medicaid expansion only to find that they are eligible for traditional Medicaid (which costs the state far more money).

Regarding non-recurring spending, the governor proposes a total of \$117 million in FY16 and FY17 to cover one-time obligations, initiatives, and various contingency items. These include, among other items and in addition to items already noted, emergency sup-

plemental funding for small school districts, the cost of administering the 2016 election, funding for Spaceport operations, and roughly \$35 million on critical information technology projects.

These projects include digitizing state personnel records, improving the management of inmate case files to ensure that prisoners are not released early, launching the online small business portal, expanding access to child abuse case history to more law enforcement officers statewide, and establishing the "Students Work" internship portal, which would connect college students throughout the State to internships offered by businesses of all types in New Mexico.

Items already noted that would utilize non-recurring spending include clearing the rape kit backlog, expanding JTIP funding, setting up a clearinghouse for criminal history information, and funding the Rapid Workforce Development Fund.

In conclusion, this budget is built upon the revenue estimates generated by the consensus revenue estimating group in December 2015. Executive budget priorities, and the overall proposed level of new spending, are subject to change as a result of persistently low prices of oil and natural gas. The current volatility in state revenue, and the recent decrease in the overall revenue projection between August and December of 2015 led the Governor to take a cautious approach with respect to the base budgets in many state agencies.

As a result, her proposal calls for virtually no increase in the budgets of many statewide executive branch agencies, including the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Land Commissioner, Attorney General, Auditor, Treasurer, and the PRC — and for similar flat budgets for the legislative branch, judicial branch, and most executive state agencies. All told, flat budgets would be adopted in 66 percent of all state agencies under the governor's proposal.

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# Council approves Downtown master plan

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Meeting as the Las Cruces Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) board, the Las Cruces City Council approved a contract for almost \$248,000 to update the city's 12-year-old Downtown master plan.

The TIDD board, comprised of Mayor

Ken Miyagishima as chairman and the six members of the city council, plus Doña Ana County Commission Chairman Billy Garrett as an ex-officio member, unanimously approved the contract with Placemakers, a planning and communications consulting firm that has seven offices in the United States and Canada, including one in Albuquerque.

Placemakers will serve as project lead, and will conduct a four-day charrette to gather "a collective local vision to shape the Downtown master plan," according to city documents. The contract also includes a retail market analysis, a housing study and the creation of a project website.

More than two-thirds of the 90-plus

projects outlined in the city's original master plan have been completed or are in process, said city Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume.

Those projects include construction of a civic plaza at the northeast corner of Griggs Avenue and Main Street,

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which will be completed this July; and the conversion of Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic, which will begin in early 2017. Both projects have received substantial TIDD funding.

The city has “gotten our money’s worth” out of the original Downtown master plan, Hume said at the Jan. 11 meeting. The updated plan is necessary to provide current research and analysis to guide the city’s downtown development for the next decade or so, he said.

The information collected for the update will

also be valuable to other organizations and businesses for Downtown planning and development, Hume said.

“Without good, current, updated numbers,” it will be difficult to attract new businesses to the Downtown area,” said Downtown Las Cruces Partnership Executive Director Arianna Parsons.

The market analyses that are part of the updated master plan are “a necessary tool to have in our toolbox to capitalize on the investments the city has already made,” she said.

The retail and housing

analyses will be conducted by “top-notch, nationally recognized companies,” Hume said. Gibbs Planning Group will do the retail market analysis, which will include the company making contact with businesses that might locate in the Downtown area and providing their names to the city, he said. Zimmerman Volk Associates will do the residential mar-

ket analysis.

The charrette, which will be held the week of Feb. 16, will provide “a flexible, diverse engagement format” for gathering public feedback, Hume said. “You really get a much broader range of input,” he said, noting that the last two city charrettes each had more than 200 participants.

Hume said the boundaries of the TIDD are Pi-

cacho Boulevard on the north, Campo Street on the east, Alameda Boulevard on the west and Loretto Towne Centre on the south.

In a 2007 special election, a majority of downtown property owners voted to recommend the formation of the TIDD to use tax-exempt bonds issued by the city to fund Downtown redevelopment. In separate votes,

the city council and county commission approved the TIDD, which is authorized by state statute.

The city council’s next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, in council chambers at city hall, 700 N. Main St. For more information, visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/city-clerks-office/city-council-meetings>.

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# Martin Luther King Jr. march is Jan. 17; breakfast is Jan. 18

**By Mike Cook**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana County Branch of the NAACP will host the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace March on Sunday, Jan. 17, and the annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast on Monday, Jan. 18.

The march begins at 2 p.m. on Jan. 17 at the north end of the downtown mall across from Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. The one-quarter mile march will end at the AFSCME union building near the southwest end of the downtown mall, where “Martin Luther King reflections and refreshments will be provided,” according to an NAACP news release.

The breakfast begins at 8 a.m., and will be held at Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The keynote speaker at the breakfast will be Dr. Donald Pope-Davis, dean of New Mexico State University’s College of Education.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$30 each and \$400 for a corporate sponsor table.



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This year’s theme is “Our Lives, Our Votes, Our Jobs and Our Schools Matter ... for all Americans,” said Doña Ana County NAACP President Curtis Rosemond in the news release.

The breakfast also will include students in grades nine through 12 who won this year’s MLK Essay or Poem Contest. Twenty-five students entered this year’s contest, and the winners will be reading their poems and essays at the breakfast. The topic for

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this year’s contest is “My Dream for a Better America.”

Contest winners will receive \$200 gift cards, a history award from Woodmen of the World Chapter 233 and a MLK recognition award from the NAACP. Special recognition awards of \$75 will be presented to the contest entrants whose poem or essay “best embodied the spirit of Dr. King’s call for racial justice and equality,” accord-

ing to the Doña Ana County Branch of the NAACP.

The march and breakfast celebrate the life of

King, a Baptist minister and leader in the American civil rights movement who was born Jan. 15, 1929 and was assassinated April 4, 1968. King, who would have turned 87 this year, led the Aug. 28, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and was

awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. For tickets to the breakfast and more information on both the march and the breakfast, call 224-2643 or email [info@naacpdonaana.org](mailto:info@naacpdonaana.org); or, contact Dr. Bobbie Green at [bobbie@naacpdonaana.org](mailto:bobbie@naacpdonaana.org).

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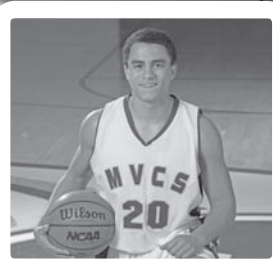
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**Quincy Russell** is a 17-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She plays forward and guard on the Lady Blazers basketball team. So far this season she has 15 points, 2.5 assists, four rebounds and two steals per game. Russell is a real leader on the court and in practice. She always gives 100% and is very dedicated to her team. One would never know, by watching her, if the score up 20 points or down 20 points because Russell plays her heart out whenever she is on the court.

She is an equally dedicated student, with a 3.50 GPA. When not in the classroom or on the court, Russell enjoys time hanging out with friends and family, as well as different outdoor activities like hiking and camping.

**Josh Frazier** is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays lead guard and shooting guard and is the captain on the Son Blazers basketball team. Frazier has a great work ethic and leads by example and sets the tone for the team with his intensity and selflessness. He is a very dedicated student, with a 3.90 GPA and when not in the classroom or on the court, Frazier enjoys hanging out with friends and watching Netflix.



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# Holloman to house refugee children

**By Mark Richardson**  
New Mexico News Connection

Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo will become the temporary home for about 400 refugee children from Central America. The Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies

are in charge of the program, a result of the recent increase in the number of unaccompanied minors crossing the border into the United States.

Mike Espritu, director of the Chamber of Commerce in Alamogordo, said local groups are getting ready to assist when

the children arrive.

“We’ve already had one meeting with some local leaders and it appears the community is willing to do what it can, to do what’s right for the children,” he said. “Because at the end of the day, it’s going to take care of

those young people, no matter who they are.”

At Holloman, an HHS spokeswoman said the children will be provided with food, health care and a place to sleep. The goal will be to help them locate relatives in the United States or put them

in temporary foster care. They eventually will be given court hearings to decide if they can stay in the country.

Espritu said he is aware that other refugee facilities have drawn protests and controversy, but he hopes


to avoid that.

“One of my goals is to be extremely transparent with our community and those around the nation that are watching,” he said. “My goal is to get the word out there, because we’re not keeping any secrets.”

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# Investors face uncertainty

By Alta LeCompte  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Investors shuddered as 2015 ended with slowing economic growth in China, slumping stock markets and the Fed raising the interest rate it charges to banks.

The New Year didn't bring much comfort: Investors woke up in 2016 to Saudi Arabia and

Iran sparring and North Korea exploding a possible H-bomb.

News media reported the Dow Jones Industrial Average, an index of 30 of biggest U.S. company stocks, was off to its worst start ever.

CNNMoney called the inauspicious beginning "cringe-worthy."

And indeed, some Las Cruces investors were cringing.

"Just give me a gun and I'll shoot myself," one local retiree exclaimed. "You can use my name in your story after I'm dead."

Fortunately, he talked himself down before too long.

It turned out he had been badly burned in a previous

down market.

His financial adviser at the time had steered him into stocks too risky for his age and risk tolerance, he said.

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**No time to panic**

CNNMoney assured U.S. investors there are many reasons not to panic. Chief among them - the domestic economy remains strong.

"Right now, the U.S. economy is growing," the financial news website stated. "It's not

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## Building Las Cruces

Finishing touches are being added to a new Hampton Inn & Suites scheduled to open in February at 1641 Hickory Loop near the Avenida de Mesilla exit of Interstate 10.



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## Holiday joy lingers in local stores

By Alta LeCompte  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Although most retailers contacted by the Bulletin have not yet received final holiday sales figures, most said the season was bright — not fireworks-exploding-in-a-rainbow-of-colors bright — but quite bright indeed.

According to local business owners and managers, 2015 holiday consumers were joyous as they went about shopping for treasures.

"The holiday felt pretty good," said RTD Hardware's vice president, Theresa Gonzalez.

Gadgets — both high tech and low — sold especially well at RTD and elsewhere.

Inspired by word of mouth, consumers shopped at RTD for gadgets such as the impact and water resistant Slyde LED flashlight, which retails for around \$30 and comes with a host of features. The light slides apart to become a lantern and has a strong



'Tis the Season in Mesilla reported a bustling second holiday season in 2015. Santa and owner Laura Romero welcome shoppers year 'round.

magnet on the bottom so it can be placed securely in locations such as the roof of a car, Gonzalez said.

Another hot item was the Traeger propane and pellet grill that smokes, grills, bakes and barbecues.

"The popularity of grilling seems to be growing," Gonzalez said.

Also growing, she said, is Las Cruces' awareness of the importance

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of supporting local business. She said she heard a lot of comments throughout the year from customers making it a point to shop local.

### Consumers catch the holiday glow

Asked to describe the season in a single word, Best Buy's manager, Harry Day replied: "Joyous."

"This is my 14th year here and I've never seen customers more in the spirit," he said. "They were incredibly thankful, polite and nice to work with."

In addition, Day observed an increase in customers from Lordsburg, T or C, Deming, Silver City and Alamogordo.

He attributed some of the increase in customers from other cities to lower gas prices.

Starring in sales at Best Buy were a Star Wars robot, fitness-related gadgets such as FitBit and the Apple watch, kitchen gadgets, cell phones and tablets, Day said.

Heather Hume, co-owner of LuLu elements for living, said the season was "great."

"Black Friday was a mixed bag, but the season basically was very good," she said.

In her fourth season with the boutique, Hume has developed an approach that works for her small business.

"You clearly have to find unique things people can't find any place else," she said.

This year LuLu introduced a unique line of boots and purses — Roots — made in Guatemalan villages. The boots are leather with woven fabric cuffs and the purses are hand-loomed fabric with leather trim.

"We absolutely fell in love with it," Hume said.

Offering merchandise at varied price points is another way to create a

successful season, she added.

"We sold a lot of stocking stuffers," she said. "Firefly jewelry is always a big seller — people collect it."

Display also is an important component of merchandising, Hume said.

"It gives people an idea of what they can do with the products."

It's also important to have employees who can explain the story behind the merchandise, such as LuLu's line of Hammer Sisters stained glass jewelry, which is custom-made from upcycled materials.

"People feel they are not walking into a big chain but are getting something with a meaning or purpose behind it."

### Books for all seasons

Two locally owned book stores - COAS Books and the Mesilla Book Center - confirmed that shoppers continue to enjoy giving books as holiday gifts.

"I love the holidays because for the most part people are in a good mood," said Mike Beckett, owner of COAS Books.

He said, however, he thought the season was flat.

"I'm pleased with that," he said, noting travelers tell him the economy is more vibrant in other cities.

Rain and an increase in the local gross receipts tax may have discouraged some El Pasoans from shopping in the City of the Crosses, he said.

Ironically, Mike Beckett said sales began to pick up just before Christmas, and used books were selling well after the holidays.

Holiday and post-holiday crowds also packed the Mesilla Book Center on the plaza.

"We weren't unhappy, let's put it that way," said

owner Cheryl Blevins, a business her family has owned since 1966.

Blevins praised the Town of Mesilla for the holiday lighting and other contributions to ensuring the holiday went well.

### National sales strong

Nationally as locally, sales figures for the holiday season were not yet available. However, retail sales for November — excluding automobiles, gasoline and restaurants — were up 0.5 percent over October and 3 percent from a year ago, according to the National Retail Federation. Analysts called the increase welcome, but less than expected. Digging into the data, they determined people were shopping at a good pace early in the holiday season, but prices were lower, which meant less revenue for retailers.

Much of the extra money freed up by lower gasoline prices has gone to services such as travel and restaurants rather than retail merchandise, the NRF stated.

According to the NRF, more than 40 percent of adults started shopping



in November and about 20 percent in October. About 20 percent started during or before September.

Less than 5 percent procrastinated until the last two weeks of December.

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Heather Hume, co-owner of LuLu Elements for Living in Mesilla entices holiday shoppers to her store with unique gifts such as stained glass jewelry and boots made by hand in Guatemalan villages.

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# Why economists' forecasts are wrong

The start of the New Year is a busy time for economists. We are often asked to give forecasts for the coming year. Such requests are often accompanied with comments comparing economists unfavorably to astrologers. But undaunted, despite snide comments, economists persevere.

Forecasting anything is not easy but is particularly difficult in economics. Compare economics to weather forecasting. The weather is a chaotic system subject to the famous butterfly effect — the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil can change the weather in Manhattan. This inherent nonlinearity makes weather forecasting beyond a few days impossible.



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

Economic forecasting suffers from the same problems as weather, but with an added twist. Unlike high-pressure fronts or hail storms, people can react to economic forecasts, rendering the forecasts invalid.

Take the somewhat trivial example of forecasting stock prices. Suppose an economist develops a model that forecasts with absolute certainty that the price of a stock will raise to \$100 three days from now. If the price today is \$80, people

will buy pushing the price to \$100 today. Indeed, given the prevalence of high frequency trading, rather than taking three days, the price will change in less than a second. The change in price today renders the forecast for three days from now worthless.

Turning to the more important issue of the business cycle, forecasting turning points is particularly difficult. Again suppose a model that forecasts with perfect certitude, this time not a stock price but the overall economy. Suppose this model forecasts a recession beginning on the 1st of July.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen would use this information to adjust monetary policy to pre-

vent the recession. Or if she didn't act, the President and Congress could take action to cut taxes or increase spending. In any case, the recession would be avoided and the forecast made inaccurate.

The real irony is that the only recession that will happen is the recession that isn't predicted. This goes a long way to explain the oft made comment that no one saw the 2008 Financial Crisis. If economists had seen it, it wouldn't have happened.

The Pen Square collapse, the 1987 Stock Market Crash, the Dot-Com bubble, and any number of foreign crisis — Mexico, Asian, Russian, to name a few — all of these were dealt with

and no U.S. recession occurred.

But economists, or at least one particular economist named Ben Bernanke, didn't predict the consequences of the failure of Lehman Brothers. The result is the worse financial crisis in our lifetime.

So here is the economists' dilemma: Predict a crisis it doesn't happen; don't predict it and the crisis manifests. We can't win for losing.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Local businesses join annual lobbying

More than 200 local business and community leaders will be attending Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Saturday through Monday, Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

Members of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce may take part in the Chamber's annual state lobbying event by providing items for the event bag.

Promotional and marketing items are being accepted by Kiel Hoffman at Pioneer Bank, 3831 E. Lohman Ave. or at the Chamber office, 505 S. Main St., Suite 134.

At least 200 pieces/items are required and

the deadline to drop off for insertion in the event bag is Thursday, Jan. 28.

To register to attend Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, contact the Chamber office at 524-1968.

### Early bird registration for social media seminar

Eric Spellman will give a seminar, "Grow Your Small Business with Social Media," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19.

Spellmann is the founder, owner, and president of Spellmann & Associates, the largest online marketing and website design firm between Dallas and Denver. He is a featured speaker at a

number of national conferences.

Topics covered are:

The art of generating quality leads using social media

Digital marketing on a shoestring: Drive new business through display and social media

How to build a new online business in three days or less

How to promote and grow your business using seven powerful offline methods

The seminar is presented by the Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College.

The cost is \$30 for general public, \$20 for SBDC clients. Register by Jan. 31 for a savings of \$5.

Online registration is available at nmsbdc.org.

For more information, call SBDC at 527-7676.

### Statewide leadership program seeks applicants

Leadership New Mexico is now accepting applications for the 2016-17 Core Program and Connect New Mexico, The Next Generation of Leadership Program.

