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## District attorney's office partners with Uber

### Bulletin report

Doña Ana County District Attorney Mark D'Antonio announced a partnership with the ridesharing service Uber to promote a safe alternative to drinking and driving.

As part of the partnership, Uber will offer new users a \$15 credit and existing users a chance to win \$100 in free transportation.

"We always make it a point to curb drunk driving during the holidays but it's a year round problem, especially in our state," D'Antonio said.

New users can access the free ride credit by downloading the Uber app and entering the promo code DANTONIO. Meanwhile, existing users can qualify to win \$100 in free transportation by entering the promo code JUSTICEMATTERS.

"We are so pleased to partner with the Doña Ana DA's office to offer this safe and affordable transportation alternative for local residents," said Steve Thompson, general manager of Uber New Mexico. "We encourage people to take advantage of this campaign by making the smart choice not to drink and drive."

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## A final landing

A vintage Huey helicopter is put in place as the finishing touch for the Vietnam War memorial Tuesday, March 1 at Veterans Memorial Park on Roadrunner Parkway. An official public ceremony for the rededication of the Vietnam War Memorial Monument is scheduled for March 26.

## Pecan conference to draw 600

By **Darrell J. Pehr**  
For the Bulletin

With an update on the proposed pecan marketing order and the excitement of an "on" year for pecan production, a big turnout is expected for the 50th annual Western Pecan Growers Association conference and trade show Sunday to Tuesday, March 6 to 8 in Las Cruces at Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

"We have a lot of interest already," said John White, director of the association. "We are expecting up to 600 people."

Registered conference attendees will have access to meals, a reception, the conference and the equipment show.

Two speakers will address the proposed marketing order, which would authorize data collection, research and promotional activities.

The statewide pecan crop makes up a sizable percentage of the agricultural economic activity each year in

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## Filing date approaching for primaries

The Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections is gearing up for the 2016 Primary Elections.

Filing day for Republican and Democrat primary election candidates is Tuesday, March 8, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. To qualify, each candidate must have resided in the district of the office for which s/he is running as of Jan. 25, 2016, the day New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez issued the Primary Election Proclamation.

Candidates may file either with the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office or the Secretary of State's office, depending on which office they seek. Those who file locally include candidates for state representative districts that are completely within Doña Ana County, state senate districts that are completely within Doña Ana County, county commission districts 2, 4 and 5, as well as county clerk and county treasurer.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate for state representative districts whose boundaries include multiple counties, state senate districts whose boundaries include multiple counties, district attorneys and other state or federal offices are required to file with the Secretary of State's Office in Santa Fe.

Candidates filing for state offices need to file nominating petitions. Candidates filing for a county office must pay a \$50 filing fee. At 5 p.m., March 8, candidates who filed in the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office will draw cards for ballot positions. Write-in candidates for the Primary Elections have until Tuesday March 15 to file during business hours.

"We encourage everyone interested in running for office, or interested in helping someone else run for office, to read the candidate guide put together by the Secretary of State's Office," said Elections Supervisor Andy Perez. "In it, you will find the number of required petition signatures and many other requirements and deadlines. You can get access to this guide through our website at [www.dacelections.com](http://www.dacelections.com)."

The Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, June 7, 2016. The last day a person may register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration is Tuesday, May 10. A person must be registered Republican or Democrat to be eligible to vote in that party's Primary Elections.

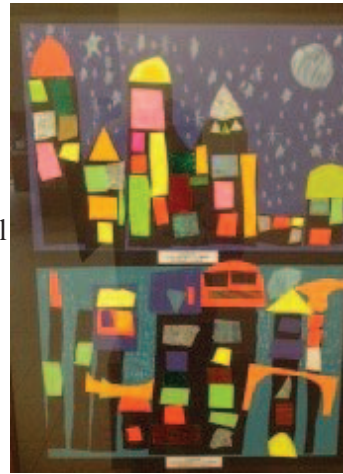
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## New art show debuts

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden Public Schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high schoolers.

The official opening of the newest student show will be held Friday, March 4, from 3-4:30 p.m. Many student artists, their families and public-school faculty art teachers will be on hand. Refreshments will be served, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The student art shows have been a rotating fixture



for Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000, with thousands of works by local student artists displayed for the public during that time.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which includes more

than 50 pieces by local artists, including Joyce T. Macrorie, R. Frederick Silva, Virginia Maria Romero, Julienne Hadfield and the late Alice Terry.

On semi-permanent display are "Leap: It is Unchanging, Yet Trembles Sweetly," by local artist Meg. G. Freyermuth, on the west wall of the second-floor rotunda of the building, and "The Gift" by New Mexico artist David Linn, displayed downstairs near the central elevators.

'Leap' is on loan to the county through March of 2025; 'The Gift' is on loan indefinitely.

The public is invited to tour the art exhibits both upstairs and downstairs at any time during normal county business hours.

## County team reads to third-graders

Doña Ana County employees deployed to third-grade classrooms Wednesday to participate in Read Across America, a national initiative to develop and engage young readers.

In Doña Ana County, 2,269 third-grade students in three districts participated in the day-long reading program. Special guest readers included County Assessor Andy Segovia and District 4 Commissioner Wayne Hancock.

"Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement," Hancock said. "We are proud to participate in this national effort to get kids reading and enhance their educational success in school."

Coordinated by the county's Community and Constituent Services Office, other participating staff represented the Doña

Ana County Health and Human Services Department. Other participating entities included the City of Las Cruces Police and Fire Departments, the Network Volunteer Center at the City of Las Cruces, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and the Hatch Public Library.

Studies indicate that the end of third grade is a critical milestone for most students, because it marks the point at which they must have mastered the foundational language and literacy skills necessary to succeed in other subject areas.

Read Across America was created by the National Education Association as an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading through events, local partnerships and reading resources.

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# Hakes, Buckingham seek District 5 seat

## Bulletin reports

Kim Hakes, former senior vice president of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, and Craig Buckingham, a captain with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's office, have announced they have thrown their hats into the ring to take the District 5 seat on the Doña Ana County Commission.

The seat is currently filled by Leticia Duarte-Benavidez, who is ineligible to seek re-election.

## Hakes

Hakes, 67, reports he has served in various leadership roles. He has served as a U.S. Army officer and previously served as chairman of Memorial Medical Center. Hakes has also served in various capacities for the Boy Scouts of America and will begin serving on the Yucca Council board. He also serves as a lay leader of his church. He obtained a master's degree in business administration from Arizona State University.

"During my 40 years in the banking industry, I learned what it takes for an organization to be successful," he said. "You need competent leadership, with the core values of integrity, trust, concern for people and the ability to prioritize."

"Our county has so much potential," Hakes said. "We have a variety of natural resources that draw people and businesses to our community, such as the sun, climate, White Sands and the beautiful mountains. Other resources

include the university, new medical school and the new intermodal railroad, to name a few. There has been a lot of time wasted on self-inflicted crises that have been a distraction to the community. We need to do a better job of governance."

## Buckingham

Buckingham, 46, is a Desert Storm veteran who reports he has more than a thousand hours of police and leadership training. With more

than ten years of supervisory and administrative experience, Buckingham, a married father of two, said he has three issues he will champion as a county commissioner: repeal the gross receipts tax; repeal the land control plan; and enhance public safety.

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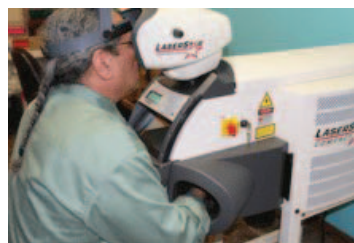
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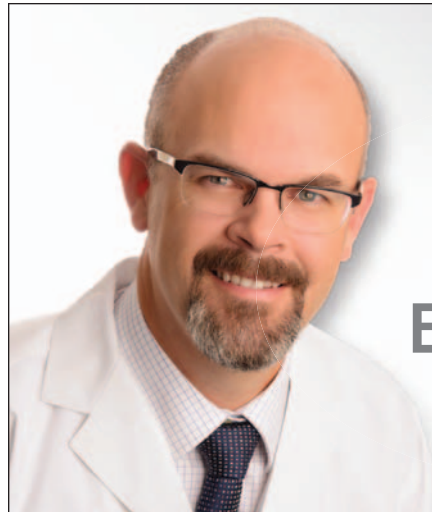
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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

# Movie magic in the Mesilla Valley

### Las Cruces International Film Festival this weekend

The Las Cruces International Film Festival is in full force this weekend, thanks to a small army of driven volunteers.

More than 100 films will be shown throughout the weekend, ranging from 4-minute shorts to full-length motion pictures.

There will be name actors hosting events and presenting workshops.

The featured star this year is Danny Trejo, who Thursday night introduced his cult-classic film "Machete," and greeted fans at an after-party.

Trejo is a prototype "that guy," a familiar face with a less-familiar name, though his name recognition has grown rapidly the past few years, largely because of

the success of "Machete." He's known primarily as a bad guy or a hero villain, but his presence is unmistakable on the screen.

Las Cruces is the perfect place for a film festival, with our burgeoning movie scene, film programs at both New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College, the work of Film Las Cruces and the possibility of a soundstage coming to town.

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

However, to me, perhaps the coolest thing about the film festival is its involvement of young people in all facets of

film production. Actors and directors get most of the publicity in the film world, but movies create dozens of jobs and career opportunities for behind-the-scenes folks such as cinematographers, screenwriters, computer technicians, set designers, lighting and grip works and much more.

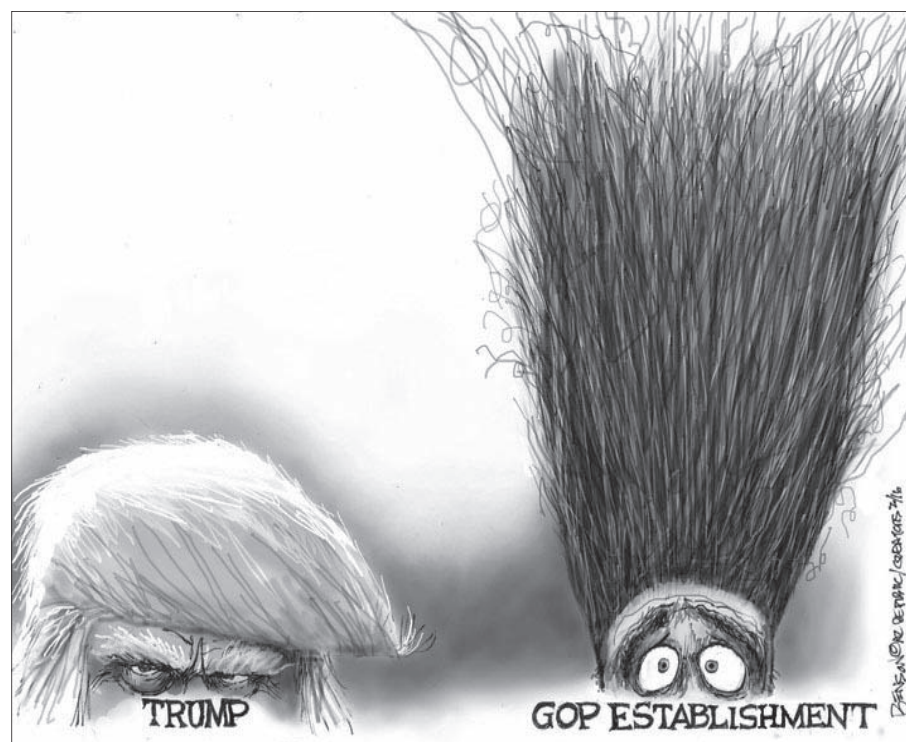
Local middle school media magnet programs will attend the festival, getting ideas how to improve their current work and perhaps solidify future career ideas.

There is a strong New Mexico flavor throughout the festival.

Of many intriguing movie titles, one I find most interesting is "100 Miles to Lordsburg," a 15-minute short directed by Karen Borger.