Deadline for submission is March 15.

Leadership New Mexico's Core Program is a class of 40-45 leaders who represent a cross-section of the geographic regions of the state from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

It is 10 months in duration and is designed to address issues facing the state.

Each program session features speakers, discussion and debate. The process offers an opportunity for inquiry, analysis and development of solutions

to the most pressing issues facing our communities and New Mexico.

Connect New Mexico, The Next Generation of Leadership, is a program designed to offer young professionals, ages 25-40, the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills, learn how New Mexico systems and structures work and explore the critical issues facing our state.

"We encourage applicants from all communities of New Mexico to apply. Our strength is diversity," said Patty Komko, president of Leadership New Mexico. "We bring together leaders from across the state, that might not otherwise have met, and provide them the opportunity to learn about each other's industry sectors and communities."

Sharing a common bond, we have created a network of professionals that can rely upon each other to make a difference in their communities and in the state."

Since 1995, more than 1,300 leaders from 82 communities have participated in Leadership New Mexico's programs. Leadership New Mexico is nonprofit and nonpartisan, does not advocate for legislation of any kind, does not endorse political candidates and does not take a stand on any political or social issues.

For more information about Leadership New Mexico or to download an application, visit the Leadership New Mexico website at [www.leadershipnm.org](http://www.leadershipnm.org), call Patty Komko, president, at 505-398-1500 or email [leader@leadershipnm.org](mailto:leader@leadershipnm.org).

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# Late movers reap benefits in select markets

Just because a company invents a popular product or introduces a novel service doesn't mean it won't face competition from late movers eager to share the action.

New Mexico entrepreneurs can fight for a niche in new industries – or even challenge a pioneering company with significant improvements on the original – but they need a clear strategy, good timing and the right product category.

The developer of a new commodity or service has the initial advantage. It sets a standard by which all competitors are judged, and it dominates the market at first because it created the market. It maintains that place until a rival offers something compelling enough to persuade people to try a fresh alternative.

Second movers with agility



can learn from the mistakes and successes of their predecessors and present another option at a fraction of the pioneer's costs. Some even launch a market makeover, redefining a product category created by someone else.

Later movers have the greatest opportunities with commodities that require substantial product development investments and are likely to be in demand for the foreseeable future – appliances, pharmaceuticals and software, for example. While inventors often protect their ideas with patents, a resourceful second or later mover can improve the original design and grab a significant share of the new market if its alternative

is cheaper, more accessible or free of the original's most problematic flaws.

The second-mover advantage is especially obvious in the global market. While the first company to open shop in China, for example, has to invest heavily in market development and materials sourcing, the next in line can benefit from this stage-setting and avoid the pioneer's stumbles. But that only works if the timing is right: Wait too long and the first player will control the local market, resources and relationships.

Companies like Google, Starbucks and Southwest Airlines, among others, weren't the first in their respective industries, but all are industry giants today because they offered something different that appealed to consumers – a distinctive feature, higher quality or better pricing.

Not every second mover has to build an empire; securing a respectable niche of a giant market can be treasure enough.

Entrepreneurs looking for feedback on their idea or venture can meet with mentors during ABQid's Office Hours every from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Verge Building at 317 Commercial St. in Albuquerque. They can also present their idea at One Million Cups, a Kauffman Foundation program that unites mentors, advisers and entrepreneurs from 9 to 10 a.m. every Wednesday at FatPipe at 200 Broadway NE in Albuquerque.

Information about both programs can be found at the City of Albuquerque's Innovation Central website, [www.abqic.com](http://www.abqic.com).

The STEMulus Center's IG-NITE business accelerator is accepting applications through

Jan. 15 for its next cohort beginning Feb. 15. The 12-week skills-based program helps entrepreneurs in the early stages of developing their business. Visit [stemuluscenter.org](http://stemuluscenter.org) for more information.

The WESST Enterprise Center is a hub for entrepreneurship and small business development offering a variety of business assistance programs and training at 609 Broadway NE in Albuquerque and at five other locations around the state, including the Las Cruces office at 221 N. Main St. For more WESST information, call 541-1583 or visit [wesst.org](http://wesst.org).

*Finance New Mexico is a public service initiative to assist individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. To learn more, go to [www.FinanceNewMexico.org](http://www.FinanceNewMexico.org).*

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rock star growth, but 2 to 2.5 percent a year is good. ... More importantly, businesses are still hiring. Over 2.3 million jobs were added last year."

Automakers posted the highest sales volume ever in 2015.

"We expect domestic demand in the U.S. to remain reasonably healthy — a very important variable for corporate revenue growth," said David Donabedian, chief investment officer at Atlantic Trust.

### A plan for protection

While some local brokers and financial advisers may have fielded an unusual volume of calls the week of Jan. 4, Jackie Mitchell Edwards, owner of the Las Cruces independent branch of Charles Schwab, said her clients were showing no sign of the jitters.

"We rarely have OMG calls," Edwards said.

It's not that her clients are disinterested, Edwards said.

They tend not to panic because they have a financial plan tailored to their needs.

"If you don't have a plan, you don't know where you're going," she said. "That precedes investing."

She likened having a financial plan to going out in a boat prepared for changing conditions. You may not know what the water's going to be like, but you do know your boat, she said.

"The most important thing is to get people to focus on a plan," Edwards said. "Then you can advise them on (investments) appropriate for them."

Edwards said although she hasn't been deluged with panic calls, she did get an interesting message on

her answering machine from a client with a sense of humor.

"I got a funny call from a client the day the Fed raised its interest rate: 'We stayed in our house last night, we had dinner and a glass of wine.'"

In other words, the long-anticipated rate hike didn't shock them.

Edwards said another factor that helps Schwab clients weather market declines and disruptions is the investing information they can access.

"I think Schwab clients feel they get a great deal of information," she said. "We have workshops once or twice a month. We have had full attendance. Next week we're having a workshop on fixed-income investments. ... 'It's going to be packed.'"

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## SAVE THE DATE

**FRI 1/22**

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

**SAT 1/30 – MON 2/1**

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

**TUE 2/2 – WED 2/3**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Career Connections Fair**, Corbett Student Union, New Mexico State University. Employers may register by going to [www.careerservices.nmsu.edu](http://www.careerservices.nmsu.edu).

**FRI 2/19**

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

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

**10 a.m. Las Cruces Home**

**Builders Association 2016**

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

**SAT 3/12 – MON 3/14**

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

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

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## Small MVCS athletics department fights to compete

**Christophe Chino**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Changes loom for the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools athletics program.

Next season — the 2016-17 campaign — the Son Blazers will drop down to a smaller division, from 3A to compete in 2A.

In football, the product will even look different as MVCS will field an 8-man squad and play against other 8-man programs.

Some MVCS Son Blazers' athletics programs such as the boys' basketball team, which took home the state championship last year, as well as the school's tennis team, a runner-up for state title last year, are set to exceed all expectations within the lower divisional placement. But the school's struggling football and girls' basketball teams are looking forward to the prospect of being much more competitive against equivalent-level competition.

"It's incredible how well some of our teams do with how small our school is," Superintendent John Foreman said.

### 'Size can be a problem'

MVCS has about 90 students total in the high school.

"But for some of our teams, size can be a problem, especially for our football team which struggles with fatigue during the second half because of a lack of fresh bodies on the field," Foreman said.

The issue is similar for the girls' basketball team.

"There would be times where the girls' coach would call time-



COURTESY PHOTO

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools freshman John Castillo shoots over the Chaparral defense Tuesday, Jan. 12. The Son Blazers, the defending state 3A champions, picked up their fifth win of the season. Next year MVCS teams will compete in division 2A.

outs to simply give the girls some rest," Foreman said. "It can be incredibly hard for these girls; there is no possibility for subs so they are left playing the whole game."

His daughter, a junior at the high school, plays on the basketball team. He said she would come home completely exhausted after the games.

The girls' basketball team was unable to pull out a win last season with just six players on the roster. So far this season, with 11 players, the team has recorded three victories, something Foreman sees as a direct im-

provement and a great sign going into smaller divisional play next year.

The volleyball team is also expected to see an upward turn when the divisional change sets in. The team has already exhibited great ability with MVCS volleyball players winning the award for best 3A district player two years in a row: Maddie Andersson in 2014 and Hannah Nunley in 2015.

Foreman also sees a great future for the school's baseball team that he helped build more than 10 years ago.

"For both the baseball and

softball teams we have, we are seeing great things for them in the future," Foreman said. "Our junior class this year is extremely athletic, and it will be great to see what they can do in their senior year."

### Defending champs

With the division change in sight, there are high hopes for state championships, but the boys' basketball team still has their sights set on another state championship this year, despite a slower-than-expected start.

The defending champs have posted a 5-6 record through their first 10 games this season. The Son Blazers beat Chaparral 59-58 at home Tuesday, Jan. 12.

"We've started off slower than we would have liked," Jeremy Roman, the team's head coach, said. "But we have also had a really tough schedule having to play both 4A and 5A teams, but through these tough losses we have learned a lot about ourselves."

Roman attributes the losses not only to the tough level of play but also to bad shot selection on his team's behalf. The team has great shooters with a lot of confidence, which is a great characteristic, but there is still room to learn when and where to shoot, he said.

"The goal is for us to be the best team that we can possibly be, and not compare ourselves to anyone else," Roman said. "I always tell these guys, if we are the best we can be then we will win state."

By the time district play rolls

around, the team will be ready, Roman said.

### 'Personal development'

According to Foreman, at MVCS, extracurricular activity "is a huge aspect of the school.

"Schools our size generally don't have as many athletic programs as we do," he said.

With 90 students enrolled at MVCS and eight active sports teams playing throughout the school year, it could be said that the school has a sports culture. But winning does not seem to be the first goal in mind for Foreman or the MVCS staff; character-building is the foremost goal.

"It's not just about winning games," Foreman said, "It's about personal development and personal growth."

Despite a lack of funding and space for Son Blazer sports programs, there is much more to making a winning team and it all begins with character.

"Simply having an expensive stadium or field does not produce a morally strong player or team," he said.

Foreman also made it clear that players do not get cut in any of the sports programs at MVCS. There is the possibility of being placed on a junior varsity squad instead of varsity, but if a student wants to play a sport, he or she will get that opportunity.

"As long as our kids keep their grades up and accomplish what they are expected to accomplish inside and outside of the classroom, they will get to play," he said.

## Ag women take to the WAC road on Saturday

### Bulletin report

If New Mexico State University women's basketball team wants to repeat as Western Athletic Conference champions, it's off to a good start.

The Aggies won 13 of their first 16 games this season and began the conference portion of their schedule with back-to-back victories against Utah Valley and Grand Canyon.

The NMSU women next play at Chicago

State at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, before returning to the Pan American Center for home tilts against Seattle at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, and against CSU Bakersfield at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23.

### Home-opening win

A career-high 21 points from junior Moriah Mack and double-figures from Brianna Freeman and Sasha Weber saw NM

# NMSU men seek league wins

## Bulletin report

So far, the New Mexico State University men's basketball team has not been able to distance itself from the WAC pack.

The four-time defending Western Athletic Conference champion Aggies are playing about .500 through the first half of their season and started the league portion of their schedule with a split between Utah Valley (a win) and Grand Canyon (a loss).

Now NMSU plays host to Chicago State at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

## Starting strong

The Aggies began conference play with a 78-66 victory Thursday, Jan. 7 against Utah Valley in Orem, Utah.

The bench came through for NMSU to score 33 of the Aggies 78 points.

It wasn't easy for the Aggies, who trailed the Wolverines by 12 points a couple of minutes into the second half.

That was when the Aggies subbed in redshirt freshman Sidy Ndir who started a 13-1 run with a pair of layups and added

the first NM State 3-point field goal of the night. The run tied the contest at 47 with 13:48 to play and turned the game around.

"I think I'm more relieved than I am happy," said NM State head coach Marvin Menzies after the contest.

Sophomore forward Pascal Siakam posted his NCAA leading 14th double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds to go with four blocked shots. Guard Ian Baker added 15 points with six assists.

Ndir, a 6-2 redshirt freshman guard from Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire, France, scored a season-best 14 points and had five rebounds with a steal.

Sophomore Tanveer Bhullar, the 7-3 center from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, tallied career-highs with his first-ever double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds.

## Winning streak ends

NMSU saw its 14-game winning streak against WAC teams come to an end when the Aggies fell 79-75 at a tough Grand Canyon squad, Saturday, Jan. 9.

The victory was the first ever

for Grand Canyon against NMSU.

"It was one of those games where I thought Grand Canyon was more physical than we were and took advantage of it," Menzies said. "But we didn't play badly and I would have loved to come off this road trip with two wins but we didn't."

The Aggies outshot GCU 49.2 percent to 48.3 percent from the floor and hit 7-of-14 (50 percent) from the 3-point arc compared to the 'Lopes 5-of-12 (41.7 percent). NM State also outrebounded GCU 38-30.

But the game was decided on the foul line. The Aggies hit 10 of their 18 foul shots (55.6 percent), while GCU hit 18-of-26 (69.2 percent) from the charity stripe.

The Aggies got another strong performance from Siakam, who chalked up his NCAA-leading 15th double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds along with a blocked shot.

Ndir came off the bench with 14 points, hitting 4-of-6 from the floor and 2-of-2 from the 3-point arc. Baker added 13 points with a career-high eight assists and a blocked shot.

## WAC FROM PAGE A22

State outlast Utah Valley on Thursday, Jan. 7 in its Western Athletic Conference home-opener, 73-68, at the Pan American Center.

It was NM State's third-straight win when playing in its WAC opener under head coach Mark Trakh and put the Aggies at 7-4 all-time in their conference opener.

The third quarter proved to be the key to NM State's success as the Aggies outscored the Wolverines 15-9.

With NM State leading 44-39 after a Mack jumper in the paint, Brooke Salas drilled a 3-pointer on the baseline to extend the lead. After UVU's Mariah Seal's drive to the basket, Mack answered with a triple on the far wing to put the Aggies on top 50-41 heading into the final quarter.

Tamera William had a great game on the glass for NM State, bringing down her first double-digit rebounding effort since her career-high 13 boards against Southern Utah.

Thursday's win puts NM

State at 24-18 all-time in conference openers and 7-4 since joining the WAC.

## Topping Grand Canyon

Veteran play down the stretch was critical to NM State edging Grand Canyon, 60-58, Saturday, Jan. 9 at the Pan Am Center.

It was the first win for NM State this season when trailing an opponent heading into the fourth quarter.

Down 51-49 with 2:43 left to play, Shanice Davis broke to the basket to tie the game up for NM State. The fourth tie of the game.

Grand Canyon (8-10, 0-2 WAC) took a short-lived lead, 52-51 after Dana Jones hit 1-of-2 free-throws before Mack went right back the other way to give the Aggies the lead for good.

With her 19 points, Weber officially moved into 12th-place all-time in scoring, passing Jeanette Feaster (1,323, 1982-86). NM State has won three-straight against GCU and the outing marked the third-straight game where NM State has had three players in double-figures.

# Key golf rules changes have gone into effect

There are two very important rule changes to the game of golf that went into effect Jan. 1.

Jointly drafted and agreed upon by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and the Royal and Ancient Rules Limited (R&A), the two bodies that oversee golf rules worldwide, the new rules and interpretations everyone needs to know concern first, the anchoring of the putter, and second, a ball that moves after the address.

First, most golfers who play often certainly have been aware for some time that securing (i.e. anchoring) a long-shafted putter directly against a point on one's torso was due to be banned.

The two main methods of supporting longish putters against the torso have been by sticking the butt end of a long-wand shaft into one's chest, or poking the end of a shorter shaft into one's



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

belly. The actual length of the club wasn't an issue, although there is a legal limit; it was the anchoring placement point (i.e. above the waist) deemed by the authorities as un-golf-like and unacceptable.

Of course, this method has been around for more than 30 years, and many wonder what took the rules police so long to determine it was wrong. For an explanation of the reasons for adopting Rule 14-1b, and for guidance in applying the rule, visit [www.usga.org/anchoring](http://www.usga.org/anchoring).

The new rule is not as simple as it seems.

One recognized golf expert noted that the seven pages about

implementation of Rule 14-1b, with all the minutia and fine print, read like a tax-code document. Others object to the main exception to the anchoring ban, which is allowing golfers to legally brace the putter grip against the forearm.

A few golf club makers, like Odyssey and Bettinardi, have already come out with arm-lock versions of their putters. I will share more details about this prickly situation when I return from the PGA Show in late January. A second really big rule change for this four-year cycle is the withdrawal of the "ball at rest moving after address" rule.

In earlier modern rules, when a ball moved even slightly after the golfer had taken his stance and addressed it, there was an automatic assumption the movement was caused by the golfer himself; a penalty is applied and

the ball must be replaced in its original spot. It has been a complicated rule and one that has led to many controversies over the years — too many to go into here.

Now and for the foreseeable future, a one-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2 will be applied only when the facts show the player has caused the ball to move.

Issues and judgements can arise in many situations, such as a ball moved due to other players or equipment, or due to an "outside agency" (a forecaddie). Wind and water still are not considered outside agencies and the ball must be played as it lies.

Rest assured, however, squabbling will continue.

Indeed, there are other changes to the rules of golf that include important prohibitions for recording a score for handicap purposes after playing alone,

and nine-hole scores for tournament qualification purposes.

There is a new stipulation now in effect to protect the amateur status of golfers who play in competition where prize money or its equivalent are offered.

Yet, with the deliberations leading up to the publication of the new 2016 Rules of Golf, the rules chief czars failed to deal with several other absolutely critical problems anyone who plays and follows golf seriously should be concerned with.

One is the slow-poke pace of play, both as it relates to the pro tours and regular club players; another concerns the nature of today's juiced, hyper-long golf balls which are shrinking famous golf courses; and third is the question of divots which many, including Jack Nicklaus, fervently believe ought to be ground under repair.

# Teacher at heart, Hoffman heads College of Business

By Charlotte Tallman  
For the Bulletin

James Hoffman was a teacher at heart when he arrived at New Mexico State University in July 2014 as the College of Business dean. In fact, it was the first time in 30 years he wasn't teaching. But moving from the classroom to the dean's office didn't change much; he was still committed to student success in every way.

"I am part of a system that has a huge responsibility and an opportunity to do a lot of good," Hoffman said. "At NMSU, we want our students to obtain knowledge, but also grow in a broader manner. That's why we have a personal and academic focus on our students."

That academic focus is what excited Hoffman when he accepted the position at NMSU. He knew he



COURTESY PHOTO

James Hoffman, center, dean of the College of Business at New Mexico State University, speaks with others in the department. Before he joined NMSU in 2014, Hoffman was a professor and former associate dean in the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University.

wanted to continue creating value at the College of Business, and his background certainly helped him with that task.

Before arriving at NMSU, Hoffman was a

professor and former associate dean in the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University. He taught courses in strategy, management, leadership and information systems

for 15 years at Texas Tech, eventually serving as associate dean for MBA Programs and Executive Education.

Hoffman earned his bachelor of science degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University, and his master and doctoral degrees in business administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he focused on business strategy and operations management.

"I wanted to spend this part of my career using my skills and talents to make a difference, and I believe I am doing that," said Hoffman, who is working with the College of Business to grow the MBA programs. "I was able to transfer the knowledge from my work at Texas Tech and embark on something we haven't done before as far as MBAs go."

Hoffman spent the last days of 2015 completing an Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business reaccreditation report and a strategy to recruit students and transform their lives, something aligned perfectly with the College of Business mission.

Hoffman said the strategy creates an educational

## The NMSU Dean's List

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

**This week, College of Business Dean James Hoffman**

**College of Agricultural, Environmental and Consumer Sciences**  
Interim Dean James "Jim" Libbin

**College Arts and Sciences**  
Dean Christa Slaton

**College of Education**  
Dean Donald Pope-Davis

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Dean Loui Reyes

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Dean Elizabeth Titus

opportunity for students so they can graduate in a reasonable amount of time.

"We are teaching our students to view the world and think differently in a positive manner," he said. "As we do that, we want to make sure we retain these students; we want to make sure they get a really great education and we want to place them in really good jobs where they will have meaningful careers. In addition to transforming lives for our students, we are really trying to create value for New Mexico. Fortunately, a lot of what was done in the past left a solid foundation on which to build for the future."

As Hoffman focuses on those strategies, he is also looking forward to naming the college and programs, building a New Mexico family business center and creating a career placement center that would help place students in jobs.

As Hoffman settles into his fourth semester as a dean at NMSU, he's doing something a little different — teaching. During the spring 2016 semester, he will be teaching a business course.

"I am excited to be teaching again. I feel I can understand the students better when I am in the class-

room with them," he said, acknowledging that no matter what he is doing at NMSU, he is doing something he loves. "There's a lot of good to be done."

How does someone with such a solid focus find time for anything else? Discipline, and making sure he gets the most out of each day. Hoffman starts his days walking his two dogs, Cassie, an 80-pound Collie mix, and Bear, a 105-pound Akita, along Desert Trails Community Park with his wife, Jayne.

"In the winter, I watch the stars sparkling in the sky, and in the summer I watch the sun rise. Those walks have been priceless for me," he said.

Hoffman and Jayne have two sons — Jason, 19, and Tyler, 14 — and a daughter, Keeva, 11.

As Hoffman continues to call Las Cruces home, he does so with a love for everything the community offers: mountain biking trails (something he does purely for the adrenaline, but after dislocating an elbow, he is taking a break), the food (La Posta, Double Eagle and Si Bistro are his favorites) and the people.

"My wife and I really enjoy living here, and that is sincere. The people in Las Cruces are really good people. We are home."

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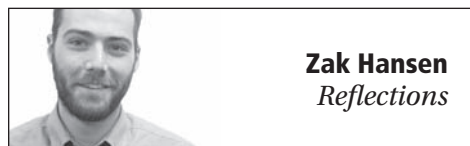
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# Looking Back

## To Sen. Albert Fall: Conditions in El Paso serious



**Zak Hansen**  
*Reflections*

### 100yearsago

• The Jan. 16, 1916 Las Cruces Citizen featured on its front page the following “self-explanatory” telegram sent to “the biggest man in the United States senate,” Sen. Albert Fall: “Conditions in El Paso serious. People highly incensed. Least overt act may precipitate mob violence which United States and law-abiding citizens will regret. It was necessary for United States troops to clear the streets of El Paso last night. We suggest for your consideration proposing that if

present de facto government of Mexico is acting in good faith toward Americans it permit United States troops to pursue bandits and outlaws who are waging guerilla warfare on Americans as such. Such proposed action would not necessarily mean intervention or declaration of war ... Unless immediate drastic action along these lines is taken outraged public sentiment along border may lead to serious complications and war. Refugees who have committed crimes against American citizens and property are now walking streets of El Paso and Las Cruces immune from punishment, and with millions in money stolen from American citizens in Mexico.”

• In response to the above telegram, Sen. Fall authorized the president to use “the land and naval forces and to

call for 500,000 volunteers to keep open lands and communications between Mexico City and all ports, and the border of the United States, for the protection of American lives and property in Mexico, and for the protection of the property and lives of foreigners.” “The United States should require the Mexicans themselves to organize an army of 75,000 under Obregon, Gonzales, Villa, or whomever you please — that is not the important point,” Fall said. “These troops should hunt down every bandit in Mexico and we should say to Mexico, ‘We do not want your territory and will not take it. We will withdraw our troops and let your country alone when you can show us that every man who has taken up arms against your army has been disarmed.’”

### 75yearsago

• Lawrence Ritchie, driver for the Valley Products Company of Las Cruces, sustained two broken wrists and head injuries late Monday afternoon when his truck was struck by a car driven by Rev. Fidel Gonzales, the Jan. 16, 1941 Las Cruces Citizen reported. The Gonzales car “struck the truck throwing Ritchie thirty-seven feet. The truck was demolished. Mrs. Gonzales and six children riding with the Reverend were uninjured.”

• The Citizen reported the induction of 100,000 more men into Selective Service training later in the month to begin their year of compulsory military service. Several Mesilla Valley men had already “answered the call to duty.”



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## JOHNSON-BURICK FROM PAGE A3

years of age due to my dad's military service," she said.

"I graduated high school from Conroe, Texas, and returned to Las Cruces to attend New Mexico State University," she said.

Johnson-Burick was a high school athlete who played softball and volleyball. An interest in working with the federal government in some type of law enforcement capacity compelled her to enroll at NMSU as a criminal justice major.

As a junior at NMSU, she was one of just 120 students in the U.S. to be chosen to participate in the recruitment assessment for an internship with the Central Intelligence Agency's Clandestine Operations and Espionage Department. She traveled to Falls Church, Virginia, to attend the evaluation testing, which included a psychological test, a polygraph and endless interviews. The hopeful recruits were expressly forbidden to go above the fourth floor of the building they were housed in, and, true to her

nature, Johnson-Burick's first undertaking was to get in the elevator and press "5." She wasn't caught, and was somewhat disappointed that the forbidden floors held only offices and normal people working in them. She made it through the last day of testing but ultimately ended up back at NMSU and headed west instead.

### Starting her career

She's never taken the safe road. After graduating from NMSU with degrees in both criminal justice and psychology, she left her native New Mexican roots and family and struck out on her own looking for adventure.

"A few years after graduating college, I moved to Lake Tahoe, California, for almost seven years to work in the gaming industry where I started my career in human resources," she said.

She worked for both Harvey's and Caesars Tahoe casinos.

She was taken with the natural beauty of the California/Nevada area.

"I love to explore. I would camp out at Brighton Beach or go see the redwoods. I love to travel," she said.

Working at the casinos allowed her to play and enjoy a glitzy lifestyle. She met celebrities such as John Elway, Oscar de la Hoya, Charles Barkley and Jerry Rice. She sat next to Mike Ditka at the craps table once, but was smart enough to not waste her money by actually playing.

During her time out west, Johnson-Burick developed Type 1 diabetes, which runs in her father's side of the family. Undeterred, she continued to explore new job opportunities.

"I couldn't join the Feds with a condition like that, so after that I was ready to go back home," she said.

"I then accepted a position with Ralston Purina in Flagstaff, Arizona. It was there I met my husband, who is from Pennsylvania, and we moved to Las Cruces."

### Back in town

She spent time as a stu-

### PROFILE

**WHO:** Stephanie Johnson-Burick

**POSITION:** Recruiter/trainer for Doña Ana County Detention Center

**EDUCATION:** New Mexico State University

**INTERESTING FACT:** A sixth-generation Mesilla resident, Johnson-Burick is a trustee with the Town of Mesilla

dent recruiter for NMSU, as the executive director of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, and then as an advertising sales representative for the Las Cruces Bulletin.

"You do a disservice to yourself if you don't take a risk," she said.

Her husband was the one who encouraged her to apply for the job at the detention center, which would utilize both her college degrees and her years in human resources.

"I love working at the jail," she said. "I love the people. I love what I do."

Working at the detention center has undeniable risks of its own. Surrounded by both alleged and proven criminals, Johnson-Burick isn't as scared of her environment as many other people, especially women, would be.

"At any time something

dangerous can happen," she admitted. DACDC employees go through training for hostage and active-shooter situations. "I'm confident with my training and with the uniformed personnel I work with."

High on her list of favorite coworkers is one especially effective officer who makes her feel safe: a tall, dark and handsome officer named Dallas. You might think her husband, Ron Burick, the Safety/Loss Control and Training Specialist for Doña Ana County, who also works at the detention center, would be uncomfortable with his wife's adoration of another officer, but in this case, it's all good. Officer Dallas is a Giant German Schnauzer, the first one of his breed to be a K-9 officer in the U.S.

"He's my best recruiting tool!" she insists.

"We're so fortunate to have him," she said, because he ensures a relative calm in the jail with just his presence. Among his many jobs is drug detection and bite control, which is his ability to go into a situation involving a violent offender who could hurt himself or other detainees, and take hold of an arm and hang on. He's effective and non-lethal.

### Law enforcement

Johnson-Burick thrives in her work environment. Her favorite part of the job is meeting people.

"I love getting people jobs and starting them on a career in law enforcement," she said. "And the people I work with are amazing. What they do is not as respected as it should be."

She doesn't carry a gun:

"I'd love to, but I can't even have sharp objects," she said with a wistful smile. In fact, DACDC officers do not carry weapons. Just Tasers and pepper spray. The DACDC Special Operations Group can carry both non-lethal and lethal weapons, but usually only have the non-lethal kind in the secured area of the facility.

"The number one weapon we all carry is a combination of our mouth and our brain," Johnson-Burick said.

Maybe her law enforcement interest and aptitude is genetic: she's a direct descendent of the Fountain family. Her great-great-great grandfather was the Col. Albert Jennings Fountain himself. A proud Mesillera, she also was elected and serves as a member of the Mesilla Board of Trustees.

Her work as the recruiter/trainer for the Doña Ana County Detention Center is very rewarding.

"I absolutely love my career keeping people safe and helping others," she said. She encourages women to get into law enforcement, noting that the DACDC has 35 female officers and cadets in the facility. One topic she's passionate about is animal welfare. She notes the connection between animal abuse and how offenders quickly escalate to the abuse of the people around them, which she sees all too often in her position.

"Hopefully I can become more involved and help educate others about animal abuse," she said.

Johnson-Burick and her husband are the proud parents of five "furbabies": their dog, Molly, and four cats, Tanqueray, Precious, Moshe and Tiger Paws.

"What's important is how we treat our animals," she said.

That and the willingness to take risks.

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## MARIBEL "MARIE" BENAVIDEZ

*February 18, 1974 to January 7, 2016*

MARIBEL "MARIE" CORRAL BENAVIDEZ, of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso, TX following a prolonged illness. She was born February 18, 1974 in Las Cruces to Jose and Mary Ronquillo Corral. "Marie" as she was fondly known to her family and friends grew up in Las Cruces; graduating from Mayfield High School in 1992 afterwards pursuing a career to become a pharmacy technician.



BENAVIDEZ

Maribel is survived by her husband, Ruben Benavidez and their children, Gabriel Isaiah and Erika Celeste Benavidez all of Las Cruces; her father, Jose Corral of Alamogordo; her mother, Mary Ronquillo Corral of Las Cruces; a sister, Aida Michelle Hernandez (Arthur) of Las Cruces; two brothers, Jose Angel Corral of Fort Worth, TX, Michael Anthony Miranda; her maternal grandmother, Andrea Ronquillo both also of Las Cruces. Other survivors include three nephews, Jose Reyes Solis III, Dominic Xavier Corral and Thomas Adrian Solis; her parents-in-laws, Bennie and Bernice Benavidez of Las Cruces; brother-in-law, Andrew Benavidez (Yolanda) of Norman, OK; sister-in-law, Martha Lozano (Francisco) also of Las Cruces; nieces, Luna Lozano, Aundrea Benavidez and nephew, AJ Benavidez as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, lifelong friends

and co-workers. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Ramiro Ronquillo and her paternal grandparents, Fermin and Carmen Corral.

Visitation for Marie will held Thursday, January 14, 2016 from 5 PM to 7 PM in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Funeral Service is scheduled for 10 AM Friday, January 15, 2016. As per Marie's request cremation will follow and Inurnment of Cremains will be held at a later date.

Now God has called our beloved Maribel as he needed another precious angel relieving her from the pain and suffering she was fighting. The Corral and Benavidez family would like to thank all who were a part of her life, and valued the kind, generous and special person she was. She will be greatly missed and remembered for her beautiful smile and friendly attitude by all who knew her. May you rest in peace our dearest wife, daughter, mother, sister, niece and friend. We will forever have you in our hearts and cherish every laughter and tears shared with you.

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## MARY LOU ARZABAL

*August 24, 1948 to December 12, 2015*

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, MARY LOU ARZABAL, 67, lifelong resident of Las Cruces left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. She was born August 24, 1948 to German and Isabel Anapa Ramirez. Mary Lou retired from the State of New Mexico as a

caseworker. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

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## JOHNNY MALDONADO

*December 24, 1968 to December 17, 2015*

JOHNNY MALDONADO, age 46, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, entered eternal life Thursday, December 17, 2015 in Oklahoma City. He was born December 24, 1968 in Las Cruces to Juan S. Maldonado and Guadalupe A. Anglin. Johnny was a self-employed auto body technician.

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## The great outdoors ... indoors



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Looking for footing, 9-year-old, Katie Baid Hewus, scales an indoor rock wall during the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Many outdoor enthusiasts and vendors were on hand to display or check out the newest industry trends, products and everything related to outdoor fun.



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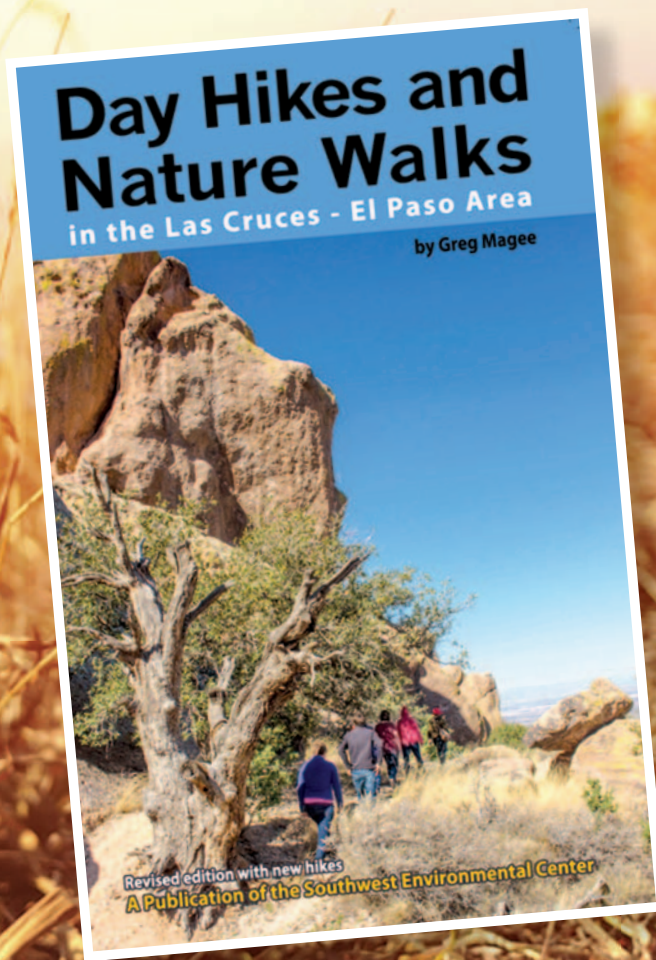
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# 'Water! What is it Good For?' opens at NMSU Art Gallery Jan. 22

By Zak Hansen  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico is no stranger to water issues.

The state just now seems to be exiting a punishing drought. For years, farmers have struggled to produce crops in the once-fertile Mesilla Valley, their annual water allotments dwindling to a trickle. The perennial debate over the Arizona Water Compact rages on. The bed of the Rio Grande remains cracked and dry, and the river itself creates a natural border between two countries whose complicated sociopolitical realities fuel heated political debates.