Everyone in Las Cru-

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ces has been 100 miles to Lordsburg — either east or west — and the film title has certainly piqued my curiosity. There are a million ways to go from that title, and I'm excited to see which one Borger picked. It's probably one I could have never imagined, and that's the beauty of movie magic.

In New Mexico generally and in Las Cruces specifically, we've long talked about the economic impact of the film industry. More and more movies are being made in New Mexico, and more

and more often when we're in the theater we can look up at the screen, say, "Hey!" and point to a place we've been in the Land of Enchantment.

From White Sands National Monument to the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge near Taos, New Mexico, and many points in between and all around, New Mexico is blessed with beautiful, unique scenery ideal for film backdrops.

Pat Boone learned that in 1959 when he was in the cast of "Journey to the Center of the Earth"

at Carlsbad Caverns.

Johnny Depp learned that in 2013, when scenes for the "Lone Ranger" were shot at Shiprock, Angel Fire and Hurley.

The Bulletin distributed the official guide to the LCIFF last week, and you can pick them up around town or at Allen Theatres Cineport 10, where all the films will be shown.

I advise you to look over the films showing this weekend, go see a few and, if possible, take an aspiring film person with you.

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# 'Windy boy, windy' in New Mexico

After college my first professional job was in television production. The Albuquerque station had a weatherman who was interesting because he was not from New Mexico. The annual spring winds upset him. In fact, when you asked about the next day's weather any time during the year he answered, "Windy boy, windy."

And it is time for New Mexico's annual spring winds. Some people are quite upset with them while the rest of us usually shrug and go about our business. Sometimes we even find humor in the winds.

A tourist from back east pulled up to a restaurant at the same time as me and was having trouble keeping ahold of his hat. "My God," he exclaimed with



**Michael Swickard**  
*In My Opinion*

a look of horror at the dust and debris flying by, "Does the wind always blow like this in New Mexico?"

"Nope," I said and smiled. "Sometimes it comes from the other direction."

The man was shocked by the violence of the dust. I could not resist. "But the wind right now isn't blowing enough to pick up scorpions and rattlesnakes so you should be fine. Watch out when the wind really picks up, they can drop right out of the sky."

The man could not get out of New Mexico quickly enough. Our Chambers of Commerce

hate it when we play with the tourists. And in March and April each year there is plenty of wind to play with tourists. The truth is that if you were born in New Mexico and the winds in spring start blowing dust, you will not have a surprised look on your face.

One bright spot if you are heading east. A couple years ago I went from Las Cruces to Roswell almost not using any gas in my truck. I felt pretty good about the wind until I drove back to Las Cruces and almost used a tank of gas.

I feel bad for high profile vehicles since the wind often plays the devil with handling and sometimes even just keeping all four wheels on the ground. Some of the roads in New Mexi-

co are closed in bad dust storms because there can suddenly be zero visibility with the possibility of a big wreck involving many vehicles.

One of the almost lost stories of wind in New Mexico involves the only time when a NASA Space Shuttle landed in our state. More to the point, what is rarely referenced is the windy day before Space Shuttle Columbia landed.

In 1976 Northrup Strip was selected by NASA as a Space Shuttle training and backup landing facility. We now call that facility the White Sands Space Harbor at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. New Mexico was halfway between shuttle landing areas at Edwards Air Force Base in California and the Shut-

tle Landing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

STS-3 was launched in March 1982 as a seven-day mission but excessive rain in California flooded the landing area there. So the Northrup Strip at White Sands Missile Range was selected. However, it was spring wind season. On the scheduled landing day, it was a nasty dusty day of high winds and low visibility.

The network news programs showed a New Mexico straight out of a Chamber of Commerce nightmare. It looked like a hurricane except it was dust instead of water. One reporter opined that the Space Shuttle Columbia might never be able to land in New Mexico.

Not so. The next day at about 9 a.m. it was a

glorious New Mexico morning as if there had never been a dust storm. About twenty thousand people were at the landing strip and millions watched on television as Columbia landed. So we rarely mention the Wind Hall of Fame day that preceded the landing.

Best way to deal with the wind is to expect the coat of dust and not get too worked up about it. We have been having these dust storms in New Mexico for the last two-hundred and eighty million years, come next August so don't be surprised.

My advice: get yourself a beverage and stay inside with a good book. It's going to be windy boy, windy.

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### The Tranquilizer Gun



Unless you're a tiger trimmer in Tanganyika, the tranquilizer gun has not lived up to its potential. During its prelimi-

nary promotion, it was touted as the greatest invention since the rope. But, in the livestock business, it has never

quite fulfilled its expectations. The biggest problem seems to be its predictable unpredictable results.

Most large-animal vets have tranquilizer guns. Some of my colleagues learned the fine art of using one. The rest of us have stuck away with our fleams and hog chol-

era vaccine. I suspect "operator error" had a lot to do with our failures.

Dr. Green said he and Dr. Corley used it with success when they were gatherin' wild cattle down in Mississippi. It gave them an advantage over better ropers in the area. Even a good roper has to get within throw-in' distance.

The Outlaw family had eight cows and one uncatchable wanderin' bull. The bull was part Braymer...the uncatchable part. Mr. Outlaw kept 'em in a scrubby pasture next to his neighbor. This neighbor practiced rotational grazing and his pasture was lush.

Mr. Outlaw's bull spent most of his time at the neighbors. Since the bull managed to crawl

back through and breed the eight cows every spring, Mr. Outlaw saw no reason to be concerned.

When the threats became unbearable, Mr. Outlaw finally agreed to sell his wanderin' bull. He called on Drs. Green and Corley to expedite the matter.

Our boys arrived on the scene, chased the bull back onto the Outlaw's property and began to trail him through the brush. The bull took a breather in a clearin' and our ballistic vets pulled down and nailed him with the tranquilizer dart. They got him roped and staggered to the open-top trailer, where they tied him in. The bull laid down and passed out.

Mr. Outlaw was pleased: "I'm takin' him

over to Bryan Brothers... Oughta get a pretty penny for him!"

"Yup," said Dr. Green. "But he'd be worth more if he walked outta the trailer, fer sure."

"You bet, Doc. How long you reckon it'll take this tranquilizer to wear off?"

"Forty-five minutes to an hour."

"Great! I better git goin'!"

That afternoon, they saw Mr. Outlaw back home at the coffee shop.

"How'd it go?" they asked.

"Oh, fine, fine. Made a lotta money. Only had one problem. He was still down when I got there. I had to run him through the car wash twice to get him awake enough to sell!"

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Let's lend support to tribe

For the past ten years, I've been involved in a range of efforts here, and pretty much all of them stem from my belief that Las Cruces is almost ready for a very special place in the light. Unfortunately, we are perpetually "almost" there, and I keep coming back to what keeps us from "being" there.

One thing we have to get a better handle on is our sense of our own history. Specifically, if we are to truly respect, even honor, all who live

here now, we have to start with those whose ancestors were here first.

The Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan Guadalupe has been seeking Federal recognition for several decades now.

Their petition number is 005, and the comment period for those supporting or opposing recognition closes March 27.

Please send letters of support:

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What is possible in the future here is highly dependent on how we build upon our past here.

I ask members of our community to thoughtfully and enthusiastically support Federal recognition of the Piro/Manso/Tiwa.

— Gregory Z. Smith  
Councillor for District 2  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Las Cruces

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munity," Buckingham writes on his website, [www.vote-buckingham.com](http://www.vote-buckingham.com). "In spite of this excessive taxation, the budget is running on reserves – with only the bare minimum of services to show for it. This must end."

In an effort to repeal the Land Control Plan, Buckingham would like to eliminate the ETZ and establish unelected rule-making committees, based on his belief that the plan is an "undemocratic scheme that denies property rights and uses excessive regulation to benefit special interest groups, corporations and government bureaucrats" at the expense of Doña Ana County residents.

Finally, Buckingham believes the current county commission has not made public safety a priority.

"Our sheriff's office is cutting services," he said. "Our fire departments have a shortage of firefighters, and there are not enough ambulances to cover emergencies throughout Doña Ana County."

He promises to make public safety a true priority by "bringing together mental health professionals, hospitals, public officials and law enforcement to develop procedures and training for all who interact with those who are living with a mental health illness."

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# Home sales are brisk, prices have improved

**By Murray Bruder**  
For the Bulletin

The most common question for every Realtor is: How is the real estate market?

The most common answer you will hear or read is: "It's not bad," or "It's pretty good."

There are more sales, but prices have not really increased. This is an unenthusiastic way of saying, "It's OK, but not great."

Stop! Don't believe that. The market is doing great.

An analysis of the 2015 Las Cruces real estate market shows that, when you look at the current statistics and at all the individual segments of our real estate market (price ranges, foreclosures, new homes and re-sales separately), you will find that the overwhelming majority of the market is not stagnant. Home sales are brisk and prices have improved significantly and are rising year after year.

## What are the facts?

Looking at 2015 and back over the past three to four years we can confidently say that the overall market is moving

steadily and forward towards being fully recovered

- Sales are up. After six years of declining sales, over the past four years sales have increased each year. The number of homes sold in 2015 was up 45.4 percent from the lowest point in 2011 and 1,572 homes were sold in 2015. This is an increase of 7.2 percent over 2014, and this is the most sales in any year since 2007

- The supply of available homes listed for sale is down to its lowest level in ten years. The list has finally dropped to where it should be. There are fewer than 1,000 homes for sale. Combined with increased sales, this is an extremely strong indicator of market recovery due to supply and demand coming into balance

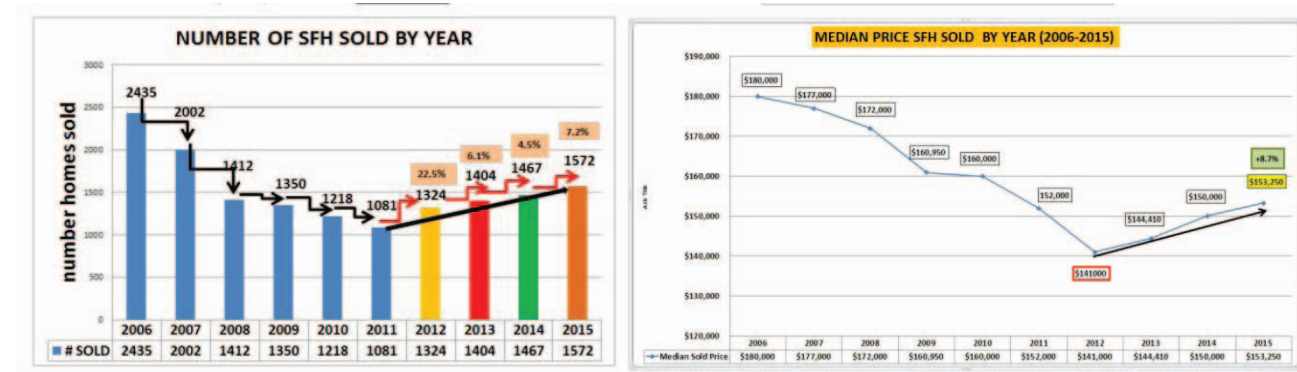
- Home prices have steadily gone up every year for the past three years. From its 10-year low at the end of 2012, the median price of homes sold has increased year after year, and by the end of 2015 it was up a total of 8.7 percent

This alignment of supply and demand and the resultant price increases have made a huge step

**Here is what the data looks like in Tabular Format**

8 YEAR HISTORY - LISTINGS / SALES / MEDIAN HOME PRICES					
YEAR	SUPPLY ACTIVE LISTINGS	DEMAND TOTAL SOLD	%-CHANGE	MEDIAN SOLD PRICE	%-CHANGE
2015	940	1572	7.2%	\$ 153,250	2.2%
2014	1027	1467	4.5%	\$ 150,000	3.9%
2013	1031	1404	6.0%	\$ 144,410	3.2%
2012	1189	1324	22.5%	\$ 140,000	-9.2%
2011	1206	1081	-11.2%	\$ 154,125	-3.6%
2010	1271	1218	-9.8%	\$ 159,900	-1.4%
2009	1301	1350	-4.4%	\$ 162,150	-8.9%
2008	1250	1412		\$ 178,000	

**These are Graphs of that data**



forward in 2015 toward a full recovery from the depressed market that began in 2006-2007.