After the godsend of an aqueous monsoon season and record snowpack in Colorado and northern New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment seems relieved – for now – of its decade-long, record-setting drought, but New Mexico State University Art Gallery's first exhibition of the spring 2016 season, "Water! What is it Good For?" could not be more timely.

This joint exhibition by artists Bethany Taylor and Brenda Perry asks viewers to "consider meaning and practices of sustainability, water rights, renewable natural resources and environmental consciousness" while grappling with the complex environmental issues those living in the Borderlands are all too familiar with, but whose impact reaches far beyond the region.

Working out of Florida, interdisciplinary artist and assistant professor at the University of Florida Bethany Taylor is familiar with the myriad issues surrounding water.

Raised in the Stockton Delta in northern California's San Joaquin Valley,



El Paso artist Brenda Perry plumbs the water crisis for solutions both real and imagined alongside Florida artist Bethany Taylor in "Water! What is it Good For?," a dual exhibition at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery opening Thursday, Jan. 22.



Brenda Perry's, "Waiting for Rain"

Taylor's family has been involved for decades in farming, making water of particular note.

"Water issues, whether it be drought or flooding of the levees in this region of California, have always affected my family and been of interest to me," Taylor said.

Moving south for college, Taylor began taking courses centered on California's water rights and history, and "became fascinated by the complexity of the issue of water and its use as a commodity, particularly in urban desert cit-

ies, which do not always have an adequate natural water supply."

Moving on to graduate school in Colorado, with drought conditions leading to devastating wildfires, Taylor became aware of the critical nature of the Colorado River Basin, supplying water to Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, California and New Mexico, supporting tens of millions of people and an astonishing 15 percent of the U.S. food supply.

"Care in regards to the depletion and misuse of



Gainesville, Florida artist Bethany Taylor's large-scale Jacquard tapestries and string line drawings will adorn the walls of the University Art Gallery.

this and other water supplies in the Southwest is imperative," she said.

Though she's jumped coasts for Gainesville, Taylor said she takes keen interest in the legal rights surrounding how water is maintained, as well as the lasting mark pollution makes when preservation is "not in balance with industry, agricultural and urban needs," especially considering future predictions indicate Florida may

face widespread severe flooding in the coming years "while at the same time, places like New Mexico experience devastating drought."

Taylor's work for the UAG show, titled "Ravages Raveled," includes three large wall installation tapestries, accompanied by two smaller ones, depicting the New Mexico landscape that, as they drape along the gallery walls, become unraveled, pooling at

the floor, their lush turquoise blues and avocado greens fading to dusty earth tones and rusty red-browns — a shrinking water table. These loose strands connect roughly to fiber-drawn figures — rattlesnakes, jackrabbits, armadillos, humans, skeletal in the string recreation — pinned to the walls.

The idea, Taylor said, "Is that the pristine New Mexico landscapes, full of life, will begin to depict drought scenarios and a wasteland of destruction to life and the ecosystem."

On one end of this installation, a large tapestry depicts the Elephant Butte Reservoir in 1994; on the other end, the reservoir in 2013, its stark and dire drop in water storage clear and frightening.

"Despite the complexities involved and the reasons for drought in the region, I want the work, if anything, to encourage a mindful use of water. I want the negatively impactful human activities and dystopian imagery to be seen in the context and colors of the beautiful New Mexico landscape so that viewers will be moved to consider this changing landscape, and might take better care to preserve it through conservation or activism."

Artist Brenda Perry is also acutely aware of the many challenges, aside from the obvious, posed by water. Born in Juarez and now living between El Paso and New York City, Perry "grew up witnessing the social disparities from both sides of the border that are shared by the same ecosystem, yet divided by a dry river — the Rio Grande," she said in a biography, "undertaking the roles of researcher,

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airline pilot, amateur programmer and pseudo-scientist in her attempts to rebirth the dying river.”

For her work, Perry makes strides to finding “real and imaginary solutions” to the region’s lack of water, a response to the “cultural relationship with water and the local ecosystem with quixotic approaches to serious social concerns.”

One of Perry’s works, “Waiting for Rain,” a multimedia installation using photography and video, found the artist creating vessels from raw clay from the dry Rio Grande riverbed, then placing the ewers back into the river, in time dissolving back into their original environment. For her UAG piece, Perry covers the gallery floor with riverbed sand, a clay jarro centered in the sand, computer-generated rain projected in front of it.

Another, “Memory of Water,” invites viewers to sketch in the missing water in an image of the Rio Grande with a water brush, directly onto tiles formed from that same local-sourced clay.

“Relational Sustainability,” perhaps the most striking, “investigates weather and the significance of intentionality in humanity’s efforts to remediate pressing anthropogenic problems” like drought.

Suspended in midair in the gallery space, a lone cloud hangs above a small, square planter of rich, brown and speckled soil; by sending a Tweet — #releasetherain — from anywhere in the world, viewers trigger a water pump inside, dropping to the installed earth a burst of nourishing water, eventually yielding the tender tendrils of sunflower seedlings peeking up from the peat.

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# Events Calendar

## FRI. 1/15

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

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

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

**7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance**, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society sponsors a contra dance featuring The Muletones, a West-Texas band, playing old-time music. Lonnie Ludeman will call dances. No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome and should come for instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth \$4. Visit [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org) or call 522-1691.

**8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Alison Reynolds**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

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

## SAT. 1/16

**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 to 11:30 a.m. Children's activity: "It's Just Nuts." New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum**, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Kids, join us in the exploration of New Mexico and the relationship between birds and squirrels with our nut trees. What types do our animal friends eat? Are seeds alive? We will dissect pine cones and make peanut butter pine cone bird feeders for our animal friends. Activity is for children 7 to 12 years of age. Please call ahead to reserve your space. Cash or check fee of \$5 (museum admission is included). Limit 25 participants. Call 522-4100 or visit [www.nmfarmdranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmdranchmuseum.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 rocks and minerals. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sharing and Preserving Your Family History**, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. New Mexico Historic Sites and the Museum of New Mexico Foundation will host a series of presentations and a workshop titled "Sharing and Preserving your Family History," which includes presentations by Beth Morgan of Full Circle Heritage Services and Caitlin Wells of the Rio Grande Historical Collections, NMSU Library. With the recent interest in genealogical research, people are looking for ways to learn more about their own family history. This program is an opportunity to learn how to begin the conversation, and create and document your own family history. Morgan focuses on storytelling as one of the important ways people learn about their families. Participants will be encouraged to tell their own stories and learn how to organize family histories. Morgan will share insights gained after recent interviews with three long-time Mesilla Valley residents including J. Paul Taylor, Ella Nelson and Emily Guerra. There are tales of coming of age in a rural community, childhood anecdotes, and stories about community role models. Caitlin Wells and staff from the Rio Grande Historical Collections will be available to talk about oral history programs, preserving family photographs and papers and how archives can assist you with your needs. Call 649-9088.

**10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces**, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Sonya Weiner 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. Story Time, Las Cruces Railroad Museum**, 351 N. Mesilla St. Listen to a Thomas the Tank Engine book and enjoy a Thomas video while completing a related craft activity. Free. Call 647-4480.

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SNAP**, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and

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

**2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Frontera Jazz Guitarz**, 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. to close, Salsa Dancing Night**, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Free lessons with a professional instructor. Get your dance on the third Saturday of each month. No cover. Call 527-5310.


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

**7:30 p.m. Robert Mirabal**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council, in association with Heritage Hotels and Resorts, continues its 2015-16 New Mexico Heritage Series with a return engagement to the Rio Grande Theatre by two-time Grammy Award-winner, Robert Mirabal, with his new show "River." The Native American flute player will bring with his unique brand of world music merging indigenous American sounds with those of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, tapping into a planetary pulse with a style that defies categorization. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32 for Main Floor reserved seats; \$22 for Balcony reserved seats (all fees included). \$10 Student rush tickets (with valid Student ID) will be available 10 minutes before show time. Call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**8 to 10 p.m. Live music with James Gier**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

**8 to 11 p.m. Live Ruidoso country, folk and rock with Jones & Miles**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

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



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**SUN. 1/17**

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

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Tea Party**, Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Loose-leaf, perfectly brewed tea by the pot, accompanied by sweet and savory finger foods. Other beverages, snacks and appetizers are also available. Cost is \$7.95 per person. Call 652-7366 to reserve space – seating is limited.

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

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

**3 p.m. Valinor Quartet**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Las Cruces Civic Concert Association presents an award-winning presentation by the Valinor Quartet, offering a unique hybrid of music from classical Jazz to the Beatles. Doors open at 2 p.m., show begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$26 and are available through the website. Call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**7 p.m. MVJBS presents An Evening of Jazz by the Note-works Jazz Ensemble with Billy Townes**, First Christian Church, 1809 S. El Paseo Road. The Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society presents for its monthly concert a performance by Note-works Jazz Ensemble from El Paso, featuring selections from the group's new CD "Sauzon." Dessert social set for 6:30 p.m. Cost \$5 MVJBS members, \$8 nonmembers and \$1 students with ID. Visit [www.mvjazzblues.net](http://www.mvjazzblues.net).

**MON. 1/18**

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

**TUE. 1/19**

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

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

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

**6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with Flat Blak**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents Las Cruces' favorite power rock trio, Flat Black. Consisting of Travis Manning on guitar and lead vocals, Rob Allen on drums and vocals and Leslie Skaggs on bass, Flat Blak continues to break the mold with original music combining a love of all things rock 'n' roll with a Blues-based vibe like no other. The EOT

series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**7 p.m. Doña Ana Photography club presents "Photos from the Field Trip to Bosque de Apache,"** Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St Anne Chase and members of the club will present "Photos from the Field Trip to Bosque del Apache," and members will present photos on the monthly theme, wildlife. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.daphotoclub.com](http://www.daphotoclub.com).

**7:30 p.m. Literary open mic**, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Sponsored by Sin Fronteras. No cover. Call 521-7311.

**WED. 1/20**

**7:45 to 9 a.m. Beginner Bird Walk**, Tellbrook Park, 4290 E. Winchester Road. On the third Wednesday of each month, the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society guides an easy, outdoor bird walk for beginners. Learn about the avian wildlife that visits and lives in the Las Cruces area. Wear walking shoes and bring water. Binoculars are helpful, but not required. Free. Contact Jay Wilbur at [jwilbur@jaysplanet.info](mailto:jwilbur@jaysplanet.info) for more information.

**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. 1/21**

**9 a.m. Dinosaur Train: Stegosaurus**, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join museum staff on the third Thursday of each month to learn about paleontology, ancient environments and trains. This month, we will learn about the platy, herbivorous Stegosaurus. A video will be shown and a hands-on demonstration will follow. After the lesson, we will complete a craft activity, and the railroad museum will also be providing trains for our preschoolers to play with. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

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Cost \$4 per lesson. Call 639-1616.

**7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club**, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to join us to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. Call 526-6504.

**8 to 11 p.m. Live indie rock from Sweden with Secret Circus**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

**FRI. 1/22**

**3 p.m. Evolved**, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Evolved is a program that makes circuits through time, discussing important points in evolution and the development of the world as it currently exists. Join museum staff every Friday at 3 p.m. to explore the beginnings of the universe and discuss what the future may hold for us, as informed by modern philosophy and science. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

**7 to 9 p.m. After-Hours Music Night: Live folk and Americana with Mark Courtney**, Desert Roots Art Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Enjoy an evening of art and music with friends and neighbors featuring folk and Americana music from Mark Courtney. Snacks, appetizers and hot and cold beverages available. Free. Call 652-7366.

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# Rosie's Café a treasure of Downtown Las Cruces

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the treasures of Downtown Las Cruces is Rosie's Café, located in the northeast corner of the two-story La Esquina Plaza on the corner of Main Street and Las Cruces Avenue, directly across the street from Bank of the West.

Owner Rosie Hendrix is there every time I go in, which is at least once a week; she's one of the reasons I love the place. The same goes for waitress Monica Martinez, who has been a fixture at Rosie's since 2001, except for a short break several years ago when she briefly left Las Cruces.

I like everything about Rosie's — the food, the service, the atmosphere, the prices — and I almost always see someone I know when I go in. I started going to Rosie's several years ago when I worked for Las Cruces Public Schools. Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan introduced me to Rosie and Monica

when the restaurant was on Avenida de Mesilla. It moved downtown about two years ago.

Here is what Jo says about Rosie's: "For years, Rosie's Cafe has been my No. 1 place to enjoy a meal. Since so many people are repeat customers, you'll always see someone familiar. And, they know their customers like the back of their hand. I eat at Rosie's for lunch quite often, but it's actually my favorite place for weekend breakfast with my husband. Rosie and her staff know us well! Our drinks are already on the table by the time we sit down. My husband simply says "the El" and they know it means he's ordering: the El Mexicano (red chile meat with eggs). My fave is the ham (thick sliced and not salty) and eggs (always perfectly cooked) with green chile (out of this world).

Rosie said her most popular lunch menu



item is the Mesilla Melt, a house specialty. Her tacos are also popular, she said, because they're "pretty meaty."

You'll also find burritos, enchiladas, combination plates, steaks, salads, burgers and sandwiches on the lunch menu — and there's also a varied menu for breakfast.

I order the same thing almost every time I go to Rosie's: a cheeseburger with a fried egg over medium, French fries and iced tea. Yum and yum again! The regular cook, Conrad Estrada, prepares it to perfection every single time. I also love their chips and salsa, which are complimentary with the meal.

I really like their iced tea, too. Some restaurants serve what a wise person I know once called "swamp tea." I'm sure you know what I mean — it's a funny color and looks like it was made about a week be-

fore you got it and kept in an urn that was last cleaned about a month before that. Not Rosie's tea — it's always great, and Monica always gives me a complimentary to-go cup.

LCPS-TV Manager Bill Fox, who I see at Rosie's almost every time I go in, said he's "had just about everything on the menu," and it's difficult to pick a favorite. But, he really likes the chicken fajita burrito smothered with queso (cheese), and the Mesilla Melt.

LCPS Instructional Technology Support Specialist Matt Dawkins said he eats at Rosie's Café almost every day. "The food is consistently excellent," Matt told me. And, he likes "the homey feel. It's got the best service in town."

Rosie's has large and small tables inside, and even has several tables outside so you can enjoy Esquina Plaza's beautiful fountain.



**ABOVE:** At Rosie's Cafe, left to right, owner Rosie Hendrix and long-time customers Matt Dawkins and Bill Fox, both of whom work for Las Cruces Public Schools.

**LEFT:** Long-time Rosie's Cafe waitress Monica Martinez.

PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

And when you go, say "Hi" to Rosie's nephew, Julian Martinez, who often helps out at the restaurant.

You can enter La Esquina Plaza from the west side, on Main Street, or from the south side, on Las Cruces Avenue. The actual street address is 300 N. Main St.

Rosie's Café is open for breakfast and lunch, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Find Rosie's Cafe on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RosiesCafe575](http://www.facebook.com/RosiesCafe575) and visit [www.meetlas-cruces.com/Restaurants/Rosies-Cafe-in-Las-Cruces.html](http://www.meetlas-cruces.com/Restaurants/Rosies-Cafe-in-Las-Cruces.html).

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# Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Lee Ann Womack will headline Country Music Festival

The line-up for the 2016 Las Cruces Country Music Festival is set. Friday's heritage headliners include country legends Lee Ann Womack and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Saturday night continues the party with rising stars David Nail and Cam. The line-up also includes Rick Trevino and Aaron Watson who are sure to get the crowds on their feet. New this year, the 4th Annual LCCMF includes two stages for a true festival feel. Tickets are now on sale for the April 29-May 1 event.

The Country Music party begins Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. with food, dancing, a kid's area, live music and the New Mexico TRUE area which features vendors and artisans from all over the state. The north stage entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with Aaron Watson, whose song "That Look," debuted in the top-10 on Billboard's Country Digital Songs Chart this past year. Watson will be followed by Grammy and CMA (Country Music Association) Award-winning artist Lee Ann Womack.

Best known for her smash-hit "I Hope You Dance," Womack has received nine Grammy nominations, 20 CMA nominations, the CMA award for 2001's Female Vocalist of the Year, and 2005's Album of the Year "There's More Where that Came From." She was awarded the 2003 Grammy for Best Country Collaboration for "Mendocino County Line" with Willie Nelson. Womack will co-headline the event with the Grammy and CMA Award winning Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2016.

The festivities continue downtown Saturday morning with the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market. Rated one of the top farmers markets in the country, the market features over 300 local vendors. Action continues at mid-day on the campus of New Mexico State University where the Aggies host their annual rodeo with collegiate teams competing from around the Southwest. The festival grounds re-open at 4 p.m. with live music on the south stage, dancing, and activities for the kiddos. The lights on the north stage go up at 6 p.m. with the Grammy award-winning

Rick Trevino. Trevino's debut single, "Just Enough Rope," was the first mainstream country music single to feature separate English- and Spanish-language versions. He went on to chart 14 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, reaching No. 1 with "Running Out of Reasons to Run."

Trevino will be followed by recent country sensation Cam, who's single "Burning House" has skyrocketed her to the top of the Billboard charts. "Burning House" recently went platinum and Cam's debut album, "Untamed," has already received rave reviews from critics.

Closing out Saturday night will be country superstar David Nail. Nail has produced seven chart entries on Hot Country Songs and Country Airplay charts, including number one hits "Let It Rain" featuring Sarah Buxton and "Whatever She's Got." He also had a top-10 hit with "Red Light."

Also performing will be three-time Texas Female Vocalist of the year and Las Cruces' own Bri Bagwell.

Phil San Filippo, Executive Director

of Visit Las Cruces says he is looking forward to listening to some of the best country music talent period. "We have two legends in Lee Ann Womack and the Nitty Gritty Dirt band, and a couple more in the making," San Filippo said. "It's going to be a great show, in a great venue and I am looking forward to it. The fans are going to love it!"

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at Visit Las Cruces located at 211 N. Water St. or online at [www.lccountryfest.com](http://www.lccountryfest.com). The festival offers several ticket options, starting with a day pass for only \$25 per person per day in advance or \$30 at the gate. A two-day festival pass is \$45 in advance or \$50 at the gate. A festival pass includes access to both Friday and Saturday night as well as the New Mexico State University Rodeo taking place that weekend.

For those wanting the "red carpet" treatment, there is a VIP package available for \$150 which includes access to all the concerts, the NMSU rodeo, special VIP seating at the festival, VIP parking, a commemorative T-shirt and access to the Thursday night VIP party.

Individual passes are available for the Sunday Brunch for \$25.

The festival is hosted by Visit Las Cruces and the Friends of Visit Las Cruces Foundation. For more information, visit [www.lccountryfest.com](http://www.lccountryfest.com).

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If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-888-833-9522 or visit [centurylink.com/lifeline](http://centurylink.com/lifeline) with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

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Lee Ann Womack, a multi-award-winning County artist, performs at the 2016 Las Cruces Country Music Festival.

# Robert Mirabal returns to Rio Grande on Jan. 16

The Doña Ana Arts Council in association with Heritage Hotels and Resorts, continues the 2015-16 New Mexico Heritage Series with a long-awaited return engagement by two-time Grammy Award-winner Robert Mirabal. The Native American flute player will bring his unique brand of world music to the Rio Grande Theatre Saturday, Jan. 16, with his new show "River," that merges indigenous American sounds with

those of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, tapping into a planetary pulse with a style that defies categorization.

Hailing from Taos, New Mexico, Mirabal has been described as a Native American "Renaissance Man," keeping the centuries-old customs of the Taos Pueblo people alive as a musician, composer, painter, master craftsman, poet, actor, screenwriter, horseman and farmer. His dozen albums of traditional

music, rock 'n' roll and spoken word present a contemporary view of American Indian life that is unequalled. A leading proponent of World Music, his continued exposures and experiences have opened up new avenues of performance, awakening a global sound and voice unlike any other. Mirabal will be presenting his latest one-man performance titled "River."

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at

211 N. Main Street. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32 for main floor reserved seats and \$22 for balcony reserved seats (all fees included), and may be purchased via the website at [www.RioGrandeTheatre.com](http://www.RioGrandeTheatre.com), or at the Rio Grande Theatre box office, second floor at the theatre, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 523-6403.

## Call to Artists

### A Children's Theatre begins 'The Jungle Book' rehearsals Jan. 19

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) will begin rehearsals for its spring show, "The Jungle Book," on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Please join ACT from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the New Mexico State University Wesley Center, 2425 Jordan Street. Ages 5 to 18 are encouraged to attend. Youth ages 16 to 19 may participate as apprentice directors.

Tuition is \$130 and enrollment is limited. All participants will be cast.

Note there will be no rehearsals during Las Cruces Public Schools spring break, March 14-18.

"The Jungle Book" will be performed Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, at the Rio Grande Theatre. Early reservations for tickets can be made by calling Pinky Kingsley, show coordinator, 644-9561.

ACT is a Las Cruces-based nonprofit corporation, funded in part by an award from New Mexico Arts, a

division of Cultural Affairs, and by the National Endowment for the Arts. ACT has provided theatre and film experiences to the youth of Southern New Mexico since 1993.

For more information, contact Artistic Director Kelly King at 571-1413 or visit [www.achildrenstheatre.wix.com/achildrenstheatre](http://www.achildrenstheatre.wix.com/achildrenstheatre) or find A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley Inc. on Facebook.

### No Strings Theatre Company holds 'The Birthday Party' auditions

No Strings Theatre Company, from its home at the Black Box Theatre in Downtown Las Cruces, announces auditions for Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party" to be held beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Jan. 17-18, at the theater, located at 430 N. Main St.

"The Birthday Party" is directed by Karen Caroe and opens March 4 for a three-week run. The play was written in 1957 and, though not well-received at the time, it has become one of Pinter's most produced plays of all time. This "comedy of menace" transcends traditional theater by taking a familiar setting—in this case an English home—and turning it into an unset-

tling place of lies, deceit, and chaos. It is both menacing and intriguing.

Roles needed are: Stanley, a man, 20s to 40s; Petey, a man, 50s to 60s; LuLu, a voluptuous girl, 20s; Goldberg, a man, 40s to 50s; and McCann, a man, 30s.

Auditioners should prepare a 1- to 2-minute monologue for auditions. There will also be a reading of the script. A perusal copy is available at the Research Help Desk at Branigan Memorial Library.

For more information, email Caroe at [kcaroe@comcast.net](mailto:kcaroe@comcast.net).

### NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum seeks tour guides

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, is looking for volunteers to be tour guides during the spring 2016 season. Tour guides help the museum teach visitors about the rich cultural legacy of New Mexico by taking students through the museum. Enrich your own knowledge of New Mexico agricultural history at the same time. For more information, call Debbi Holderby at 575-522-4100 ext. 116.

## Sudoku

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

### BEGINNER

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

### CHALLENGER

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

### EXPERT

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

# 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.

### CONTRACTOR PROBLEMS

ENGLISH	SPANISH
AVARICIOUS	AVARIENTO
CARELESS	DESCUIDADO
INEXPERIENCED	INEXPERTO
IRRESPONSIBLE	IRRESPONSABLE
LAZY	PEREZOSO
LIAR	MENTIROSO
NEGLECTFUL	NEGLIGENTE
TARDY	TARDÍO
TO BE IN A HURRY	TENER PRISA
TO BE LACKING	FALTAR
TO BE UNAWARE OF	DESCONOCER
UNSKILLED	NO CUALIFICADO

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

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## Crossword Puzzles

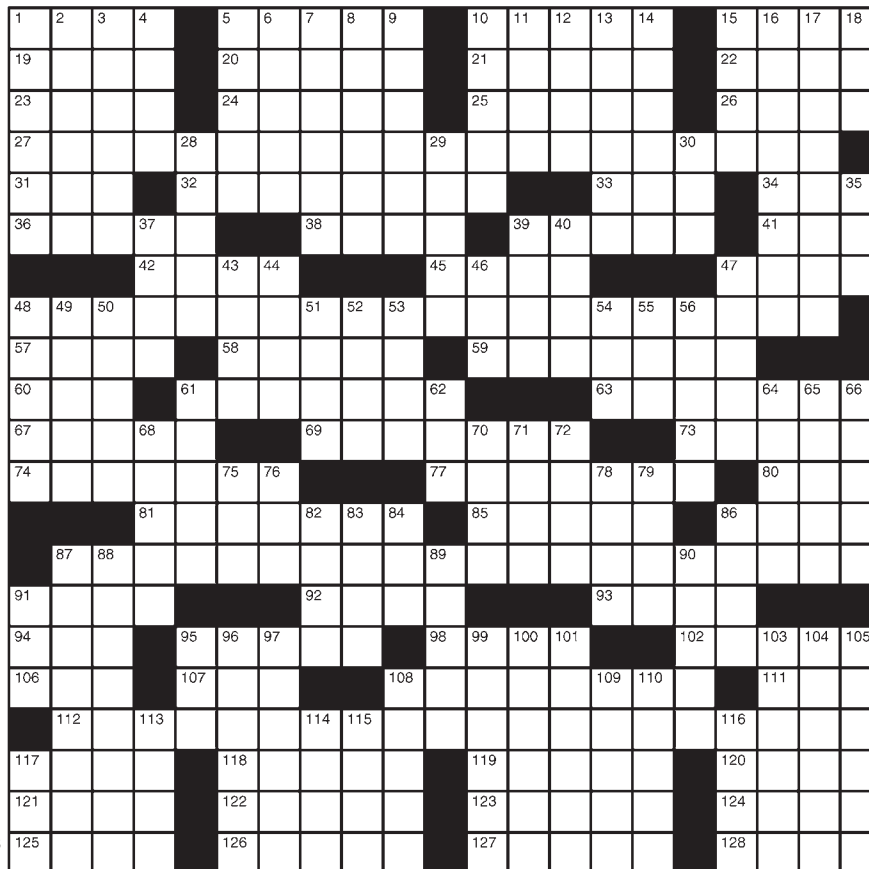
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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**
- Florida or Alicia?
  - Old-time Tokyo
  - "Poppies Blooming" painter, Claude
  - Over there, for Shakespeare
  - Carrie Underwood was a winner on "American"
  - Person who dies for a cause
  - Gussy
  - Keats creation
  - Zero
  - Board room votes
  - Establish a new date, perhaps
  - Prior, poetically
  - Dummy
  - Court document
  - Used to blow things up
  - Destroy
  - Self-titled envelope
  - Real spooky
  - Mud bath locale
  - Frothy
  - Pass slowly
  - Remote
  - Knee-jerk reaction
  - International Bollywood star, Aishwarya
  - Mr. Gershwin
  - Poet Sandburg
  - Bank routing number abbreviation
  - Roughly made hut
  - Bach wrote a solo concerto for it
  - Peacock feather eyes
  - Compact group of infantrymen
  - Cowboy rope
  - Herbie, e.g.
  - Noble
  - It's best buried?
  - Imagine
  - Buddhist who's attained nirvana
  - Outdated anesthetic
  - Serious story
  - "National Treasure" star
  - Leased out
  - Crier
  - PC processor, abbr.
  - Take a load off
  - Dismounted
  - Garlic-smelling gas
  - They are Blue in Vegas
  - Actress, Archer
  - "We \_\_\_ family"
  - Divide into three
  - Used to be
  - Loose lady
  - TV dog
  - Snake-like sea creature
  - Coves
  - Prescribed amount
  - African antelope
  - Czech composer, Antonin
  - Juice up the motor
  - Escape route
  - International Labor Org.
  - Eggs
  - Wide river mouths
  - Soap ingredients
  - Moron or acetylene starter
  - Type of site
  - U.S. painter, Lydia Field
  - Dispute
  - Not here
  - Madison for one
  - Pear-shaped tropical fruit
  - Rabbinical teachings
  - Bound
  - Self-image
  - Shrek I and II and III
  - \_\_\_ shot, photo
  - From scratch
  - Blemish
  - Brady Bunch's Plumb
  - Scored a victory
  - Hoodlum
  - Hard wood
- DOWN**
- Relatives

### DIET TRENDS

- ACROSS**
- Island in the Lesser Sundas
  - Common edible mushroom
  - Like Dylan Thomas
  - Composer Khachaturian
  - Verdi forte
  - Swiftly
  - New York or London district
  - Boxer Benvenuti
  - Brief look-see
  - "Slave Ship" author Jones
  - Ready for business
  - Start of a modernized verse
  - Single entity
  - 1993 Harvey Keitel movie
  - Aunt from Barcelona
  - Existed
  - Before: pref.
  - Brief, heated argument
  - Pond coating
  - Neon and radon
  - Taking it on the \_\_\_ (fleeing from the law)
  - Norwegian saint
  - Highly excited
  - Hilo garlands
  - Part 2 of the verse
  - Surefire shooters
  - Actress Witherspoon
  - Peter Benchley novel
  - USN part
  - Irregular lumps
  - Hoarded
  - Hellenic combiner
  - Malaysian wraparounds
  - Worker nest-egg leg.
  - Brazilian woman's title
  - Escape of fluid
  - Holiday drink
  - Cabal member
  - Get up
  - Not threatened
  - Part 3 of the verse
  - Coarse file
  - Shade of blue
  - Diva's moment
  - Rock composer Brian
  - Paint additive
  - Uris or Trotsky
  - Ground grain
- DOWN**
- Cave hanger
  - "\_\_\_ the land of the free.."
  - Muse of epic poetry
  - MDX divided by X
  - End of the verse
  - Even
  - Where lovers walk?
  - Printers' measures
  - Aid a con man
  - "God's Little \_\_\_"
  - Of the past
  - Look after
  - Donated
  - Girl of a Salingier title
  - Reverie
  - Wormy shapes
  - Like many cheeses
  - Lute kin
  - ESA rocket
  - Surgical cutter
  - "How're you?" response
  - Phoneme
  - \_\_\_ citato (in the work cited)
  - TV spots
  - Brief summaries
  - Sensual
  - T-top car
  - Ralph \_\_\_ Emerson
  - Fencing tool
  - Zhivago's love
  - Glenn and Turov
  - Manush of baseball
  - From
  - "The \_\_\_ Samurai"
  - \_\_\_ ex machina
  - "La \_\_\_ Bonita"
  - Doe or buck
  - TV spots
  - Assam or hyson
  - Embankment
  - Middays
  - Fa follower
  - Singer Shore
  - States, in a way
  - Ancient European
  - Noted screenwriter
  - '60s do
  - Nourish
  - Fetched
  - Outcast
  - Dangles
  - Words of concern
  - "The \_\_\_ Samurai"
  - \_\_\_ ex machina
  - "La \_\_\_ Bonita"
  - Doe or buck
  - TV spots
  - Assam or hyson
  - Embankment
  - Middays
  - Fa follower
  - Singer Shore
  - States, in a way
  - Actress Debra
  - Sound like a bird
  - Close
  - Characteristic clothes
  - Lose traction
  - Alphabetical trio
  - Not feel well
  - Big land mass
  - Will of "The Waltons"
  - Overdo the mothering
  - Bedside pitcher
  - Pioneering TV co.
  - Headliner
  - Overly enthused ones
  - Weather map line
  - God of Islam
  - Detroit player
  - CSA type
  - Parties
  - Phrase differently
  - Person with pressing problems
  - Slip away
  - Dated platters
  - Some kin
  - Cold pack
  - Blouse part
  - Dyed
  - Type of portable memory
  - Egg-shaped
  - Mexican money
  - Nice notion?
  - Mortgage figure
  - Old Italian bread
  - Long tale
  - Menlo Park initials



**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**Word Salsa**

TFUSIORUSTI OSED  
 OCUSM IONMUCSULA  
 DESURUSIONEUSID  
 RUSTICOUPSCREUSU  
 SEJUSTACEFIASUMIS  
 EDSTILTOMUSCLES  
 TIESUEOTCSLESUJ  
 OPPCHEUPAIIONAMU  
 FSSUPHSNNOJUSTO  
 UNUSLEPSNHPPTSU  
 MCITSURANOISUF  
 CLEARUSTICAJU  
 SEPCUSTECITSUJ  
 USADASUMNAISSUR  
 MOIRSAUSUSUITSRF

**Diagramless**

HELLO ABED DEB  
 ORBIT RUST  
 BYTES  
 ROOT CAH ROAN  
 CAN ORE  
 TIFFF RIM  
 NILD ELM  
 HERRING  
 INTER  
 PAD OVA  
 OIL REDO HER  
 GANTRY HOE AMP  
 ERA MAXIMUM  
 JAMB SASS  
 FOR GRIMM  
 OBEY CHAOS  
 TAU AMES ENOS  
 TAD STYE

**Play Ball**

LAPD SALE LASSO SAUNA  
 ESAU EBAN AFLAT UNSET  
 ELUL CENTERLINE PAINE  
 SCATTERED VIR ENNEA  
 GREER TOES GETT TRIGHT  
 LEFTALONE TERTI OVA  
 USO PERE NUNEZ DISBAR  
 THREAT CIR DEEDS AGA  
 SHORTHAND STILO ROD  
 PLATO EEO SEE CEREBRA  
 ROCA MILKPLITCHER GEAR  
 GATBRAN FEASAIT STATES  
 UNLETES ANY SECOND  
 SETI CARPE ASH WISSES  
 TRIPDOD EMALL TIGIF TAI  
 ORO CPLS FEETFIRST  
 THIRDRAILS ARAN ERTES  
 VENTILAO FRACTURED  
 ALDEN FLYCATCHER NEWIT  
 DOING ILEUM AMES ENOS  
 STATIS EYERS SELA STEP

**CRYPTOGRAM**

W Y U C Y W X I Z T C Y A W Z A ' Z  
 Z W U Y : " W U Y X P C B X I P  
 A C C A J R Y T A J C B N W E E  
 R E E U X R N R B . "

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
 For a moment, I was lost in thought, It was highly unfamiliar territory!