No market is homogeneous, and when we look at the various segments of the housing market the news gets even better.

The first decision we make when purchasing any commodity is how much does it cost, and how much can I afford. This leads us to the first

and the most important method of segmenting the Las Cruces real estate market. The price ranges of homes sold and the relationship between the number of homes listed and the current rate of sales in that price range represents supply and demand which controls every market.

It is obvious from this graphical representation, that for homes listed and

selling for less than \$250,000 (enclosed in the red box) that there is great demand.

These are home sales (red lines). Compared to this demand, the supply of homes listed for sale (blue lines) is low. The proportions shown here are what an active balanced market should look like.

This is the heart of our real estate market because it represents 67 per-

cent of all the homes for sale and 85 percent of all the homes sold in 2015. This segment is very close to perfectly balanced. This means that the great majority of Las Cruces home owners and home buyers are on equal footing and can expect to buy and sell homes at the fair market value.

The other two boxes represent upper-price

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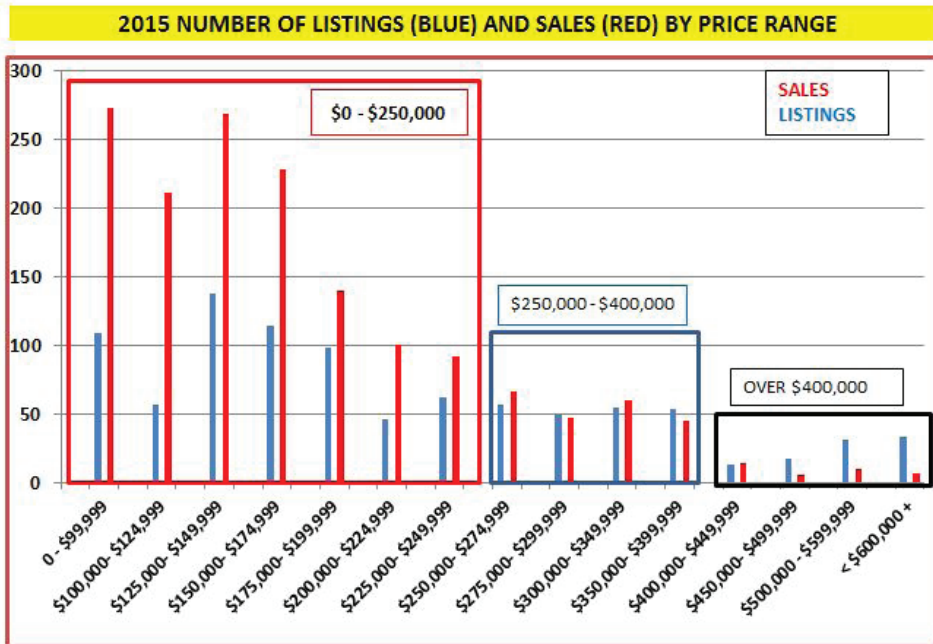
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ranges and luxury homes which have not yet recovered since the national and local economy has not yet fully recovered. They only represent a small percentage of our market.

Now that we have covered price range segmentation and its sub sections as the major factor in determining how the market is doing, you need to know that there are other significant sub-segments of the Las Cruces real estate market.

- Low end homes (< \$100,000)
- New home market
- Foreclosures
- Resale home market as a separate segment

With the exception of resale home market as a separate segment, time and space does not allow us to undertake a full discussion of the other segments at this time.

To discuss the resale

home market we need to eliminate segments of the market which are actually free standing markets: (new homes, foreclosure homes, and the small number of under-\$100,000 homes that are left after we have eliminated foreclosures).

What we are left with is the "REAL resale SFH market."

This market is what home owners and home buyers are talking about when they ask, "How is the Market?"

The importance of this segment is demonstrated by the fact that it represents 85 percent of the resale listings and 75 percent of the sales of resale homes

In this "REAL resale SFH market" the median sold SFH price is now \$172,000, 12.23 percent more than the overall market median price of \$153,250.

**So, how is the market doing?**

The most important piece of information you need to know about the condition of our Las Cruces real estate market is what we find when we compare 2013 -2014's market to 2015. Comparing the "Real Resale Market" year after year, we find that the median price of homes sold was \$160,000 in 2013-2014 vs. our 2015 median price of \$172,000, and the price per square foot of homes sold went from an average of \$95/sf to \$100/sf. This represents a 7.5 percent appreciation in the median price of a SFH, and a 5.26 percent increase in the average price per square foot of homes sold in the "real resale home market."

**The importance of all of this**

It comes down to the individual home seller and home buyer. Sellers are concerned that that they have lost value in their homes, and their homes have actually depreciated. Buyers still think that they can buy at below-fair-market value.

It is important for sellers, future sellers and buyers to know this is not true any longer.

A buyer of an average 1700 sf, 3-BR, 2BA home in 2008 when the market was

	MEDIAN PRICE	\$/SF	
2008	\$ 169,900	\$ 100.00	MEDIAN
		\$ 107.75	AVERAGE
2012	\$ 145,000	\$ 84.93	MEDIAN
		\$ 87.57	AVERAGE
2014	\$ 159,750	\$ 94.50	MEDIAN
		\$ 95.61	AVERAGE
2015	\$170,000	\$ 100.00	MEDIAN
"REAL" RESALE MARKET		\$ 100.00	AVERAGE

resents a 7.5 percent appreciation in the median price of a SFH, and a 5.26 percent increase in the average price per square foot of homes sold in the "real resale home market."

still relatively strong paid about \$170,000 or about \$100/sf.

In 2012, when the median home price was at its lowest level, you would have bought or sold that home for only about \$145,000 or about \$85/sf.

Are your sellers right? Has there been no recovery in the value of their home? No. At the end of 2014 that same home using the real resale market was valued

at \$159,750 and \$95/sf. More important is the fact that at the end of 2015 our segmented "REAL resale SFH market" had an average price/sf of \$100, returning the value of this home to its original \$170,000.

I conclude by telling home sellers that if they compare their home to appropriately competitive real resale market homes (recently sold, same price range, location, condition and amenities) they should not be afraid to lead the market in pricing their home for sale. Buyers should use the exact same criteria finding the best home available, but be prepared to offer a "fair market value."

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





COURTESY PHOTO BY DARREN PHILLIPS

Pecan marketing will be a key topic at the annual Western Pecan Growers Association conference and trade show March 6 to 8.

## PECAN FROM PAGE A1

New Mexico. White said this year's crop is one of the best in the past four or five years.

New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service will host the 2016 Western Pecan Growers Association conference and trade show.

The association, which represents growers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, co-sponsors the event with NMSU.

The annual event includes a trade show that runs from noon-5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, then continues during the educational program all day

Monday and Tuesday morning, March 7-8. It will feature about 70 vendors. The popular annual Pecan Food Fantasy baking contest will also take place on Sunday.

Richard Heerema, NMSU pecan specialist, is the organizer of the conference's educational program Monday and Tuesday. The agenda includes 17 presentations by NMSU experts, experts from other universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as representatives from the pecan industry.

Topics such as potassium and phosphorous

management, freeze injury risk and the use of wind machines and managing salinity will be presented.

Heerema will present an update on the discovery of pecan bacterial leaf scorch in the Southwest as well as scheduling irrigations with a pressure chamber. NMSU IR-4 program coordinator Cary Hamilton will give an IR-4 project overview. NMSU program coordinator Larry Blackwell will speak on translaminar insecticides. Rolston St. Hilaire, NMSU horticulture professor, will discuss midday stem water potential.

In addition to the edu-

cational program, trade show and baking contest, the program includes a Sunday welcome reception from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Azul Bar in the Hotel Encanto, as well as a Monday social hour at 6 p.m., immediately followed by the 7 p.m. banquet and awards ceremony. Continuing Education Credits will be offered by Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to attendees

For full information about the 2016 conference or to register and pay online, visit [www.westernpecan.org](http://www.westernpecan.org).

Parking is limited around the hotel and overflow parking can use the Mesilla Valley Mall designated parking area and take the hotel shuttle to the hotel and back.

## Checkpoints, saturation patrols planned for March

### Bulletin report

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least four sobriety checkpoints and three saturation patrols within city limits during the month of March.

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

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

Las Cruces Police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driv-

er – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

Anyone in need of a safe ride home on Fridays, Saturdays or holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. can take advantage of Project Home, a program sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi.

One or two people can receive a \$5 taxi ride home from anywhere within Doña Ana County.

For up to four people the fee is \$10. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges.

For Project Home taxi service call (575) 524-TAXI.

## UBER FROM PAGE A1

For every new user who signs up using the promo codes, Uber will donate \$5 to the Shattered Lives campaign, a local anti-DWI program focused on educating students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"We are very excited and extremely honored to be included in this partnership," said program coordinator and Doña Ana County Teen Court Executive Director

Antonia Hernandez. "The donations received will benefit youth throughout our county. Together we can help bring awareness about the serious consequences of drinking and driving."

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# Breaking and entering suspect paid for cigarettes

## Bulletin reports

Las Cruces Police arrested a man suspected of breaking into a convenience store Sunday morning, Feb. 28, and leaving \$6 for the pack of cigarettes he took.

Ellis C. Battista, 24, of the 800 block of East May Ave., is charged with one count of breaking and entering, a fourth-degree felony.

Detectives learned that at around 3:30 a.m., Battista and another man went to purchase a pack of cigarettes at Bradley's convenience store at 1260 El Paseo Road. The store normally operates 24 hours a day but, for some reason, the clerk was not on duty and the store was locked.

Store surveillance cameras and witnesses confirmed that Battista pounded on the store's front door several times in an apparent attempt to gain the attention of the store clerk who, obviously, was not there. Detectives learned that Battista then kicked the door's lower panel which broke.

Battista, believed to be intoxicated at the time, then entered the store. Video surveillance indi-



COURTESY PHOTO

Ellis C. Battista is charged with one count of breaking and entering. He is accused of breaking into a convenience store and leaving money for cigarettes he took.

cates Battista selected a pack of cigarettes and ensured that cameras captured images of him leaving \$6 for the merchandise.

A witness called 911 to report the break-in and Las Cruces Police officers located Battista nearby. Damage to the store's front door was estimated at \$800. No charges were filed against his friend who remained outside of the store.

Battista was booked into the Doña Ana County Detention Center. He has since posted bond.

### Group sought in Target shoplifting

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information that

helps identify a group – possibly a family – suspected of shoplifting more than \$4,000 worth of merchandise from Target.

The incident occurred the evening of Feb. 15 at the Las Cruces Target store at 2541 E. Lohman Ave. Las Cruces Police detectives learned that the group entered the store together and loaded merchandise into two shopping carts. They then rolled the carts past all checkouts and left the store with an estimated \$4,175 worth of merchandise.

Surveillance cameras from Target captured images of a group of five individuals suspected of working together. The group appears to include



COURTESY PHOTO

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information that helps identify a group – possibly a family – suspected of shoplifting more than \$4,000 worth of merchandise from Target.

an adult woman, two young men and one woman in her teens or early 20s, and a young girl who is possibly 8 to 12 years old. The surveillance photos attached do not show the young girl.

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the suspects. Anyone with information that can help identify any of the suspects is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and

you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.

### 81 citations issued during operation

Las Cruces Police issued 81 citations recently during a special traffic enforcement operation held along Telshor Boulevard.

Of the 81 citations written during the operation, 39 were issued to drivers who were using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle. City ordinance forbids the use of a cell phone, or any electronic device, while operating a motor vehicle.