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Better Life Pet Foods  
Borman - Honda  
Borman Ford  
Borman Used Cars Select  
Branigan Library  
Bravo Chevrolet  
Burger Nook  
Burger Time (most locations)  
Cattle Baron  
Celebrate  
Century Bank  
Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce  
Chilito's  
Citizens Bank (some locations)  
City Hall  
Club Fitness  
COAS Bookstore  
Color My World  
Comfort Inn  
Community Foundation of SNM  
Da Vita Dialysis  
DACC East Mesa  
Denny's Downtown  
District Court  
Doña Ana County Govt. Center  
Dream Catchers Inn

Dunkin Donuts  
El Paso Electric  
El Sombrero  
Encantada Park  
Exit Realty  
Family Health Center  
Farley's  
Fiesta Bakery  
First American Bank  
First Light FCU  
First light Federal Credit Union  
Foothills Medical Center  
Frank Papen Community Center  
Fresenius Dialysis  
Good Sam Building A  
Good Sam Building E  
Good Sam Gift Shop  
Good Sam Health Care Center  
Gym Magic  
Hacienda RV Park  
Hampton Inn & Suites  
Happy Dog  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Holiday Inn Express  
Holy Cross Church  
Hotel Encanto  
IHOP  
International Delights  
ITS Quest  
La Posta  
Las Cruces Biologicals  
Las Cruces Museum of Art  
Las Cruces Toyota  
Las Cruces Vet Center  
LC Convention & Visitors Center  
LC Pet Image  
Las Cruces Association of Realtors  
LCDF Medical And Dental Services  
Le Rendezvous  
Lohman Atrium Suites  
Lorenzo's (Pan Am)  
Lowe's Grocery  
Main Street Bistro  
Mark Mumper Munson Sr. Center  
McDonalds (most locations)

Meerscheidt Rec. Center  
Memorial Medical Center  
Mesilla Valley Hospice  
Mesilla Valley Kitchen  
Metropolitan Deli  
Milagro Coffee y Espresso  
Millennium Health & Wellness  
Mira Vista Apts  
Montana Meadows  
Montana Senior Center  
Moonbow  
Moongate Café  
Moongate Water Co.  
Mountain View Market  
Mountain View Urgent Care  
Murphy Express  
Museum of Nature and Science  
NM Cardiac Care  
NM Dept. Of Workforce Solutions  
NM Farm and Ranch Museum  
Nopalito's Restaurant  
Old Town Restaurant  
Organ General Store  
Pic Quik (most locations)  
Picacho Butterfield 1 & 2  
Picacho Hills Country Club  
Pioneer Bank  
Porter Chevron (Chucky's)  
Positive Energy Solutions  
Ramada Palms  
Red Brick Pizza  
Remax  
Rene Gutierrez (District Office)  
Renoo  
Restore  
Rio Grand Theatre  
Roberto's  
Rosie's Café  
Safe Haven  
Sage Café  
Sagecrest Nursing Home  
Save Mart  
Shorty's Hwy 28  
Si Señor  
Siesta RV

Sisbarro Administration Office  
Sisbarro New & Used Cars  
Sonoma Ranch Apartments  
Southwest Sport & Spine  
Starbucks  
State Farm - Mike Apodaca  
TA Truck Stop  
The Casitas at Morningstar  
The Shed  
Tiffany's  
Toucan Market  
Trails West  
US Bank  
Valero  
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Vascular Diagnostic  
Village At Northrise  
Village Inn  
Walgreen's  
White Sands Federal Credit Union  
White Sands Missile Range Commisary  
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NMSU Branson Library  
NMSU Business Complex  
NMSU Computer Center  
NMSU Corbett Center  
NMSU DACC  
NMSU Express  
NMSU Fulton Center  
NMSU Gerald Thomas  
NMSU Milton Hall  
NMSU O'Donnell Hall  
NMSU Pan Am Center  
Permit Office  
Roberts Hall  
Zuhl Library

# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** presents its first exhibition for the spring 2016 semester, "Water! What is it Good For?" featuring Florida-based artist Bethany Taylor and Texas-based artist Brenda Perry. In this two-person exhibit, Taylor and Perry will create critical spaces for viewers to engage with multifaceted environmental concern. Through their art, the duo asks viewers to consider meanings and practices of sustainability, water rights, renewable natural resources and environmental consciousness. "Water! What is it Good For?" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, and will remain on display through Feb. 27. In addition, Taylor and Perry will present a panel discussion on environmental issues from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

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.

## LAST CHANCE

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

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

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

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

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

## TOMBAUGH GALLERY

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

Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

## ONGOING

**CAFÉ DE MESILLA** presents

an exhibit of work from members of the Las Cruces Arts Association for the months of January and February. 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. 4 to 8 p.m.

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.

## ART OBSCURA GALLERY

presents "The S— We Like," paintings and drawings by Andrew Martinez and photography by Joe Suarez. The exhibit will remain on display through the first weekend of February.

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.

**BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY** presents "Faces, etc. ..."

by fine artist Carmen Navar. Navar's mission statement is to create "peace and beauty" in a stress-filled world, believing the arts are a powerful force for positive change. She communicates her art language through the movement of powerful brushstrokes and mark-making bordering on the realm of emotion, abstraction and figuration. "Faces, etc. ..." will present an array of Navar's newest works of the figure and face, which are whimsical and intense at the same time. "Faces, etc. ..." will remain on display through the end of January.

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

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

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

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

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

**EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY** presents an exhibit of work from professional photographer Michael Stephens, featuring dynamic digital photographs originally taken

at Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, then subjected to a technique known as "light painting." Stephens' work will remain on display through the end of January.

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

## ART ON EASELS GALLERY

located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features nearly 50 works by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association. January's LCAA featured artist is Judy Licht. "From my first experience watching dye flow from my brush onto silk, I was captivated by this fascinating medium," Licht said. "The dyes penetrate the silk, creating a single entity that is both rich color and soft texture. My lifelong exploration of color and my love for the natural world combine to inform my artwork. I create paintings on silk that hang on the wall as well as wearable art: silk scarves and nuno felted scarves (wool felted into silk.)"

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

## NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

presents in its north corridor "In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico," an exhibit

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

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

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

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**DESERT ROOTS ARTISTS' MARKET AND GALLERY** features works by local artists and a cozy café area. Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery is located at 1001 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 652-7366.

**DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER** is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more. The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools and more. The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.

### 'Shooting Star' opens Friday

This weekend, No Strings Theatre Company opens the curtains on its next production, "Shooting Star," debuting Friday, Jan. 15, at its long-time home inside the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Written by Stephen Dietz in 2008, "Shooting Star" centers on two college sweethearts who have not seen each other since their breakup in the 1970s. A chance meeting at a snowed-in airport leads to a humorous, surprising and touching encounter between the two old flames. Alan and Karen Caroe star, NSTC Artistic Director Ceil Herman directs.

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



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# 'Room' a taut but tender coming-of-age thriller

**Review by Jeff Berg**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Based on a novel by Emma Donoghue that was released in 2011, "Room" follows the predicament of a 27-year-old woman who was locked in a shed for seven years. She is assaulted repeatedly by her kidnapper (never graphically on screen) and during this time, she conceives a child, a boy.

The book is said to have been a narrative by the boy himself, now age 5, which would be very difficult to transfer to the screen, but Lenny Abrahamson, the director of "Room," does it almost flawlessly. Jacob Tremblay plays the part of the boy, Jack, with amazing skill and smarts, especially for someone who is new to the acting field.

"Room" is part thriller and part coming-of-age adventure, more the former than the latter. As narrated by Jack, we see his limited understanding of his surroundings, but he also believes that the way that he and 'Ma' are living, is the way that everyone lives. Provided with a TV, Jack thinks that some of it is real, some of it is not. With that, he has a pretend dog, something he longs for in real life.

Mom and Jack have a daily



Brie Larson stars in director Lenny Abrahamson's drama "Room." Larson won the Best Actress Golden Globe for her role as a woman held captive.

routine, just like most of us do, which includes mealtimes, school, and exercise and the occasional scream at the skylight, high above them in the shed, with the hope that someone, anyone, will hear them. Mom of course is determined to get out of the shed, as she tries to harbor him from "Old Nick," the kidnapper. When he comes to "visit," Mom ushers Jack into his closet 'bedroom', closing the door, not allowing him to see what is going on. All that Jack hears is the creak of the bed, while Mom undergoes almost daily sexual assaults.

Several escape attempts fizzle, until Mom comes up with a daring plan to get Jack out of the shed. The tension is incredible as this unfolds – Mom having

Jack pretend he is sick and then pretending he has died ... then asking Nick to take his body, wrapped in an old rug, to dispose of it.

This introduces us to the second half of the movie, wherein

Mom and Jack are now "safe," but have to adjust to the real world after seven years of isolation and harm. Everything is new to Jack, from

the view in the hospital room that they share, to actually see-

ing a real dog, owned by his step-grandfather.

There are also moments of tender humor, mostly proffered by Mom, who seems to have a harder time adjusting than the boy. Jack has had such a simple life, including his references to objects in the shed as proper nouns—table, lamp, skylight. Jack has never even had a real toy until given a toy truck by Nick, something which fascinates the lad until he starts to understand what is really going on.

Jack starts to understand the world in increasingly more sophisticated terms. Cinematographer Danny Cohen initially uses rich grey tones to elaborate on the drab conditions of the characters' existence — a scheme

that pays off in the abrupt shift to the bright exteriors that arrive in the film's later scenes.

Strong support comes from co-stars, in-

cluding Joan Allen as Jack's almost overwhelmed grand-

mother and William H. Macy's all too brief appearance as the boy's grandfather, who cannot accept what has happened.

Brie Larson, as the mom, gives a super performance, at once being motherly and doting and soon after being nearly psychotic with rage from the situation and her own perceived stupidity for allowing it to happen. Larson last weekend took home the Golden Globe for her role.

The second half is decidedly weaker than the first half, which is taut and bracing. Part two has more emotion, but the tension fades and sadly we never get to really know what happened to the horrible Nick.

Pacing and editing fulfill this fine picture, a follow up by Abrahamson, whose previous feature, "Frank," a dry comedy about the music business, has a bit of New Mexico footage in it.

The film is creepy, but not gross and it could possibly share the circumstances that those who have gone through this dreadful sort of tragedy might face.

We all learn the world is more evil and unbelievable than we thought.

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## Singing Out presents concert Saturday, Sunday

**By Susie Ouder Kirk**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

On Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16 and 17, Singing Out community chorus presents "Beginnings," a choral concert featuring New Mexico State University Theater Arts Professor Tom Smith narrating an original short story. The concert is at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 and 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. A silent auction to benefit Singing Out will be held at intermission. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or at Spirit Winds. Children under 10 are free.

Smith describes "Beginnings"

as "an original work that I based on people in this community. I really wanted there to be a sense of telling the story of our neighbors, our friends. I am thrilled with how wonderfully it ties into this concert."

Singing Out is comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies who call Las Cruces home. Under the guidance of artistic directors Ida Holguin-Perez and Irene Brink Comer, the group sings a variety of music from classical and traditional to world music and pop. They perform two concerts a year and participate in a variety of events



Singing Out, a local LGBTQA chorus, will present "Beginnings," a unique choral concert featuring NMSU Theatre Arts Professor Tom Smith narrating an original short story, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16-17.

around the community.

"Singing Out is an amazing organization," said Smith. "The singers are not only passionate about the music but are some of the nicest people I've ever had

the pleasure of working with. I hope that audiences will come away from this concert with a renewed sense of joy, of hope, and of the importance of beginnings."

The group's mission statement reads: "From our LGBTQA base, Singing Out uses the power of music to entertain, heal and inspire the community to respect and value the differences of all people."

The group's spring concerts will be May 21 and 22, and rehearsals for the 2016 season begin Tuesday, Feb. 2. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at First Christian Church. No auditions or music reading ability are required.

For more information, visit the [www.singingoutlascruces.org](http://www.singingoutlascruces.org) or email [singingoutlascruces@gmail.com](mailto:singingoutlascruces@gmail.com).

# AtTheMovies

## Coming soon on DVD Jan. 19

### The Diary of a Teenage Girl

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Bel Powley, Alexander Skarsgard  
Director: Marielle Heller

### The Intern

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Comedy, drama  
Starring: Anne Hathaway, Robert De Niro  
Director: Nancy Meyers

### Everest

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Suspense, adventure  
Starring: Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin  
Director: Baltasar Kormakur

### Straight Outta Compton

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Jason Mitchell, O'Shea Jackson Jr.  
Director: F. Gary Gray

## Top-grossing Jan. 8-10

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| <b>1</b> <b>Star Wars: The Force Awakens</b> (Week No. 4) \$42,353,785 | <b>6</b> <b>The Hateful Eight</b> (Week No. 3) \$6,402,187                      |
| <b>2</b> <b>The Revenant</b> (Week No. 3) \$39,826,840                 | <b>7</b> <b>The Big Short</b> (Week No. 5) \$6,174,503                          |
| <b>3</b> <b>Daddy's Home</b> (Week No. 3) \$15,015,465                 | <b>8</b> <b>Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip</b> (Week No. 4) \$5,703,675 |
| <b>4</b> <b>The Forest</b> (Week No. 1) \$12,741,176                   | <b>9</b> <b>Joy</b> (Week No. 3) \$4,476,246                                    |
| <b>5</b> <b>Sisters</b> (Week No. 4) \$7,189,455                       | <b>10</b> <b>Concussion</b> (Week No. 3) \$3,029,367                            |

# Picking the Flicks



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

### Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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



### Concussion

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Talented pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu discovers the damage done to football players during the course of normal play.  
Starring: Will Smith, Luke Wilson  
Director: Peter Landesman



### Point Break

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: A young FBI agent goes undercover inside a group of professional criminals and extreme athletes.  
Starring: Édgar Ramírez, Luke Bracey  
Director: Ericson Core



### The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: As the war of Panem escalates and the Capital destroys other districts, Katniss Everdeen must bring together an army against President Snow, with everything she loves hanging in the balance.  
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson



### The Forest

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: A young American searching for her missing sister in Japan discovers the awful supernatural truth about Aokigahara Forest.  
Starring: Natalie Dormer, Taylor Kinney  
Director: Jason Zada



### The Big Short

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: Four outsiders in the high-finance industry who predict the housing bubble burst of the 2000s take on the big banks.  
Starring: Christian Bale, Steve Carell  
Director: Adam McKay



### Daddy's Home

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: A mild-mannered executive and stepfather is forced to compete for his children's affection upon the arrival of his wife's freeloading ex-husband.  
Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg  
Director: Sean Anders



### The Hateful Eight

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: After the Civil War, a bounty hunter and his prisoner take shelter in a stopover cabin – along with a host of nefarious characters.  
Starring: Kurt Russell, Samuel L. Jackson  
Director: Quentin Tarantino



### Sisters

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: Two sisters throw one final house party before their parents sell the childhood home.  
Starring: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler  
Director: Jason Moore



### Creed

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Rocky Balboa steps into the role of trainer to promising young boxer Adonis Johnson – the son of Rocky's late friend and former rival Apollo Creed.  
Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Michael B. Jordan



### The Revenant

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: Legendary frontiersman Hugh Glass, mauled by a bear and left for dead, treks across the wild to take revenge on the men who abandoned him.  
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy  
Director: Alejandro G. Iñárritu



### Ride Along 2

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: With his wedding day approaching, Ben heads to Miami with soon-to-be brother-in-law James to take down a drug kingpin with a hold on Atlanta.  
Starring: Kevin Hart, Ice Cube  
Director: Tim Story



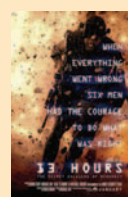
### Norm of the North

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: Displaced from the Arctic, Norm the polar bear and three lemming pals head to New York City, where Norm becomes the mascot of a massive corporation – one with ties to his homeland's fate.  
Starring: Rob Schneider, Heather Graham (voices)  
Director: Trevor Wall



### 13 Hours: The Secret Soldier of Benghazi

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: A U.S. Ambassador is killed during an American attack in Libya, and a security team must try to survive the chaos.  
Starring: Toby Stephens, John Krasinski  
Director: Michael Bay



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# Abandon all hope, ye who enter 'The Forest'

Review by Zak Hansen

Las Cruces Bulletin

In terms of horror movie settings, you'd be hard pressed to find a more intrinsically chilling locale than that of "The Forest": Japan's Aokigahara Forest, a dense, verdant sea of green at the base of Mount Fuji that draws scores of lost souls each year to commit suicide, earning it the grim sobriquet "The Suicide Forest."

Apocrypha and folklore tell the forest was a prime location for the (alleged) custom of *ubasute* – literally, "abandoning an old woman" – where the old and infirm were taken to a remote area and left to succumb to the elements, most common during times of drought and famine. As such, it's rumored to be home to scores of *yurei*, the restless spirits of the dead held back from the peace of the afterlife.

However, a spooky setting does not a horror flick make – think last year's unforgivable Paris Catacombs clunker "As Above, So Below" – and "The Forest" squanders this prime location with poor writing, clunky editing and, worst of all, a complete lack of legitimate scares.

As the film opens with a too-brief cascade of exposition, American Sara Price (Natalie Dormer, of "Game of Thrones" and "The Hunger Games") has her idyllic life as a young newlywed thrown into turmoil by a heavily accented phone call from the Japanese police. It seems her twin sister, the punky, rebellious Jess (Dormer, in dual roles), an English teacher living in the Land of the Rising Sun, has disappeared into the woodlands, likely to end her life. Despite the protestations of her fiancé (model/actor Eoin Macken, barely there), the stateside sister is on the next plane overseas, trusting her uncanny "twin sense" that Jess remains alive, lost in the imposing thick-  
et.

Once she touches down, Sara beelines to the forest after the consummate bit of culture shock – ew, the food



"Game of Thrones" actress Natalie Dormer stars in dual roles in the cut-rate creeper "The Forest," now playing at Allen Theatres.

is still moving – and, in her hotel, meets Australian journalist Aiden (Taylor Kinney, of "Zero Dark Thirty" and TV's "Shameless") in the forest on assignment and of unclear, vaguely unsettling motives.

The next day, the duo head into the forest, guided by park ranger Michi (Yukiyoshi Ozawa), whose grim duties include scouring the forest for those on the fence – and retrieving the remains of those sure in their deed. Their guide dispenses advice – don't wander off and don't trust your senses, as the forest has a way of playing tricks – soon to be forgotten.

Just as the trio plunge into the brush, "The Forest" loses its way, trading true terror for a cavalcade of cheap jump scares and

tired clichés, cut-rate CGI effects and too many half-formed narrative threads vying for prominence, utterly sidestepping the gravity of its locale.

Though it shows occasional sparks of promise, especially in terms of framing and sound design, the debut feature of director Jason Zada – whose credits include, no kidding, the OfficeMax holiday viral ad campaign "Elf Yourself" – is a contrived mess. While its ghost story shows early promise, once things get going, all that good will is undone by a stream of rote horror clichés – flickering lights, telegraphed jump scares, seifuku-clad schoolgirl spec-ters, faces that contort into poorly rendered demons – and baffling narrative leaps.

Leaving the audience guessing is a must in horror, but the many twists and turns taken in "The Forest" are baffling. It seems as though the film's three screenwriters could not come to consensus, with half-formed ideas and narrative strands crisscrossed, tangled and left dangling amidst the foliage.

For her part, Dormer tries, but with a script this thin it's nearly impossible to play two characters convincingly, especially when neither has been felt out more than superficially. Both sis-

ters are vague, static characters, their inner selves haphazardly proffered through sloppy aesthetic trappings – Sara, the "free spirit," wears black, while her plain-Jane sibling goes for neutrals. Model turned actor Kinnney, as Aiden, is somehow more wooden than his innumerable flora costars filling the frame.

Perhaps most damning is the film's lack of deference toward its subject matter and the psychic weight a place like Aokigahara must carry, regardless of how much of its story is fact or fiction. Worse, the writers seem to have done almost no research – indeed much of what is touted as "truth" in "The Forest" seems pulled almost verbatim from the region's Wikipedia page, itself largely sourced from a less-than-reputable and hastily translated website ([www.aokigahara.com](http://www.aokigahara.com)).

Really, there's nothing to recommend about "The Forest," not even the so-bad-it's-good bragging rights enjoyed by genre enthusiasts. While it may fly in the real estate world, in horror, there's much more to it than location, location, location.

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## How well is the Historic Preservation Division doing?

### Take a survey and speak your mind

Do you have a favorite old building or house you make a point of passing by? And archaeological sites—does the idea of unearthing part of the past to learn more about how we arrived at the present strike a chord? If so, you probably are interested in historic preservation and should have a say about how it works in New Mexico.

The New Mexico Historic Preserva-

tion Division has asked the public to take a survey about what works in historic preservation, what doesn't, and where the focus should be in the future. The results will be used to help set a direction in historic preservation for the next five years and will guide people working in several preservation-related capacities when they want to preserve part of New Mexico's unique cultural heritage.

"Our survey provides citizens an opportunity to express their opinions on what preservation should be in New Mexico," said Jeff Pappas, State Historic Preservation Officer and Director of

HPD. "This survey should be taken by anyone with a fascination for history and the past, and those who are interested in education, community planning, infrastructure development, anthropology, archaeology and architecture."

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed from the home page of HPD's website: [www.nmhistoricpreservation.org](http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org). It specifically addresses cultural landscapes, mid-century-modern architecture, sustainable communities, climate change and the environment, and the involvement of youth in preservation.

As of early January, more than 370

people had taken the survey, which also will be available at the educational and entertainment event "Culture Day at the Legislature," February 1, in the rotunda of the New Mexico State Capitol building. HPD will have printed surveys available in the Capitol and will talk with the public about historic preservation. Completed surveys must be submitted by March 1 and also can be obtained by contacting HPD through the mail.

The survey results will help formulate a statewide preservation plan that will set guidelines and priorities through 2021.

### IRS announces 2016 standard mileage rates

The Internal Revenue Service announces the 2016 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

As of Jan. 1, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) are:

- 54 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 57.5 cents for 2015
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 23 cents for 2015
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The business mileage rate decreased 3.5 cents per mile, and the medical and moving expense rates decrease 4 cents per mile from the 2015 rates. The charitable rate is based on statute. The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and

variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

These and other requirements for a taxpayer to use a standard mileage rate to calculate the amount of a deductible business, moving, medical or charitable expense are available on the IRS website.



### Dream League Baseball Program open to players of varying abilities

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is having ongoing registration for the Las Cruces Dream League Baseball Program at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

The program provides a positive baseball atmosphere specifically designed for players with cognitive or physical challenges. The league will consist of basic experience and provides introductory skill development and games for baseball players with a wide variation of abilities.

The program is for participants ages 5 to 15 years of age. Athletes will play against peers of similar size, age and ability. All games will be played at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Cost to participate is \$10 per athlete, which includes a uniform shirt. The league is open to city residents and non-residents. Parents or care providers must be present with athletes during league activities.

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# Being a mentor benefits both child, adult

Opportunities to help are abundant in Southern New Mexico

By Lucas Peerman

January is National Mentoring Month, a time to recognize the people who have inspired us to strive for something better. For some in our community, there's no shortage of adults willing to lend a helping hand. For others, options are limited. In southern New Mexico, where the rates of impoverished homes and single-parent families are well above the national average, there is a greater need for the village to help raise a child.

Many schools and organizations here offer programs to help a child find that person or passion that will change the trajectory of his or her life. One of those organizations is Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region, which serves six counties in southwestern New Mexico, including Doña Ana.

I've been a BBBS board member and a Big in the program for the past three



years. When I was asked to join the board, I took an in-depth look at the program and realized becoming a Big was an opportunity I had been waiting for my entire life. Growing up an only child, it wasn't uncommon for me to wish for a sibling — someone to share the back seat with on weeks-long family road trips, someone to blame after an ill-conceived idea didn't go as planned, someone to challenge me to set a good example.

I finally got my wish after age 30. Being a Big has been everything I imagined and more. I now have a co-pilot when discovering things to do in town and I learn as much, if not more, from him than he does from me.

The first time I hung out with Hunter, my Little, was just after he turned 11 years old. The town was welcoming champion boxer Austin Trout back home with a parade down Hadley Avenue. Kids like parades and kids like champions, so I

figured it would be a nice first outing. I brought my basketball and the plan was to shoot some hoops inside Meerscheidt Recreation Center before heading outside for the parade. We got to know each other while playing H-O-R-S-E, Around the World and two-on-two. We were having a blast and it was going great until I looked at a clock and realized we had been in the gym for more than hour. We rushed outside, but had missed the parade.

Oh no, I had failed him, I thought. I was the adult here and should have been paying attention to the time. But on the ride back home, he told me how much fun he had and wanted to know when we could hang out again. Lesson learned: You don't have to wear a championship belt to make a difference.

We've spent many more hours on the basketball court, on hiking trails and in the car getting to know one another. I've seen Hunter grow from a fifth-grader who filled me in on all the latest kids' TV shows to an eighth-grader who can hold a conversation about religion and current events. I'm excited to see what the future holds for him.

I won't always be by his side when he has to make the little decisions that can have a big impact — study for the test or test your Xbox skills? Go to practice or hang out with friends? Get in that car or call Mom to pick you up? But I'll always be there to talk about it.

There are many, many more children in our community who could benefit from someone who can throw them a fade pass at the park, who can show them the right amount of sugar to put in a batch of cookies, who can who can listen and offer advice culled from years of experience. You don't have to be perfect, you just have to be you.

For information on joining Big Brothers Big Sisters — whether you're a prospective Big or parent of a Little — call 575-523-9530, visit [facebook.com/bbbsdo-naana](https://www.facebook.com/bbbsdo-naana) or visit the office at 221 W. Griggs Ave.

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## 8-year-old continues tradition of giving

It began as a small gesture of giving. Then seven-year-old Taylor Rogers had the idea of raising money for a local children's charity after her church group had done so for children in other countries. After talking it over with her parents, Nicki and Gary Rogers, they decided that Jardin de los Niños would be their charity of choice. At the time, Taylor, with the assistance of her parents and her sister Whitney, raised more than \$700.

Fast forward one year. The now-8-year-old third-grader at East Picacho Elementary School took up the cause again. This year, she and her sister, 10-year old Whitney, who is a fifth-grader at East Picacho, asked friends, family, classmates and even corporate spon-



TAYLOR, WHITNEY ROGERS

sors to help raise money again for Jardin. This year, they raised more than \$1800.

"I am just amazed at Taylor and Whitney," says Jardin executive Director Audrey Hartley. "We have many young girls and boys who have done some wonderful things for us at Jardin, and we are grateful. But given the fact that Taylor began her quest at the age of seven and continues to build on her efforts and raise the bar—that is something you don't see every day!" Another impressive thing,

notes Hartley, is that when it came down to counting the money, both girls were doing the math in their heads. "I was using my calculator," Hartley chuckled.

About Taylor — who spearheads the annual effort — both of her parents had sincere words of honest gratitude about their young philanthropist. "I am so proud of her desire to take care of the less fortunate," says her mother, Nicki. Father Gary also said, "I am very proud. It melts my heart to think that she wants to help.

As for future endeavors, Taylor is determined to carry on the tradition. "I think I would like to do this for a long time to come," she says. And as far as the Jardin staff are concerned, they are happy to let her.

## New community radio station to debut in spring as KTAL-LP

Public invited to learn more at meeting, open house Jan. 16

The Spanish phrase ¿Qué tal? is a colloquial expression that means "what's up?" or "how's it going?" and an informal way of saying "hello." Radio station organizers obtained a license for a 100-watt signal from the Federal Communications Commission in November 2014, and are currently in the process of raising funds, securing a studio space and developing a programming schedule. The effort to obtain a low-power license from the FCC was spearheaded by Kevin Bixby, executive director of the Southwest Environmental Center, but the station's development is now overseen by a seven-member board chaired by recent Las Cruces resident Nan Rubin, who has experience organizing other community radio stations.

Organizers of KTAL-LP, a new, low-power community radio station

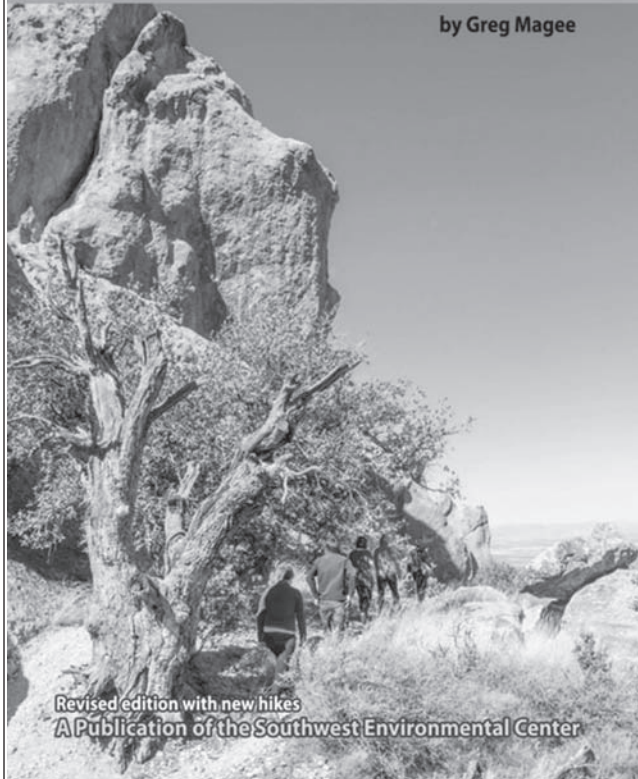
on 101.5 FM, scheduled to debut in spring, will host a community meeting and open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the offices of the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. in the Downtown Mall.

The public is invited to learn about progress on this exciting new venture, a blend of music, innovative arts programming, news and social commentary, and regionally focused news and public affairs shows. There will be an audio program sampler; report on the studio search; schedule of upcoming events; and discussion of training opportunities to learn how to be a board operator, a program producer, or digital editor. Attendees will also have the chance to record a station ID to be used on the air.

Those interested in getting a project update or becoming personally involved whether as show hosts, volunteers or fundraisers, are welcome to share their ideas and enthusiasm, and to discuss the variety of ways of participating. For information, call 575-649-7260.

## Day Hikes and Nature Walks in the Las Cruces - El Paso Area

by Greg Magee



Revised edition with new hikes  
A Publication of the Southwest Environmental Center

## Revised hiking guide features trips in Paso del Norte region

Written by Greg Magee and published by the Southwest Environmental Center, the newly released second edition of Day Hikes and Nature Walks in the Las Cruces-El Paso Area describes 45 day trips into the mountains, canyons, and desert of the region, as well as general information about regional natural and cultural history.

The trips are designed to appeal to hikers of all levels of ability, ranging from easy strolls along the Rio Grande to rugged off-trail treks to the summits of isolated mountains, all possible to do in one day for residents of the Paso del Norte area.

Now in its third printing, this is the most comprehensive hiking guide for the Paso del Norte region. Cooke's Peak, the Florida Mountains, Rio Bosque, Dog Canyon, Alamo Mountain (on Otero Mesa), and several hikes each in the Organ and Franklin Mountains are just a few of the many great hikes in the book. Many of the hikes are within the new Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. The new edition contains hikes not included in previous editions.

The 174-page guide retails for \$14.95 and is available at various bookstores and outdoor stores in the area, as well as at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. A portion of sales will go to support the Center's conservation programs. For information, call 522-5552.

# Southwest Environmental Center made great strides, vows to continue its mission

## Bulletin report

### Coyote killing contest ban passes New Mexico Senate

Thanks to a highly focused organizing campaign carried out by SWEC and our coalition partners, the New Mexico Senate passed a bill (SB253) by a wide margin to ban coyote killing contests in the state. It was the first time any chamber of any state legislature has passed such a bill. The bill will be reintroduced in 2017.

### Wolves coming home

People throughout much of New Mexico and Arizona will now have a chance to see Mexican wolves in the wild and hear them howl in places where they have long been absent, thanks to changes brought about in large part by the sustained advocacy efforts of SWEC and other groups, including a huge expansion of the areas where wolves would be allowed to roam, and a lifting of the prohibition on releasing wolves into unoccupied wolf habitats in New Mexico.

### Shining a light on wildlife killing contests

SWEC was at the forefront of efforts to raise national awareness of wildlife killing contests, with our op-eds appearing in High Country News, Denver Post, Arizona Republic, Albuquerque Journal and Las Cruces Sun-News. Major newspapers in New Mexico and

Arizona also ran editorials calling for a ban on the events. Executive Director Kevin Bixby was invited to speak on the subject at the annual "Speak for Wolves" conference in Yellowstone. And we produced a short, powerful video to get the word out, which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2cG5Jfcp-Y&feature=youtu.be> (Warning! Contains disturbing violence.)

### La Mancha Wetland Project gets green light

Our campaign to restore important wildlife habitats along the Rio Grande received a major boost in May when the NM State Engineer approved a permit we needed after a lengthy delay. Now that the irrigation season has ended and we've raised needed additional funding, we plan to resume dirt moving in January.

### Restoring more habitats along the Rio

SWEC is a lead partner in a new wetland project that will take advantage of the City of Las Cruces' treated effluent, which is discharged to the Rio Grande via a concrete lined channel 365 days of the year. The wetland was originally proposed by a SWEC member as a memorial to the late writer Charles Bowden, who enjoyed watching birds along the river before he died in 2014.

### Hikes and Talks

Hundreds of people enjoyed our popular Back by Noon guided natural history walks to explore desert slot canyons, experience the desert after dark, view geological marvels, and lots more. Likewise, many people attended our Tuesday Talks at SWEC to hear about the waterfalls of New Mexico, living with snakes, and see films about such topics as Ed Abbey and fracking.

### Reforming wildlife management in the West

Wildlife killing contests, trapping, trophy hunting — all of these legal activities expose the serious problems with wildlife management in New Mexico and most states. The fact is: the public trust in wildlife is not being protected under the current system. Game commissions are often populated with campaign donors who ignore the views of the majority of the public. Many species remain unprotected under state laws. SWEC is at the forefront of efforts to make New Mexico a model for wildlife reform. This is a long-term campaign, but we hope to see the fruits of our labors beginning in 2017.

SWEC is located at 275 N. Main St. and can be reached at 522-5552.

*Kevin Bixby contributed to this report.*



## PET OF THE WEEK

### Meet the adorable Kitty Kat!

This beautiful lady enjoys cuddling up next to you while watching the movie "Cats & Dogs," one of her favorites! She has a bit of a silly walk due to a previous injury but it does not prevent her from going on some fun cat adventures. This beauty has been at our shelter for three months and she's longing for her forever home so come meet her today. Kitty Kat is a 10-year-old, silver and white domestic medium hair female.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m., at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. For information, call 382-0018.

# LEGAL NOTICES

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## Legal Notice

### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 15-0354

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD ALLEN KEITH DECEASED

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **CHRISTOPHER KEITH** 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: January 6, 2016.

### CHRISTOPHER KEITH

12834 Homestead Lane  
Lusby, Maryland 20657

Prepared by:  
**ALAN D. GLUTH**  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri,  
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Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 2016

### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 15-0332

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY A. BLOOMINGBURG a/k/a MARY ANN BLOOMINGBURG DECEASED

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **ZIA TRUST INC.** 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: December 4, 2015.