Traffic officers issued 10 citations to drivers who were without proof

of valid insurance, and nine citations each to motorists who were speeding and not properly utilizing seatbelts.

Citations were also issued for other traffic infractions such as driving with expired license plates, driving with an obstructed windshield, unsafe lane changes and other various traffic violations.

The traffic operation was held from approximately 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. along Telshor Boulevard, between Foothills Road and Missouri Avenue. The Las Cruces Police Department plans additional traffic enforcement operations in the near future.

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A painting artist Bob Diven created for the Colorado Air National Guard.

Diven created this painting for the Maryland Air National Guard.

# Diven reaches every corner of Cruces, country

**By Mike Cook**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

You will find the work of artist Bob Diven in almost every corner of Las Cruces, and in many other places around the state and across the country.

Diven made Magellan, the dragon in the lake at Young Park during the Renaissance Arts Faire, for which he also constructed a

“Ratapult” for the character of Robert the Ratcatcher he has played at the festival for about 15 years.

Diven designed and constructed the set for “I, Custer,” the play directed by Mark Medoff that opens this weekend at Las Cruces Community Theatre. He is at work on a special splashpad design for the plaza that will open in downtown

Las Cruces this summer. In partnership with the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, he founded Avenue Art, the street-painting festival that celebrates its fourth anniversary this April. He is currently at work with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum on The AdobeHenge Trails

Project, a public art destination near the museum.

Diven also has written two musicals: “Extinction,” which the Doña Ana Lyric Opera premiered in 2007, and “Happy Birthday Charles Darwin,” which was performed at the Black Box and Rio Grande theatres in 2009. He has made



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three short films and one documentary (about his mother, Betty, now 96) and written marches for the Mesilla Valley Concert Band and "Dawn of the Dinosaurs" for the Las Cruces Symphony.

He created a one-man show about American artist John Singer Sargent that he has performed in Las Cruces and more than a dozen other cities in eight states.

Diven played the title role in "Man of La Mancha," part of the 50th anniversary season at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) a few years ago, and has performed in many other plays and musicals, from Las Cruces High School's production of "The Music Man" when he was in fifth grade (he played Winthrop) to the title role in "Mr. Roberts" at LCCT to Roald Amundsen in "Terra Nova" at Black Box Theatre.

He has built sets and created props for shows at LCCT, Rio Grande Theatre, lo-fi productions and the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts and Music departments. He also plays the guitar and Irish percussion instruments and has released a CD of original songs entitled "Play with Yourself."

Diven's paintings, drawings, murals, photographs, logos and other artwork adorn the walls of hundreds of private homes, businesses, schools and websites. He painted two 20-foot gui-

tars near the entrance of Hubbard's Music-N-More on Wyatt Drive. He has had paintings in nationally juried shows, his illustrations can be seen in publications around the world and online and his street paintings have won awards in Denver and El Paso.

Diven has been drawing editorial cartoons for the last 10 years, and won a New Mexico Press Association award for that work. He even created the design for the "art" bus stop in front of Las Cruces City Hall.

In August 2014, Diven created "Wall Street," a 240-foot temporary "street art" installation at the Lore Degenstein Gallery at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. He has done paintings of air battles in Afghanistan and Iraq for Air National Guard units in Maryland and Colorado.

Diven is also a private pilot and member of the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 555 of Las Cruces, and has found time in to put in about 1,300 hours building a 1917 French fighter plane reproduction at Las Cruces Airport.

Another of Diven's unique creations is a life-size sculpture of Billy the Kid, based on the iconic photograph. He is currently offering pre-sales of a limited edition of bronze casts of the work.

"I like science and I like history," Diven said. "Most of my work is

### What his friends and collaborators say about Bob Diven

"Bob has been one of the great constants in my artistic life for several decades. Working with him is always an experience full of generosity and the spirit of family. Our effect on each other in a collaborative enterprise causes great exchanges of creativity and, always, laughter. We've worked together many times as director-set designer, director-actor, director-writer-composer. His artwork graces our home. My wife Stephanie and I are proud to be founding members of Friends of Bob (FOB), a group who so believe in Bob's creative brilliance that we have become his patrons."

-- Tony Award-winning playwright Mark Medoff

"He is the renaissance artist of Las Cruces. He can do everything in a project using a variety of art forms – visual, performing or literary arts. He is an artist with endless creativity and innovation. He acts, he sings, he writes, he draws/paints. I especially appreciate his wit and insight in his Sunday editorial cartoon in our local paper. He is his own creation and we are lucky he continues to challenge his 'artist within'."

-- Arts activist Irene Oliver-Lewis

"Bob Diven has a striking ability as a creative problem solver to apply knowledge from his many areas of expertise to just about anything he encounters in an immediate and original way. This makes him one of my all-time favorite collaborators. He is constantly trying to learn more, and to allow that new information to change how he sees the world. It's inspiring!"

-- NMSU Theatre Arts professor Megan McQueen

about people. I write about people; I paint people."

Diven was born on the day Billy the Kid died, July 14, separated by 79 years, in Oregon, Illinois. He came to Las Cruces at the age of five with his parents and four brothers. Diven served in the U.S. Coast Guard, attended art school in Denver and worked for six years in Albuquerque as a graphic designer and art director before settling in Las Cruces in the late 1980s.

"I think it's because I'm a small-town kid," Diven said. "As much as I want success, there are other things I want as much or

more. It turns out, it really matters to me to feel like I have a place in my community. If I went somewhere else, I'd just end up trying to recreate what I have here. I'm deeply embedded in this town."

"On a regular basis, people basically thank me for coming back or for being here. What more could you ask than to be welcome in your own community?"

Diven, sometimes called "Reverend Bob," is also an endorsed humanist celebrant and has performed hundreds of marriage ceremonies.

He performed some of the first gay wedding cer-

emonies in the state after Doña Ana County recognized gay marriage in 2013.

When asked how he would sum up his work and community participation, Diven said he would like his tombstone

to read, "Thanks for buying my paintings before I died."

For more information on Diven, including samples of his work and information about his current projects, visit <http://www.bobdiven.com/>.

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## IN THE NEWS

### Wildlife specialist joins state board

New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn appointed Samuel Smallidge to represent the beneficiaries to the State Land Trust Advisory Board.

The State Land Trusts Advisory Board assists the State Land Commissioner

in the formulation of policies and programs for the trust.

Members are appointed by the State Land Commissioner and confirmed by the State Senate to serve six-year terms.

Smallidge is the Wildlife Specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University and serves as the Coordinator of the Range Improvement Task Force at

NMSU.

### Arrowhead Center receives grant

A program that promotes student entrepreneurship at New Mexico State University will receive \$368,760 from the U.S. Department of Commerce to expand the program to the university's community colleges.

NMSU is one of the 25 awardees that will receive

funding under the Economic Development Administration's 2015 Regional Innovation Strategies program. The 2015 RIS program is managed by EDA's Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and is designed to advance innovation and capacity-building activities in regions across the country through two competitions: the i6 Challenge and the Seed Fund Support Grants

competition.

Arrowhead Center submitted a proposal for "Next Gen" the Next Generation Entrepreneurship program. Next Gen expands current student entrepreneurship programming supported by the Arrowhead Innovation Network, a 2012 i6 Challenge project that ended in September. Next Gen is focused on student entrepreneurship as a strategy to enhance commercialization of research, regional connectivity and innovation.

### White Sands FCU promotes two

White Sands Federal Credit Union announces the promotion of Phillip Fifield and Frank Gutierrez.

Fifield was promoted to the position of executive vice president and Gutierrez was promoted to the position of assistant vice president.

Fifield has been employed at White Sands FCU for 19 years, having begun his tenure as a loan officer.

Gutierrez began his White Sands FCU career five years ago as a member service representative.

### NMSU graduate students awarded NASA fellowships

Two doctoral candidates at New Mexico State University are among 13 students in the country selected to receive NASA Harriett G. Jenkins graduate fellowships, providing each student with more than \$50,000 in annual funding through the completion of their dissertations.

Kathryn Steakley and Alexander Thelen, both third-year doctoral candidates in the Department of Astronomy in the College of Arts and Sciences, were chosen for this graduate fellows program, which focuses on improving and diversifying NASA's future Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workforce.

### Eastman joins nutrition, dietetic board

Wanda Eastman, Human Nutrition and Dietetic Sciences professor and Dietetic Internship director, was recently elected as chair-elect for the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. ACEND is the national governing board for nutrition and dietetic education in the U.S. She will serve a three-year term. Eastman is a Full-bright Scholar and served as chair of the NMSU Institutional Review Board in 2012. She was also chair of the NMSU Faculty Senate during the 2007-2008 academic year.

### Mechanical, aerospace head arrives

Reuy-Hung Chen has joined the New Mexico State University College of Engineering faculty as the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering department head.

### Legislative post-session report available

The 2016 legislative session wrapped up Feb. 18. The impact to NMSU in regard to the state budget and other legislation can be found in a post-session report prepared by the Office of Government Relations on its website at <http://gov-relations.nmsu.edu/>.

### NMSU extension agent honored

For more than three decades, Woods Houghton has been helping others in his role with New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service. He has been recognized with the Bruce and Alice King Memorial Service Award from the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association.

Houghton, longtime agriculture agent for the Eddy County Cooperative Extension Service, was honored recently at the Joint Stockmen's Convention in Albuquerque.

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# New product patent revealed by Las Cruces local

**By Dawn Franco**  
For the Bulletin

A Las Cruces inventor revealed an innovative oil filter wrench patent and pending international patent Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Michael Gutierrez, 41, invented what he calls a safer model oil filter wrench. Compared to the oil wrenches already on the market, Gutierrez's invention utilizes a two-finger trigger to rotate an oil filter inches versus the standard wrench which are capable of just centimeters at a time.

As well as the pending patents he awaits a utility patent. He even re-en-

gineered a competitor's model to ensure success and is currently awaiting those patents.

"This is the biggest selling point, not only does it (oil wrench) work on automobiles, on these kinds of engines, it will work on a motorcycle, it'll work on a boat, it'll work on an airplane, tanks, haul trucks, semi-trucks, anything that takes an oil filter, maybe even in outer space," he said.

The idea came to Gutierrez in November 2013 in a dream; his deceased brother showed him the design.

The tool comes complete with a JM3 logo, his brother's initials,

Joe Max, and the three children he left when he died.

He hopes to reach out to 1 percent of 81 million mechanics to generate \$8 million in revenue.

"I honestly feel – my gut feeling is that – I believe one of these wrenches will make their way to space, I really

do" said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez graduated with a degree in automotive tech and management and claims the wrench will come in all 5 standard vehicle oil filter sizes, sizes for motorcycles, and even large scale mechanics as well as a small model for opening beer bottles.



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Michael Gutierrez and his son Memphis, 7, hold his patent-pending product, which was displayed at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

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# Pancho Villa's Columbus raid remembered

By Elva K. Österreich and July McClure  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the early dawn hours of March 9, 1916, the Mexican revolution poured north of the border as General Francisco "Pancho" Villa with his army of between 400 and 800 men led a raid on Colum-

bus, then a dusty, sleepy village of some 400 residents.

The battle began shortly after 4 a.m. and lasted for more than two hours. U.S. Army soldiers based at Camp Furlong (now part of Pancho Villa State Park) responded to Villa's attack with gunfire.

When the smoke had cleared, 18 Americans (10 civilians and eight soldiers of the 13th Cavalry) lay dead. At daylight the Villistas retreated into Mexico, leaving behind 225 to 250 men who were wounded, captured or killed. The Commercial Hotel and other business-

es in the center of town lay in smoking ruins.

The village of Columbus, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Historical Society, Pancho Villa State Park, and the First Aero Squadron Foundation are joining forces to create a special centennial commemoration of those killed.

## Memorial service Wednesday, March 9

This year's memorial service will be extra special with the 13th Cavalry attending this once in a lifetime event, said Richard Dean, Columbus Historical Society president. The 13th was the unit stationed at the camp at Columbus at the time of the Villa raid. The Historical society's theme for the day is "Columbus Family Reunion."

"As many (family mem-



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bers) as we could locate were advised by mail and the response has been outstanding," Dean said. "General Patton's granddaughter from France notified us she will attend, as will General George A. Dodd's great-grandson and 13th Cavalry Commanding Officer Colonel

Slocum's great-granddaughter."

The event will be an all-day affair, starting at 9 a.m. for registration and name tags in the CHS Caboose.

At 10 a.m. in the society's Memorial Garden

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Reenactors fill the town of Columbus as they prepare for Camp Furlong, an event held by Pancho Villa State Park.

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the memorial services will begin. At approximately 11 a.m., a walking tour will be offered. After lunch at 1 p.m. the society will premiere a film produced by an Abilene Christian University professor on the Villa raid. At 2 p.m. there will be a slide show about a pair of brothers who were in Columbus the summer following the raid called "The Wilson Brothers."

"This is very special as we see times through teenagers' eyes," Dean said. "The society has made a Challenge

Coin for this 100th year event which will be available. Come support us for this remarkable event."

### Centennial Raid Day Saturday, March 12

The 17th Annual Cabalgata and Centennial Raid Day will be held Saturday, March 12, in downtown Columbus Plaza. It is expected to attract the largest crowd and body of participants ever for the annual commemoration.

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## PANCHO VILLA RAID DAY MARCH 12 CENTENNIAL EVENTS

### Columbus Chamber of Commerce Agenda

**10 a.m.** Remembrance Ride/Parade starts at Port of Entry US/Mexico border, Presentation of colors by Camp Furlong 2016, Deming High School marching band National Anthems USA & Mexico, at the Village Plaza

**11 a.m.** Welcome by Columbus Mayor Phillip Skinner at Village Plaza, Recognition of Dignitaries from the U.S.A./Mexico, Emcee Roberto Gutierrez

**11:15 a.m.** Mexican Revolution & Pancho Villa, Dr. Gil Arturo Ferrer Vicario

**11:20 a.m.** Binational efforts to promote goodwill, build alliances & economic development, Winn Mott and Chamber President J. Salomon Gutierrez Maloof

**11:30 a.m.** Presentation of Certificates, Roberto Gutierrez

**Noon - 3 p.m.** Village Plaza Entertainment, Intro to entertainment by Deming High School Band, Ballet Folkloricos "Cielitos" Director Elena Hernandez, Mariachi Encanto, July McClure, Bud & Jeanne Canfield, Deborah Olliver, Korimi, Grupo de Danza, Canciones del pasado, Luis Mario Montoya, Los Hermanos Flores: Alfredo y Andres

**Noon - Lunch** for participants, Glenda Sanchez in Youth Center

**1 p.m.** Camp Furlong 2016 - Pancho Villa Park

**1:30 p.m.** Pershing & Villa look-a-like contest in Tumbleweed Theater

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**Centennial Camp Furlong Day at Pancho Villa State Park**  
13th Annual Camp Furlong Day, March 12, 2016 event schedule:

**8:30 a.m.** Unveiling of the 16th Infantry Regiment plaque in the Exhibit Hall.

**9 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** U.S. Army tent encampment with re-enactors by the Exhibit Hall. They begin with reveille, followed by officer's call, formation with unit report, flag raising, and parade ground drill of infantry, mounted cavalry and retreat.

**10 a.m.** Columbus historian Richard Dean presentation (topic to be announced). Rec Hall building.

**11 a.m.** Cabalgata horse riders from Mexico ride into Columbus plaza (not Pancho Villa State Park). The 17th Cabalgata Binacional (aka Remembrance Ride) will cross from Palomas, Mexico into the U.S. at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th and are expected to arrive around 11 a.m. in Columbus. All of the activities for the Raid Day Centennial Commemoration will be held in downtown Columbus in and around the Plaza Park. Enjoy Ballet Folkloricos, Mariachi Encanto and a wide variety of musicians!

**12 pm. - 1 p.m.** Lunch. Food vendors in the Village Plaza.

### Pancho Villa State Park Rec Hall Building Historical Presentations

**1 p.m.** speaker: Dr. Robert Bouilly  
Title: The Truck Train System in Support of the Pershing Expedition. Dr. Bouilly will talk about logistic support for the Pershing Expedition, primarily about the truck train system.

**2 p.m.** speaker: Ron Bridgemon  
Title: San Joaquin Canyon and the 1916 Punitive Expedition. The talk involves the activities of the 17th infantry who were conducting archaeological excavations in the Canyon while maintaining trucks for the Expedition.

**3 p.m.** speaker: Harry Von Feilitzsch  
Title: The Columbus Raid: Theories and Fact 100 Years Later. The presentation will give known details of the raid and the results of government investigations including intelligence gained from the Pershing Expedition. The talk will also include a summarization of the different theses, findings and explanations that historians have published over the years. The presentation will focus on Villa's motivation from revenge to political agitation.

**4:30-5 p.m.** The day's final ceremony at the Army encampment at Pancho Villa State Park will include remarks about the 1916 Army and Cavalry, remarks from the 13th Cavalry C.O., reading of the names of the eight soldiers killed, remarks by the chaplain, 21 gun salute and taps.

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The Cabalgata was started in 1999 when riders from both sides of the border joined together in peace, unity and friendship to honor the casualties of the 1916 Raid. The participants also hope to shed light on the region and spur economic development on the Columbus – Palomas, Chihuahua border.

Many residents of Columbus will add to the historical uniqueness of this once in a lifetime event by dressing in 1916 period clothing.

A General Pershing and Pancho Villa look-alike contest will be held in the Tumbleweed Theater. Local artists will set up exhibits at the Columbus Public Library, where guests can check their email with free wifi service.

For more information (including food & lodging availability) call the Columbus Chamber of Commerce 575-343-0147; email: columbuschamberofcommerce@yahoo.com.

Vendor and parade information call 575-494-0009. Contact Pancho Villa State Park 575-531-2711; Columbus Historical Society 575-531-2620; or the First Aero Squadron 575-519-1100.

### Film competition offers \$500

The Rotary Club of Silver City, in conjunction with Western New Mexico University and Silver Screen Society, have launched a film competition for the documentation of the invasion of Columbus by Pancho Villa.

The film documentation will take place March 9 and 12 during centennial events in Columbus. A unique feature of the competition is the opportunity to create a film remotely without visiting the village of Columbus at all. A video “pool” will be created from the centennial events and other field documentation. The “pool” will be accessible via the Internet, allowing filmmakers far and wide to produce a submission.

There are three filmmaker entry categories: High school students, university students and independents. Prizes of \$500 for each category will be awarded. Scholarships at Western New Mexico University will also be awarded. Maximum film length is 15 minutes and the film submission deadline is April 15. For more information contact assistant professor Peter Bill at pbill23@gmail.com, or visit the website www.peterbill.us/invasion.html.

## COMING UP

### Shabbat Across America at Temple Beth-El

At 6 p.m., Friday, March 4, at 3980 Sonoma Springs Road, members of the Las Cruces Jewish community will participate in the National Jewish Outreach Program’s Shabbat Across America, a united effort by the Jewish community to renew interest in Shabbat, the Sabbath, as a day of rest. Temple Beth-El opens its doors to the community for a Shabbat service and festive meal. For information, contact Rabbi Larry Karol at rabbi@tbelc.org or call 524-3380.

### Storytelling event at Branigan Library

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

### Six course tequila dinner at NMSU

Reserve your table early for the six-course Tequila Dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at the 3rd Floor Bistro at the

Danny Villanueva Victory Club. The menu will feature authentic cuisine celebrating the tastes of Mexico paired with unique, premium tequilas. Call 646-4802 for more details and to reserve a table.

### Engineering Without Boundaries banquet Saturday

The annual NMSU Engineering Without Boundaries fundraising banquet is from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, March 5 at Picacho Hills Country Club. Keynote speaker is Carrie Hamblen, executive director at the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds fund EWB’s international project. Tickets: \$40 and can be purchased from any EWB member, by calling 646-5499, by visiting [www.engineeringwithoutboundaries.org](http://www.engineeringwithoutboundaries.org) (Paypal-tickets picked up at the door), or by request at [ewb@nmsu.edu](mailto:ewb@nmsu.edu).

### Organic Vegetable Gardening program

Learn to grow your own organic garden from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at Mountain View Co-op Market, 1300 El Paseo Road. Learn about soils, plants and how to be successful in the southwest. For information, call 523-0436.

### Explore the universe with the Astronomical Society

An evening under the stars with the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces exploring the wonders of the Milky Way and the Universe through the Leasburg Dam State Park Observatory’s 16-inch telescope from 4 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 5. Quiz for prizes from 4 to 5 p.m. Dress warmly and bring a red light flashlight (weather permitting). Gate closes at 9 p.m. Free with appropriate park entrance/camping fees. Info: out-

reach@aslcnm.org or president@aslcnm.org or call the park at 524-4068.

### Lasagna dinner for Dyslexia fund

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, the Scholarship fund of the Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico is sponsoring a lasagna dinner at Jake’s Café in Doña Ana, 641 E. Thorpe Road. Tickets: \$8 for adults; \$6 for children under 12. Dine in or take out. For information, call 405-7530.

### Wounded Warrior fundraiser

The American Legion Riders of Chapter 4 of Post 10 in Las Cruces are holding a “Comfort Items Needed” fundraiser for the seriously wounded warrior from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 6 at Walmart, 3331 Rinconada Blvd. For information, call 621-1738.

### Democratic Women meet

The Democratic Women of Doña Ana County will hold their monthly meeting at International Delights, 1245 El Paseo Road, at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 7. Everyone is welcome and attendees may come early and order dinner as they choose. For information, call 644-0444.

### Fundraiser for study abroad students

The School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Summer Study Abroad Florence students are having an enchilada plate fundraiser for \$7 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 7.

Plates come with a choice of red or green enchilada casserole, beans, rice and bread at 100 West, in Gerald Thomas Hall. Pick up or delivery. Call 646-7324 to place a pre-paid order.

### Munson Senior Center class registration

Registration for classes at Munson Senior Center are March 7 – 11; classes start the following week. For those 50 or older, the following classes are available: Clay Works Open Studio, Lapidary Certification Class, Silver Jewelry Making, Lapidary and Silver Jewelry Open Labs for those certified, Faceting, Gourd Painting, Glass Mosaics, Open Studio Gourds and Mosaics, Open Painting Studio, Landscape Painting in Oils, Stained Glass. Classes meet on various days. Others include: wood carving, beginning and intermediate Spanish, Spanish conversation, crocheting, knitting, quilting, desert writers, enhance fitness, Tai Chi, line dancing and zumba. There are also games and billiards including: bridge, canasta, chess, horseshoes, mah jongg, pinochle, Texas holdem’, dominos, and hands N’ feet. For information, call 642-9944.

### O’Blarney Golf Scramble

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

### ‘Chicks 101’ at Horse N Hound

From 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, learn about basic chick care and handling, nutrition, getting started and coop building as well as a Q & A session at 991 W. Amador. For information, call 523-8790.

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## COMING UP

### Friends of the German Language

Due to spring break, "Freunde der Deutschen Sprache" (Friends of the German Language) will not meet on the third Thursday of the month but on the second Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m., at NMSU's Breland Hall, Room 173-A.

We welcome old and new members and visitors. Meeting followed by a recent German-language feature film with English subtitles. For information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

### Hands-Only CPR Training at MMC

Learn the newly accepted hands-only technique in this 30-minute class, (which is held once a month from 10 - 10:30 a.m.) on Saturday, March 12 in the Memorial Medical Center West Annex Conference Room, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd.

Next class is Saturday, April 9. Classes are limited to 30 participants. For information, call 524-2167.

### NARFE Chapter 182 meets March 12

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Chapter 182 meets at 8:30 a.m. in the Esperanza rm

at Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive, on Saturday, March 12.