ZIA TRUST, INC.  
KATHY KITCHENS,  
Senior Trust Officer  
4131 Camino Coyote,  
Ste. A  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88011

Prepared by:  
**ALAN D. GLUTH**  
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Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 12, 2015, Ramon Alvarez on behalf of the Estate of J.R. and Maria Alvarez, 1049 Mercantil Ave, La Union, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-5197-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-5197, 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-5197 located at X = 1,513,992 Y = 345,797 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the Alvarez Family Trust and drilling replacement well LRG-5197-POD2 located at approximately X = 1,513,896 Y = 345,760 on land owned by the Alvarez Family Trust 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 83.99 acres of land owned by the Estate of J.R. and Maria Alvarez et al located within part of the NW¼, NE¼, and SE¼ of projected Sec 20, T27S, R03E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRS-28-018-0032 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-5197-POD2 will be located in La Union, NM at the physical address of 1025 Mercantil Rd. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-5197 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 applica-

tion must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 15, 2015, David P. and Cristina T. Gloria, 9975 North Valley, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-12017, OSE File No. LRG-24-AA, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing well LRG-12017, located within the NW¼ NE¼ of Section 25, Township 21S, Range 1W NMPM, and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,441,365.94 ft., Y = 530,650.48 ft., NMSP Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-24-A, located on land owned by Richard P. Gloria Jr. located within the NW¼NE¼ of said Section 25 NMPM and more specifically described where X = 1,441,725.87 ft., Y = 530,550.94 ft., NMSP Central NAD83, for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.81 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NW¼NE¼ of Section 25, Township 21S, Range 01W NMPM, as described in Subfile No.: LRN-28-002-0125-A Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of existing well LRG-12017 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may

be found approximately 475 feet southwest of the intersection of North Valley Dr and Latigo Ln, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-24-A will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 15, 2015, Talavera MDWC, PO Box 3576, Las Cruces, NM 88003 on behalf of the A.B. Cox Trust, PO Box 247, Organ, NM 88052, filed application numbered LRG-4745-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-4745, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-4745-POD5 to a depth of 500 feet with an 8-inch casing, in a location within the SW¼ SE¼ of Section 21, Township 23S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,520,854.48 ft. & Y: 468,592.66 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by Robert Peticolas & Lynda St. Clair, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-4745-S-2, located on land owned by Robert Peticolas & Lynda St. Clair located within the SW¼ SE¼ of said Section 21 and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,520,854 & Y: 468,582 (NMSP Central NAD83), for

the continued diversion of up to 32.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for use in a subdivision described in Subfile No. LRO-28-030-9005 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The service area of the subdivision includes Talavera Subdivision Unit 2: Tracts 1, 2, & 3, and Lots 4 through 8, 13 through 16, 21 through 24, 29 through 32, 37 through 40, 45 through 48, 65 through 67, and 73 through 75 of Tract 4, all within said Section 21, and within Lots 27 through 50 of Tract 4, Unit 3 in the NE¼ of Section 22, Township 23S, Range 3E (NMPM). The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-4745-POD5 will be located east of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 400 feet north of the intersection of Achenbach Canyon Rd. and Minnie Rd. Existing well LRG-4745-S-2 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a

valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 15, 2013, Veronica Montoya, 2600 Doña Ana Rd. #3, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-14988-POD2, associated with file number LRG-14988-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-14988-POD1, located within the SW¼NE¼ of projected Section 22, T23S, R01E, NMPM on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-14988-POD2 to a depth of approximately 200 ft. below ground surface with 4" casing to be located within SW¼NE¼ of said Section 22 at approximately X=1,462,297 Y=471,463 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum, or that amount required for beneficial use whichever is less, of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. The existing well and proposed well site are located at the physical address of 3796 Tierra Rd. in Las Cruces, NM. The old well 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, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 23, 2015, The Garcia Family Trust (Francisco A. Garcia & Ester S. Garcia), PO Box 931, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-11437-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-11437, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-11437-POD3 to a depth of 650 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE¼ NW¼ of

Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near X = 1,523,371.12 ft., Y = 370,620.89 ft. (NMSP, Central Zone NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-11437, located on land owned by the applicants located within the NW¼ of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and more specifically described at or near X = 1,523,377 ft., Y = 370,593.1 ft. (NMSP, Central Zone NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 19.45 acres of land, owned by the applicants; located within the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E and the SW ¼ of said Section 27 (NMPM) as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0172 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-11437-POD3 will be located northwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 0.32 miles northwest of the intersection of Whispering Dove Ave and Green Meadows Rd. Anthony, NM. Existing well LRG-11437 will properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public



**City of Las Cruces**  
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

### INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Motorcycles Parts And Services	15-16-123	N/A	February 2, 2016 / 2:00pm
2017 Intl Durastar 4400 Crew Cab with Allison Automatic Transmission and Knapheide 14' Flatbed Dump Body (Equal or Better)	15-16-133	N/A	February 4, 2016 / 2:00pm
Security Services for the Transit Intermodal Center	15-16-106	N/A	February 9, 2016 / 2:00pm

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757>  
Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to [bidclerk@las-cruces.org](mailto:bidclerk@las-cruces.org)

Dates 1/15/16









# LEGAL NOTICES

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BER 24, 1957 IN PLAT BOOK 1, FOLIO 34.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on February 11, 2016**, on the front steps of the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** was awarded a Judgment on July 1, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 124,175.71, with interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum from October 13, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$8,060.36. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney .

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,

Special Master  
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P.O. Box 51526  
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1/29/2016 2/5/2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00645

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOSEPH L. DUNN AND SUSAN S. DUNN, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 6662 Vista Del Reino, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 43A, ALTO ESTATES UNIT 3, REPLAT NO. 3, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 12, 1995, IN BOOK 18 PAGE (S) 249 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on February 11, 2016**,

at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A.** was awarded a Judgment on

October 15, 2015, in the total amount of \$344,134.85, with interest at the rate of 6.125% per annum from July 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$12,993.45 . If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney .

**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.**

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00135

**NATIONSTAR MORT G**

**AGE, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CRAIG STOOKEY, BRENDA STOOKEY AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., 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 383 & 385 Fossil View Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O SURVEYS AS PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 1-9A1U1 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., BEARS N 59°48'05"E., A DISTANCE OF 2625.85 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING S.30°35'30"E., 1022.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE BACA LATERAL FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE BACA LATERAL S.88°42'15"W., 7.66 FEET; THENCE LEAVING BACA LATERAL N.41°30'W., 486.84 FEET TO ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.40°03'17"W., 198.18 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND;

THENCE S.73°45'16"W., 172.46 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE S.45°15'W., 60.51 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE ROAD EASEMENT N.30°35'30"E., 369.68 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE

ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 90.24 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED 0.3404 ACRE TRACT;

THENCE AROUND THE 0.3404 ACRE TRACT THE THREE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES S.28°54'30"., 136.89 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND;

THENCE N.67°34'43"E., 110.84 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND;

THENCE N.29°37'07"W., 136.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 160.95 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.645 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00 PM on January 28, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC . NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC** was awarded a Judgment on July 6, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 252,683.18 with interest at the rate of 2.625% per annum from December 31, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$7,141.76. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney .

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real proper-

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## Golfer's Foundation sets positive example for Native Americans

### Employees successfully eliminate intake of all sugary drinks and walk nearly 5 million steps

The Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F) conducted a 30-day health awareness campaign for its own employees throughout the month of November, which was Native American Heritage Month. Foundation employees, who are predominantly Native American, eliminated intake of all sugary drinks and walked nearly five million steps, which is at least 10,000 steps per participant, per day.

"The incentaHEALTH challenge was a great way to see our team at NB3F encourage, motivate and inspire each other to achieve our goals," said Cyanne Lujan, NB3F Marketing Manager.

"It was also a fun way to compete with each other, but in the end we all won. As a Native American woman and mother, it is important to me to lead a healthy and active lifestyle so I am able to be a positive role model for my children and community."

Notah Begay is the only full-blood Native American golfer on the PGA Tour. He is currently an analyst with the Golf Channel. Begay was born and raised in Albuquerque and graduated from Albuquerque Academy. He attended Stanford University where he was a three-time All-American and a teammate of Tiger Woods. He was a member of Stanford's 1994 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship team. Begay turned professional in 1995.

For the challenge, NB3F employees incorporated the use of incentaHEALTH's specially designed HEALTHspot® kiosk, a patented scale used to take a full-length photograph, weight measurement and Body Mass Index (BMI) measurement of the participant. The 'Challenge-A-Friend' feature, an online social accountability tool, was used to track participant progress and create friendly, incentivized competitions among friends, family and coworkers.



"At the end of the day, we are all responsible for our health, nutrition and fitness. Society hasn't held us accountable, which damages the stability of our economies, health care systems and emotional well-being," said Foundation founder Notah Begay III. "The goal of NB3F's employee health challenge was to illustrate that improved collective health begins with personal accountability."

The partnership between NB3F and incentaHEALTH was born through a preceding friendship between Begay and incentaHEALTH CEO Jack Rule. The two previously played as professional golfers, though a generation apart, on the PGA Tour, in which Begay is the only full-blood Native American to have competed.

NB3F, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the only national Native American nonprofit organization solely dedicated to reversing Native American childhood obesity and type-2 diabetes. NB3F partnered with Denver-based digital health company incentaHEALTH to heighten awareness around the importance of implementing fitness and nutrition into a daily lifestyle and setting a good example for family members, specifically children. According to the National Indian Health Board, 31.2 percent of four-year-old American Indian children are currently obese, higher than any other racial or ethnic group.

For more information on how to bring the incentaHEALTH employee wellness program to your workplace, email Todd McGuire at [tmcguire@incentahealth.com](mailto:tmcguire@incentahealth.com) or visit [www.incentahealth.com](http://www.incentahealth.com).

## Crossing borders



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This semester a group of New Mexico State University students in the Women Crossing Borders class explored the differences in neighborhoods within 50 miles on either side of the Mexican border. NMSU professor Cynthia Bejarano and Ma Eugenia Hernandez Sanchez, a professor at the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez, worked together with Leticia Lopez Manzano, director of the Casa YMCA in Juarez, to help the students better understand transnational solidarity work. In an effort to raise awareness of the needs of those across the border for things often taken for granted, the students in the Women's Studies/Criminal Justice class gathered donations of school supplies, art supplies and simple sports equipment to benefit children in Juarez. From left, are Andres Solis, Leslie Montanez-Hernandez, Cari Englehart, Erika Patriarchias, Ma Eugenia Hernandez Sanchez, Paulina Sanchez, Cynthia Bejarano and (kneeling) Xenia Lopez and Ashley Salazar.

## Grumpy? Perk up your posture

By Dr. Steven Weiniger  
For the Bulletin

Are you feeling tired and grumpy? Do you ever have trouble lifting yourself from the blues?

### Straighten Out Your Attitude

Stand up straight! Research shows a big correlation between your posture and your outlook. It turns out posture isn't just important for you how look – but for how you look at life.

From a neurological and hormonal point of view, posture and attitude have been tightly linked in many scientific studies. By strengthening your posture, you not only look better, but you feel better – even down to simply taking deeper breaths, which creates many health benefits.

### The Language of Good Posture

When you look at language, a better posture implies a stronger, more capable way of life. There's a reason why language has phrases like, 'Keep your chin up,' or 'Hold your head high,' instead of being 'downcast,' where you're looking down – and feeling down.

But when we spend our days

slouched over computers, tablets and smart phones, how do we make changes to improve posture? After all, in reality technology use is a habit that's not going away anytime soon. We will all keep using computers and smart phones, but creating posture-smart habits makes sense.

Better habits begin with becoming aware of your posture and then doing something systematically to un-bend your body from the folded-forward position.

### 3 Ways to Perk Up your Mood & Attitude

1. Keep moving. Every 30-45 minutes – take a StrongPosture break at work. Stand up tall, tuck in your pelvis, roll your shoulders up, back and down, and float your head toward the ceiling.

2. Take the stairs. But instead of just choosing the stairs, take a moment to make yourself aware of your posture and carry yourself with strong, tall posture, rather than leaning forward as you climb.

3. Drive tall. When driving, position your seat more vertically and adjust

# Award-winning Golden Mesa hosts annual fashion show

Golden Mesa Independent Living, a Holiday Retirement community, is hosting its Third Annual Charity Fashion Show from 2:30 to 4:30 on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Golden Mesa residents, among other locals, will model clothing from Cato's, Chico's, Southern Glam Boutique and Kohl's as part of the fun afternoon. Refreshments will be served and door

prizes will be given. All donations will benefit CARE - Cancer Aid Resource & Education, Inc. Seating is limited, so please R.S.V.P to 522-4219. Golden Mesa is located at 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

Golden Mesa recently received an award by *Senior Advisory.com* for the "Best Senior Living Community in Las Cruces" for 2016.



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Golden Mesa resident Shirley Parker (left) models a black and white business suit at the 2015 Charity Fashion Show. Carol Briggs of Golden Mesa shows off a sassy blue and white ensemble at the 2015 show.

# Voyagers Travel Center spring trips start

The Voyagers Travel Center is part of the Las Cruces Senior Citizens Corporation and it provides opportunities and activities for persons 50 years and older. Upcoming day trips include: Saturday, Jan. 23, Cattleman's Steakhouse - Indian Cliffs Ranch, El Paso, Texas. The cost is

\$30 per person and it's a day trip. Friday, Feb. 12, Alamogordo Space Museum/Imax Theater. The cost is \$36 per person for this day trip. For more information, call Helen Glover, Voyagers Travel Center at 523-1152 or visit [lascrucesvoyagerstravelcenter.com](http://lascrucesvoyagerstravelcenter.com).

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# Workshop on 'hearing loops' Jan. 22

## Assistive listening system preferred by most hearing aid, cochlear implant users

The growing use of hearing loops throughout New Mexico will be spotlighted when Juliette Sterkens, Au.D., presents a workshop on the technology to consumers and hearing care professionals in January. Hearing loops are a technology that allows users to connect wirelessly to the microphone in a church, meeting hall or other facility simply by touching a button.

At 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, Dr. Sterkens is scheduled to offer a providers' workshop at the Grace Bible Church in Las Cruces followed by a Saturday Las Cruces HLAA meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the same location to which the public is invited.

Dr. Sterkens began her advocacy for hearing loops through her private audiology practice in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and was the major force in a movement that has now placed hearing loops in around 400 churches, theaters, meeting rooms and other venues in the state. She is the official spokesperson for the national HLAA Get in the Hearing Loop campaign and has taken a leave of absence from her audiology practice to travel the country advocating

for this user preferred assistive listening technology.

By pressing a button called a T-switch on their hearing aids, owners can turn off the device's microphone and activate a small copper coil (a telecoil) found in over seventy percent of hearing aids and all cochlear implants now on the market. The convenience of receiving sound customized to match their audiogram while not having to borrow a headset and remove their hearing aids in order to hear in such venues has made hearing loops the assistive listening system of choice for most hearing aid and cochlear implant users. Hearing loop/telecoil technology is now required to be available under ADA regulations in all public venues of any size if they have a public address system.

The workshop is jointly sponsored by the NM Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NMCDHH) and the state's three Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) chapters.

Hearing loss affects more than volume alone and often people with hearing loss complain they can hear but cannot

## 2nd bill filed to require assistive listening technology counseling

New Mexico Senate Majority Whip Michael Padilla (D-Bernalillo County) pre-filed SB 70 on Jan. 7 to require audiologists and hearing aid dispensers to counsel hearing aid buyers on the assistive listening system technology mandated under the 2010 revisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prior to fitting and selling them hearing aids.

Similar to HB 70 that was pre-filed by Rep. Carl Trujillo (D - Santa Fe) in December, 2015, on the technology that sets forth the when and how of counseling, Senate Bill 70 creates a mandate for the counseling and contains a provision that would require the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Board, in cooperation with the NM Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons, to develop the procedure to be followed for the counseling.

Both bills have been written and filed at the request of the Committee for Communication Access (CCA), a ten member committee of hearing care users formed by the NM Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons and the state's three Hearing Loss Association of America chapters. The intent of the bills is to ensure that hearing aid buyers are made aware of the telecoil option for

hearing aids that allows them to connect wirelessly to assistive listening systems by simply touching a button on their hearing aids or cochlear implants. This is the preferred assistive listening technology of most hearing aid and CI users as it can free them from having to borrow and return a receiver and headset in church, at the movies and at meetings in order to hear through the assistive listening system. It's also often used with home TVs to allow the user to hear the programming without turning the volume up to the point others find it unpleasant.

A recent survey of hearing aid and CI users by the CCA confirms the results of earlier studies that indicate the vast majority of hearing aid buyers are not told about this technology when first purchasing hearing aids. They learn of it later from regular users of the technology. This failure to inform was the reason for the national Get in the Hearing Loop (GITHL) campaign initiated by the HLAA national office in partnership with the American Academy of Audiology in 2010, the Loop New Mexico initiative of Albuquerque's 30 year old HLAA chapter, and similar campaigns.

The letters of support, the two bills and information on telecoil technology can be read at [www.CCANm.homestead.com/home.html](http://www.CCANm.homestead.com/home.html).

understand, Sterkens explains. "Hearing loss requires the user to receive speech with an improved signal-to-noise ratio. Although hearing aid and cochlear implant technology has improved dramatically, the ear-worn microphones cannot entirely deliver what the user needs to understand speech with ease, some-

thing that has long frustrated me professionally."

There is also a plan being developed to have two more workshops in Las Cruces on Monday, Jan. 25 — one for audio/visual professionals and one for users of assistive listening systems.

For additional information on the workshops, contact the NMCDHH of-

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your rear view mirror in a way that forces you to keep your body lengthened, aligned and tall.

These three tips are your first steps towards standing taller and feeling confident, happier and more energetic.

*Posture and healthy living expert Dr. Steven Weiniger speaks globally on improving posture for longevity, health, pain relief and aging well. He has trained thousands of physicians and therapists in StrongPosture® protocols and authored Stand Taller Live Longer, An Anti-Aging Strategy. Contact Dr. Weiniger at [BodyZone.com](http://BodyZone.com)*

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