Two-part meeting about City of Las Cruces Senior Programs with James Mitchell, Human Services Case Manager for Senior Programs. There's a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet at 8:45 a.m.; reservations due by March 8 by calling Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Smith at 522-3033.

### Republican Women meet

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley will meet at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. The speaker will be Carla Sonntag, president of New Mexico Business Coalition.

Lunch from a limited selection menu; reservations are required for head count. Reserve at least two days in advance. Call 527-5547 or email margil1965@yahoo.com.

### Old T-shirts wanted for project

The Aggies Against Violence Committee is looking for old donated T-shirts of all sizes and colors to be used for the Clothes Line Project to allow students, staff and faculty to write messages on them for Sexual Assault Awareness. Drop T-shirts off at Campus

Activities (attention Morgan Busch) by April 15 or call 646-2536 for pick up.

### Las Cruces Shrine meets on second Monday

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

### Story time, discounted shopping

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

### AARP/CAA free tax preparation

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

taxes. For more information, call 527-8799.

### Elite Business Builders Group

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

### Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly

on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there... and bring a friend to Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. For information, call 649-0165.

### Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public Monday through

Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 523-8683.

### Book signing at NMSU Barnes and Noble

Professor Alfonso J. Kinglow will sign copies of his new book at the NMSU Barnes and Noble Bookstore, second floor, 1400 E. University Ave. from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. Kinglow's book, "Not Just Another Computer Book Two For Advanced Users" is available on Amazon.com. RSVP by March 1 to 405-1295.

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Hours after two explosive devices were detonated at Calvary Baptist Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church in Las Cruces, members of Las Cruces clergy, including Rev. José Martín Alcántar, Parochial Vicar at Holy Cross Catholic Church, left, Rev. Jared Carson of Peace Lutheran Church, left, Monsignor John Anderson of Holy Cross, and Fr. Jim Lehman of Holy Family American National Catholic Church, join in prayer with members of the Las Cruces community Sunday, Aug. 2 at Pioneer Women's Park. Both churches suffered damage, but there were no injuries. The places of worship both plan to continue to hold services. For more information, see page A7.

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## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### NMSU fall applications increase

For the second straight year, New Mexico State University has received an increase in admission applications for the upcoming fall semester. Currently, NMSU is seeing a 10.9 percent rise in applications for fall 2016.

Dacia Sedillo, NMSU associate vice president for enrollment management, said she is encouraged by the spring reports and believes new recruitment efforts are resonating with prospective students.

"We've really changed the recruitment model and that was seen in the increase of almost seven percent in new first-time students for fall 2015," she said. "We've also changed

our communication plan in an effort to engage with our students. Before, we had five standard communications and now we have a variety of communications that attempt to get personal and delve into each student's interests and motivations."

### Resource open house at LC Academy

The Las Cruces Academy opens its doors for a "Resource Open House" on Sunday, March 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Prospective students for grades early K through 8 are welcomed to explore the great range of unique resources we have at the LCA, from cultural artifacts to scientific

equipment to Chinese lessons, and then demonstrate their special talents in quizzes and puzzles. Everyone can take part in a "treasure hunt" to find some of our more exotic resources. For more information about the non-profit private school, visit <http://lascrucesacademy.org> or call Dr. Vince Gutschick at 571-2269. On the second Sunday of each month the event will highlight a different unique resource, such as our satellite ground station or our faculty experience in 40 countries.

### Las Cruces Academy open house

The Las Cruces Academy, at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, invites the public to visit the school between 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8. First from 8:30 to 10 a.m., visitors can watch classes in Chinese, Singapore math and English, talk with teachers, and view the facilities. Visitors in the afternoon – 5:30 to 7 p.m. – may speak with teachers and view the classrooms. LCA is a private school serving academically advanced students; classes are

small, teachers are well-qualified, and we provide a stimulating, supportive environment. Current openings are for early K through grade 8. More information is at [lascrucesacademy.org](http://lascrucesacademy.org) or by calling Head of School Dr. Lou Ellen Kay at 521-9384.

### NMSU residents can sign up for 2016-17

Returning NMSU students for the 2016-17 academic year should plant to renew a living space or choose a new one. Learn more about the Room Renewal Rodeo selection process at an interactive dining event at Corbett Center Student Union's Taos Restaurant from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 23. NMSU Housing & Residential Life staff will be on hand throughout the night to answer questions and provide tips.

Roommate selection has begun and will continue until March 27. From March 28 through April 4, students will have the opportunity to select a living space. Each space is only available for renewal or reservation for a limited time, with current residents having first dibs over their own space in

most cases. Please view the selection schedule at <http://housing.nmsu.edu/room-rodeo/> for dates. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so online submissions should be made as soon as possible through MyHousing. Join the event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/410259759160339/> to receive Facebook reminders as the various selection times approach.

For more information regarding Room Renewal Rodeo, please contact 646-3202 or [housing@nmsu.edu](mailto:housing@nmsu.edu).

### Udall recruiting interns for D.C., office

U.S. Senator Tom Udall invites New Mexico college students interested in gaining legislative or press relations experience to apply for summer internships in his Washington, D.C., office.

Students of all majors are encouraged to apply, and internships may count toward college credit. Students should check with their respective college or university for requirements.

For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.tomudall.senate.gov>

gov/internships. The upcoming summer internship session in Udall's office in Washington, D.C., will last from May 31 – July 15. Applications and supporting materials, including letters of recommendation, must be submitted by March 15.

### Foreign languages at Branigan

Branigan Library is offering a brand-new program to help library patrons learn a foreign language. A Branigan Library card allows unlimited access to more than 90 online language courses packed with pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary-building lessons.

The self-paced language-learning program, called "Transparent Language Online," is available via web browser at no charge to patrons. Transparent Language Online has an app for iPhone and Android devices for on-the-go language learning. English for non-native speakers is included, too.

For more information, visit [chile.las-cruces.org](http://chile.las-cruces.org) or see a library staff person on how to access the service.

# ATTENTION

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

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



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## Squaring off

Debaters Ashley Thomas, 16, from Santa Fe Prep (left) and Adelyn Moore, 15, from La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, square off to argue whether or not to ban hand guns during the New Mexico Speech and Debate Association State Championship held Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 25 through 28 at Mayfield High School. Moore, who was on the negative side of the issue during the "Lincoln/Douglas" style event, won the debate, which was judged by Las Cruces community members.



## Aguilar outlines initiatives at Hispanic Chamber banquet

### Bulletin report

The attire was formal, the atmosphere festive when members and friends gathered Friday, Feb. 26, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces for the 2016 Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet.

President Richard Aguilar recounted the chamber's 2015 achievements and 2016 initiatives.

In 2015, Aguilar said, the chamber presented four new programs — a member expo with speed networking, a health conference for caregivers, a Latinas in Leadership conference and a member appreciation luau featuring the introduction of new software.

Aguilar said in 2016 the chamber is introducing the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber app and will hold workshops for prospective

### MORE INSIDE

Check out more photos from the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce annual award banquet on [page A23](#)

or current business owners.

Also on the program was a segment honoring former presidents of the Hispanic Chamber.

While host Chris Cruz narrated, co-host Hillary Floren, anchor of KIVA's "Good Morning El Paso," moved about the ballroom, connecting with some former presidents who shared their stories of special moments that happened while they were in office.

Among them was John Munoz, who urged the audience to devote their ef



Citizen of the Year Gabe Chavez, whose volunteer efforts have brought him both national and state honors, poses with board member Rick Supple and Richard Aguilar, president of the Chamber.

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## Alaska resident to produce SNM Wine Festival

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

For two years, Amanda Collier has been trying unsuccessfully to grow tomatoes on the outskirts of Anchorage, Alaska.



COLLIER

While her garden may be a disappointment, her Las Cruces-based business, 360 Events LLC, is starting to produce — thanks to an entirely different fruit.

Collier has been awarded a contract with the New Mexico Wine Growers Association to produce the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival May 28-30 at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds and the Harvest Wine Festival held on Labor Day weekend.

Neither event planning nor work-

ing remotely are new to Collier.

### Woman on the move

Collier began her event-planning career in 2009 following graduation from the Paier College of Art in her native Connecticut.

Following an internship, an event-planning firm hired her as an office assistant, but she negotiated an option to do some event planning. She soon was producing a gala for the Conference on Juvenile Diabetes Research and a Hope for Heroes Kickball Tournament.

In 2011, she reconnected with high school friend Joe Collier, whom she would later marry. He had deployed to Afghanistan in 2010.

When he returned to White Sands Missile Range, she flew in to see him and attend an event in South-

ern New Mexico.

"I found out — crazy enough — that Helping Hands Event Planning was hiring. I popped in and dropped off my resume.

Dawn (Helping Hands founder Dawn Starostka) and I just clicked. There was no doubt I was going to just pop into a position."

She moved to Las Cruces, "a fantastic city," in June 2011 and married Collier in September of that year.

Amanda Collier said she loved her time with Helping Hands and stayed a year and a half — until the military couple had to move on.

Their next stop was Missouri, where she worked remotely for six months, flying in for events in Las Cruces until November 2015, when

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# Libertarian, socialist agree: Don't subsidize big business

I recently took one of those online quizzes that match your answers to the presidential candidates. I wasn't that surprised to find I most closely matched Bernie Sanders.

Libertarians are not pro-business, but rather pro-free markets. Bernie Sanders wants to eliminate policies that privilege big business — just like Libertarians.

Take Sanders' emphasis on breaking up big banks. He is absolutely right.

The biggest banks are still too big to fail, and if one of these banks were to fail, the government would have no choice but to bail them out. People know this. They know that, when they need to, these big banks are really lending to the U.S. government. This acts as a

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



subsidy that allows large banks to raise capital at a lower interest rate than normal banks, which ironically also allows them to grow yet bigger.

Libertarians hate too-big-to-fail banks.

These banks use the back door to gain special privileges from the government. They have deliberately — yes, I said deliberately — grown their businesses so as to put the U.S. government into the untenable situation of either bailing them out in a crisis or accepting financial doom.

Don't think that threat is

real? Then I suggest you study the events surrounding the failure of Lehman Brothers. The profitability of the U.S. financial system rests on the implicit guarantees of the U.S. government.

While I agree with Sanders on the corrupting influence of government subsidies, we disagree on the solution. Sanders would use government action to break up the big banks. This isn't necessary and probably not constitutional. I'd rely instead on the market.

Requiring large banks to maintain a high capital-asset ratio would protect the public from failure and make sure that shareholders bear the costs bad investments. Most likely the banks would choose to shrink rather than have to dilute earn-

ings; and if they decided not to, fine. In either case, too-big-to-fail would no longer be an issue.

Then there is Sanders' position on global warming. He rightly identifies this as a major issue facing our planet. Again, Sanders is on the right track. Allowing unlimited pollution of the environment, according to Libertarians, is the equivalent of theft. It is using something that doesn't belong to you without paying for it.

By one estimate, burning one tank of gasoline imposes a cost of 80-cents. Moreover, while most drivers live in advanced countries, much of the cost of global warming is borne by citizens of the developing world.

Here, at least in principal, not only do I agree with Sanders' diagnosis of the problem but

also with most of his proposed solution.

Sanders supports market-based solutions in the form of fees on carbon emissions. He also supports ending subsidies to carbon producing industries. I agree with this.

Bernie being Bernie, of course, he goes too far. He would increase subsidies to alternative energy like wind and solar, meaning that he would replace one type of corporate welfare with another.

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## Mardi Gras in Las Cruces



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Brandi Misquez, a member of the staff of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, checks in members and guests at the February Business After Hours event, a Mardi Gras party held at Enchanted Occasions Event Rentals.



Under the tent inside the venue, members and guests enjoyed music, conversation and refreshments.

## COLLIER

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she took maternity leave.

"For the past year, I really missed it," she said of her career in Cruces. "But I kept track of the wonderful vendors, suppliers and friends I met down there. I kept hearing my face was missed."

She decided to launch 360 Event Planning.

Collier said she got her LLC and then fired a proposal off to the NM Wine and Grape Growers Association.

"That's how Dawn started, 12 years ago," she said.

### Experience and new ideas

Collier said she thinks the fact she had so much experience with Helping Hands and had made the connection with the association helped her land the contract.

"I also can bring a fresh, new outlook because I'm not in Las Cruces all the time,"

Collier said. "I get out and see other parts of the country, other events. I do my homework and see what we could do in Las Cruces."

She said the wine festival, in its 24th year, "needs to be jazzed up a bit."

"I think the wine itself is what brings people out. New Mexico wine is unique and people love it," she said. "But to go every single year ... entertainment is the draw."

Collier said plans for this year's festival call for bigger name entertainment — a blues/rock/country act for the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival and an up-and-coming country act for the Harvest Festival.

Although the target audience remains the same, 360 Event Planning is expanding festival marketing into Phoenix, Tucson and cities in west and central Texas.

"Another huge draw is I pull the marketing in house," Collier said. "I am able to do all the art and design, which saves the event sponsors

money, so we can put more money into getting people into the gate. We have the capability to do websites, Facebook. We don't need to sit down with a marketing agency and tell them what our vision is for the event."

Collier said her goal is to produce cost-effective events and build relationships with her clients.

"If they're profitable, I'm profitable," she said.

### Back to NM

Collier said people often ask her why she wants to produce events in Las Cruces.

"We have tons of contacts there," she said. "It absolutely makes sense."

"Eventually we want to get back. I just love the small town, close knit community Las Cruces has to offer," she said. "It's the place that feels more like home than any place else."

Commenting that anywhere else is closer than Alaska, Collier said the couple will move south in June, but don't yet know where they will go.

She said her husband has a contract with the military to get his master's degree in the Lower 48. A West Point graduate and combat engineer, he plans to earn an MBA.

"I am so excited," Collier said. "No one realizes how far north Alaska is."

In the meantime, Diane McMellen, another former Helping Hands associate, is based in Las Cruces to handle inquiries and work with 360 Event vendors.

"I could not have done this without Diane," she said. "She's a key part of the team."

Collier said she would like to see what new events her firm can bring to Las Cruces.

"In the next two years, I would love to create events we own, possibly a mud run or color run — fun activities that are in other states but have not been explored in Las Cruces," she said.

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Operations director Eldelisa Nava greets Wendy Zuniga and Belia Alvarez at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awards banquet Friday, Feb. 26, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.



Estela Miyazaki of Aqua Reef visits with Alex Urena of St. Albert the Great Newman Center and Dr. Delilah Castelein.



The Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at its awards banquet Feb. 26 recognized Casa de Peregrinos as Nonprofit Business of the Year.



Lizeth Loya, Brad Beasley and Daniel Loya enjoy the social hour preceding the banquet.



Musicians entertained with guitars and singing during the banquet.

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forts to bringing back the Whole Enchilada Festival, an annual event for 34 years until its demise in 2015.

The chamber honored El Paso Electric as 2016 Business of the Year and Casa de Peregrinos as Nonprofit Business of the Year.

Cruz said Casa de Peregrinos is in its 35th year addressing hunger and food insecurity in Doña Ana County.

“It has distributed millions of pounds of food,” he said. “Over four million the last three years and over two million in 2015.”

The Community Partnership of the Year award went to the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance.

Cruz noted MVEDA in the past five years has assisted in the expansion or location of 43 companies in the county, which collectively have created 2,800 jobs

“They have partnered with our chamber to provide insight into today’s job market,” he said. “They have been a contributor in our job readiness program by helping individuals to become ready for either a career change or gaining employment in our community. They have become a staple in bringing business opportunities to the City of Las Cruces. We are honored to have them as a partner.”

The chamber also honored the following individuals:

- **Bi-lingual Educator of the Year — Octavio Casillas**, administrator of La Academia Dolores Huerta
- **Educator of the Year Jennifer Amis** — principal of Arrowhead Early College High School and Arrowhead Medical Academy
- **Los Amigos Ambassador of the Year — Rosa De La Torre-Burmeister**, director of Doña Ana Community

College’s Career Services and co-chair of the Hispanic Chamber’s education committee

• **Community Service Leader Award — Robert Garza**, Las Cruces city manager

• **Volunteer of the Year — Lita Lujan**, Gent’s Barber Spa owner and community volunteer

• **Citizen of the Year — Gabe Chavez**, board member for many nonprofits, including El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Community of Hope

• **Hall of Fame inductee — Joe Martinez**, former owner of S & H RV and Home Center, who has volunteered in many capacities, especially for programs supporting the military and veterans.

Receiving White Sands Missile Range Military Service Awards were Spec. 3 rd Class Nicholas Thornhill, currently serving as an Early Warning Systems specialist during testing of Army Integrated Air and Missile Systems, and Staff Sgt. Roger Fuller, who is assigned to the 3-6 Patriot Test Detachment as senior launcher section sergeant.

The evening turned bittersweet when former Las Cruces City Councillor Dolores Connor paid tribute to the late Miguel Silva with whom she served. Members of Silva’s family surrounded Connor on the podium as she recalled that she and Silva sometimes disagreed on issues, but that he had always been there for her when she needed a friend.

Connor said when she was grieving the loss of her mother Silva gave her a wrapped book. She opened it much later.

“It was a Bible,” she said.

Connor encouraged those who listened as she spoke, weeping, to follow his example of faith and of reaching out to support those who may need their friendship.



# Investing in medical education for the borderland

By Alta LeCompte

Las Cruces Bulletin

When it comes to doctors — and the medical schools that train them — supply isn't keeping up with demand.

And demand will continue to grow for the next 50 years as America ages, according to George Mychaskiw, DO, founding dean and chief academic officer of Las Cruces' new Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Starting a medical school such as Burrell should be a great way to make a fortune.

"With demand so strong, one would think medical schools would be opening at a higher rate, like Apple stores," said CEO and board member John Hummer. "The art and skill it takes to open one is much more complex and it takes a true grassroots partnership of doctors, hospitals and other local stakeholders."

Mychaskiw points out that bringing a medical college from idea to reality costs a cool \$105 million.

"It would take 10 years to raise that money," he said.

The Burrell College, however, got a head start with the support of Dan Burrell and his family.

"Fortunately there are people like the Burrell family who want to realize a fair return on their investment, although they could make a lot more money if they opened a mine," Mychaskiw said.

The Burrells are committed to funding the school to the tune of \$440,000 a year until it becomes self sustaining, which is projected to take about five years.

The majority investor and silent partner, represented on the Burrell board, is Rice Management Co., a Rice University Foundation.

Hummer said the entire project is costing \$104 million, with \$66 million of that total raised in private equity, the majority of which comes from Rice Management Co. The remaining \$38 million for construction and operating capital comes from private bonding.

"This is a growth industry with social good," Hummer said. "Foundations don't have to make outrageous returns like private equity companies."

He said after vetting by the foundation and an Austin firm hired to vet the foundation's vetting, the president of Rice University blessed the project.

"Of 800 medical school projects done in the past 20 years, the accrediting body said this was the best," Mychaskiw said.

He said accreditors and others already are using the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine project as "a model of how private and public entities can come together in difficult economic times to a project of this magnitude."

Hummer said the collective group of key players is "what gave NMSU comfort" to collaborate on the project.

"It was a risk for the university," he said of the medical school, which will be located on the NMSU campus but is not part of the university. "What would it do to the university if it didn't work out?"

"What wrapped it in a security bow for the university was the involvement of Rice University Foundation."

The 2014-16 economic impact of the project is \$78 million and 350 jobs, Mychaskiw said.

Thereafter, the economic impact is projected to be \$120 million per year. Each new physician contributes \$2 million and nine jobs,

he said.

"The economic impact is staggering."

The impact on health in the region is equally impressive, he said.

He called Burrell College "a transformative project for health and health care in the region."

"The region is sorely in need of this project and has a lot of resources for it," he said.

"We have created 108 new medical residencies already without spending a taxpayer dollar."

When the first class graduates in 2000, there will be a 200 percent increase in physicians graduating in New Mexico.

## Organizing to educate

Hummer said he started working with Mychaskiw on plans for the college, while M was still in Florida.

"I committed to working on the development with the hospital network, the university and others," he said.

As he shepherded the college through its development and accreditation process, "it was a natural fit for me to take on the CEO role," he said.

After running hospitals around the country, Hummer came to Las Cruces in 2000 to develop MountainView Regional Medical Center, which broke ground in 2001.

"In 2006, I turned down two moves and decided to stay here," he said.

Because of his background, Mychaskiw became the founding dean and chief academic officer.

"It keeps me busy. There's a wealth of opportunity and always something interesting to do," he said. "I still administer anesthesia one day a week. I just find the time to do what needs to be done."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Hatch Chile Co. reports banner year

The Hatch Chile Co. has announced 2015 was a record year, with sales of \$23.0 million, creating a net profit of \$2.9 million.

In 2015 the company sold 25 million cans of product. The cans/jars sold in 2015, if placed side-by-side, would be equal to the distance from Albuquerque to Seattle, 1,200 miles.

The company is now introducing products into the Australia and UK markets, according to a company press release.

"The millennial generation continues to drive our business," said Steve Dawson, Hatch's founder and CEO. Products labeled HATCH Select® branded green chiles are sourced from local growers near the village of Hatch and throughout southern New Mexico.

With 98 percent of the product line sold to retailers located outside of New Mexico, the company is able to be an ambassador for traditional New Mexican cuisine. Hatch Chile Co. consists of 550 shareholders, of which 450 are residents of the state of New Mexico.

The company was founded in 1987, and with the support of the Hatch Chile (Growers) Association, Hatch, New Mexico, was able to obtain Federal Trademark Registrations for green chile products.

The Hatch Chile Company's canned green chile labels now have the Taste the Tradition® trademark. The purpose of the Taste the Tradition mark is to highlight New Mexico agricultural products through the use of one easily recognizable logo.

### Solar company recertified as B Corp

SunPower by Positive Energy Solar, an employee-owned company, has been recertified as a Benefits Corporation (B Corp), a distinction earned for demonstrating high integrity business practices. B Corps are for-profit companies certified by the nonprofit B Lab to meet rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency. There are 1,588 B Corps across 130 industries.

"By choosing to do business with a B Corp, consumers can rest assured that they are working with a company that believes in doing the right thing for their customers, employees and the environment" said Regina Wheeler, chief executive officer of SunPower by Positive Energy Solar. "This has been our guiding light at SunPower by Positive Energy Solar."

As a B Corp, SunPower by Positive Energy Solar delivers 100 percent satisfaction to its customers, selects equipment for long term performance and low environmental impact and contributes to schools and nonprofits, a company press release stated.

Positive Energy Solar was honored with the Best for the Environment award for positive environmental impact in 2014 and 2015, earning an environment score in the top 10 percent of all Certified B Corporations on the B Impact Assessment.

According to the Global Impact Investing Rating System (GIIRS) used by B Analytics, SunPower by Positive Energy Solar received a company score of 100, followed by a 5-star Impact Operations Rating for 2015, which measures investing, benchmarking rigorous, comprehensive and comparable ratings of a company's social and environmental impact.

## SAVE THE DATE

WED 3/9

**4:30 Las Cruces Home Builders**

**Association open door networking,** Pecan Grill and Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. For information, Call LCHBA at 526-6126.

THU 3/10

**1:30 to 3:30 p.m. "International e-Commerce 101 — Why Export?"**

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THU 3/31

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Development Center workshop, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. For more information, call 527-7676.



## Sun Belt does not accept NMSU football

### Bulletin report

New Mexico State University football will need another home in two years.

NMSU – which competes in the Western Athletic Conference in all sports except football, which competes in the Sun Belt Conference – learned Tuesday, March 1 that its time in the Sun Belt is short.

The league has received word that the Sun Belt Conference presidents and chancellors have decided to remain a 10-football team conference, beginning with the 2018 season. The NM State Aggie football team will play football in the Sun Belt conference for the next two seasons but will need to consider options for the 2018 season and beyond.

“We’re disappointed with this outcome, but we respect the decision of the Sun Belt Conference,” said NMSU President Garrey Carruthers. “We appreciate being able to play football in the Sun Belt Conference for the past two years and look forward to continuing in the league for the next two years.”

NMSU remains a member of the Western Athletic Conference for its sports other than football. The university is currently evaluating all potential options in regard to football conference affiliation.

“It appears that the landscape of conference affiliation could see significant movement, especially as current television contracts are renegotiated,” Carruthers said.

NM State was a full member of the Sun Belt from 2000-2005. It joined the Western Athletic Conference in 2005. In 2014, NMSU rejoined the Sun Belt as a football-only member.



COURTESY PHOTO

Varsity polo team members, from left, Fritz, Franz and Niklaus Felhaber are on hand to help with the middle school’s first ever chukker in early February. Coach Yvonne Golston is in the middle and middle school team Francesca Felhaber and her cousins Alec and Cole Felhaber are to the right.

## Ancient game lives on in southern New Mexico

By Elva K. Österreich  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In Santa Teresa children are climbing on horses and practicing for battle – and they are winning.

Polo Coach Yvonne Golston, a certified U.S. Polo Association Umpire and Lt. Governor of the Border Circuit, through the past five years has transformed her local Interscholastic Team of 8th to 12th graders from novice riders into a winning polo team, Rancho Naranjo.

The team tied for second place in the Central Region, which stretches from Michigan to Arizona and includes 13 polo teams. The team then participated in regional competitions, held Feb. 19 to 21 in Houston where the team took second place.

“The win on Saturday over Houston was thrilling as Naranjo came from behind to beat Houston in the last few seconds,” Golston said. “The kids’ families, about 25 people, attended and the cheering was defening.”

They lost the Sunday game against the Prestonwood team from Dallas, 16-8, and since only the first place team advances to nationals, won’t be traveling to the next level this year.

“We took eight horses for the games,” Golston said. “This includes four days of hauling so that the horses can ‘overnight’

halfway to rest. The horses and handlers arrive two days before the competition so that they may again rest.”

She said the team is currently looking for potential high school participants to join the team. But she added the sport is a big commitment both in time and cost.

“My time with this young team is limited,” Golston said. “Two members of the team (Fritz and Franz Felhaber) will graduate in May and go off to college. I am so proud of all the young men and women and am in awe of their playing ability. Polo is a game that many people play for their entire lifetime, so I’m sure that Fritz and Franz will continue to play, intercollegiate polo is available at some colleges and universities, and contribute



Varsity team members Niklaus and Franz Felhaber get in some serious practice while skirmishing with the El Conquistador Polo Club team, Naranjo Ranch.

to the sport for many years to come.”

The Border Circuit Polo School run by Golston also includes a middle school team with students from grades 5 to 8.

Four 10-year-olds are getting ready to compete for the first time next year.

“Even though I haven’t started official-

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Alec Felhaber, Coach Yvonne Golston, Francesca Felhaber, Ella Feuille, Cole Felhaber Henri du Toit (visiting clinician from the U.S. Polo Association) meet to practice in early February. From time to time Coach Golston arranges to have other instructors work with her teams. In early February duToit worked with the club adults, middle school and varsity teams.



# Nearly live from the highly entertaining PGA merchandise show

Congratulations to the PGA of America, currently celebrating its Centennial Anniversary (100 years) as it kicked off in a big way with the annual PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida.

Sprawling over 1 million-square-feet of interactive exhibit, demonstration and meeting space at the Orange County Convention Center West Concourse Hall, more than 1,000 golf companies and brands make the PGA Show the world's largest business-to-business golf event, and true to the slogan "The MAJOR of the Golf Business."

This year I attended my 17th PGA Show as a golf writer, along with 42,000 other golf industry individuals; the Show also ranks as the world's largest gathering of PGA professionals.

The real value of such a mega-global gathering of the golf community is seen in a state-

**Charlie Blanchard**  
*Golf Doctor*



ment by Ed Several, a PGA Senior Vice President: "The world of golf came together here in Orlando to drive forward the business of the game in a face-to-face environment (where) golf professionals and buyers were able to personally experience the most advanced technologies in demo events, personal interaction with the game's leaders and product designers, a sharing of best practices among colleagues and a full calendar of professional resources to impact their businesses and careers."

If anyone watched "Morning Drive" and "Golf Central" on the Golf Channel— they were live for three days from the PGA Show— you could see the immensity and impact of

this whole exhibition. And SiriusXM PGA Tour Radio Network aired 35 hours of live broadcasts during the week.

My personal interest with the PGA Show is to become informed about new products, trends, developments and issues with relevance to the world of golf, in the interest of sharing important information and opinions with my readers. Of course, while in Orlando, I enjoy playing some warm-weather golf in midwinter and seeing some longtime friends. One of my takeaways from this year's Show was the opportunity to listen to a couple of industry marketing experts discussing the issue of golf as entertainment. One made the statement, "you must resolve to be in the 'entertainment business' rather than the 'golf business' if you want to succeed in this economy."

I don't mean to seem naïve,

yet it started me wondering: does everything these days collapse into simply entertainment and money? Looking back at the history of professional golf in this country, I don't think Mr. Hogan had the idea that golf was all for show and mere entertainment. Arnold Palmer, the "King," surely didn't have the explicit intention of entertaining, but he sure attracted throngs of loyal fans that made up Arnie's Army. Yet there is no question in my mind that Tiger Woods, with all his fist pumping and whooping, was performing for the on-looking crowds. Former LPGA star Jan Stephenson offered us her version of nearly nude pinup (entertainment?) in the mid-1980s, as did young Lexi Thompson, appearing in an even more provocative photo on the cover of "Golf Digest" in May, 2015.

Despite my own old-school views about sports in the digi-

tal and cyber age of social media, television and streaming, one thing remains crystal clear to me: when we hacks go to our local golf course to play a round of golf with our friends, we are spending that time as recreation. I, for one, don't expect the golf course owners or workers to entertain me, but I do expect to have a pleasant experience at a venue that is superbly kept by professional staff and responsible owners. I've seen far more "designer" golf holes, with windmill and clown's mouth, for my taste; I'm not entertained. And I sure hope the PGA Tour doesn't take the NFL's lead and promote online fantasy betting to entertain fans. I find that playing a round of golf competently and masterfully is enough to keep me entertained and sleeping soundly.

Then again I'm not a millennial dude.

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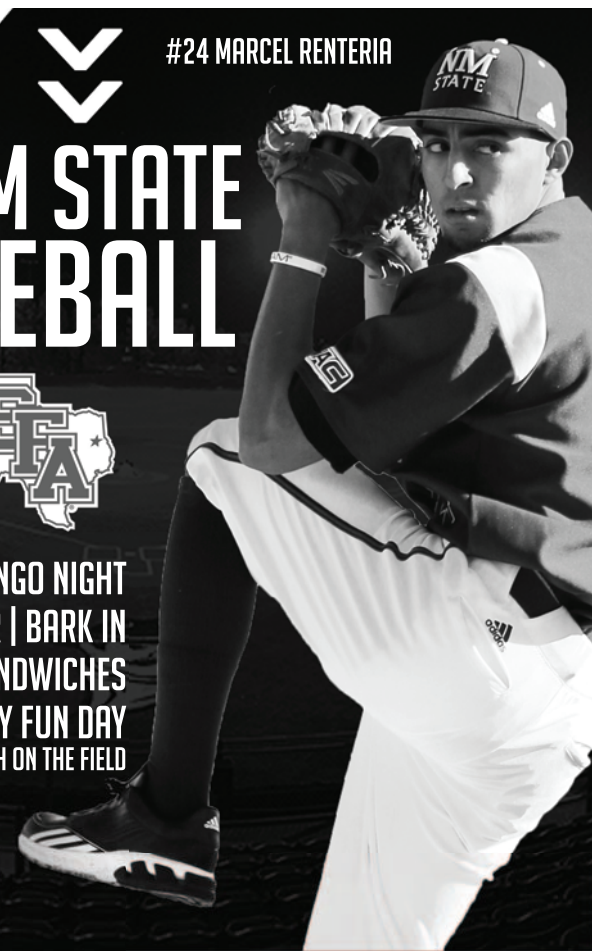
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## Cruces athletes capture 13 wins at Oñate Invite

By Kelly Salas  
For the Bulletin

The Oñate Invite Saturday, Feb. 27 ushered in the 2016 high school track and field season

Sixteen schools and about 1,800 athletes descended on the Field of Dreams to compete.

“It was a great opportunity for all athletes, varsity and junior varsity, to compete,” Oñate Coach David Nuñez said. “It gives coaches and athletes an idea of where everyone stands so far, especially offering our JV kids lots of running and field events to try out.”

Oñate senior Jennifer Ramirez earned double-individual wins in both the 100-meter hurdles (15.90) and 300-meter hurdles (46.29). Oñate senior Keyhara Wilson won the high jump with a personal-best mark of 5'6" and fellow teammate senior Alyssa Covarrubia

won the javelin with a throw of 125'7". Knight senior AJ Zemek won the 800 meters (1:59.56), with fellow teammate junior Thomas Salas racing to victory in the 1600 (4:39).

For Centennial High, senior Leah Salazar led the tally. Salazar blazed around the track in the girls 800 meters with a time of 2:21 and contributed to a pair of relay team wins in both the 1600 meter sprint medley relay and the 1600 meter relay. The medley team of sophomore Kyra Clemons, senior Gabriela Sandoval, sophomore Jessa Gegax, and Salazar crossed the line in 4:30.36, with the final 1600 meter relay team of sophomore Desiree Martinez, Gegax, senior Lanie Whepley, and Salazar clocking 4:13.61. Whepley also took first in the girls 400 meter run (1:01.22), with the Centennial boys' relay team of



BULLETIN PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

**High school runners warm up before a race Saturday, Feb. 27 during the Oñate Invite at the Field of Dreams. Sixteen schools and about 1,800 athletes participated in the event.**

sophomore Vince Rubino, junior Brenden Padilla, senior Zach Montoya, and junior Ruben Gonzales first in the 1600 meter sprint medley (3:43.87).

Rounding out the final winning spots by Las Cruces school athletes were Las Cruces High junior Irene Fernald and Mayfield sophomore Chris Mar-yuen. Fernald earned top honors in the girls varsity 1600 meters (5:30) in an exciting final

surge to battle her Rio Rancho competitor to the finish line. Mar-yuen took first in the boys high jump for the Trojan team, clearing the bar at 6'2".

Final team trophies for girls varsity went to Alamogordo first, Oñate second and Centennial third. Alamogordo also captured the boys varsity title, Rio Rancho second, and Oñate third. Centennial will host the next meet at 9 a.m., at the Field of Dreams on Saturday, March 12.

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ly competing, I look forward to following in the footsteps of my Dad and older cousins," said 10-year-old Alec Felhaber.

“We have an amazing coach, trainer and mentor and I look forward to continuing in our family's stirrups.”

Alec's twin brother Cole said polo is his passion.

“I have always enjoyed being with my family and the amazing horses,” Cole said. “The sport is helping me focus on a goal, to be a great player and enjoy this amazing sport.”

“It takes years to really develop a team,” Golston said. “They have to learn everything. It's very complex.”

Golston is one of a few women umpires certified by the U.S. Polo Association and has been teaching interscholastic polo since 2010 when she established the Border Circuit Polo School.

She also founded the first Polo team at New Mexico State University in 1994.

Golston's team of local polo players is based at Rancho Naranjo in Santa Teresa.

For competitions the team travels to Houston, Dallas and Midland, Texas; Scottsdale, Arizona; Santa Fe and Pie Town. They participate in the National Youth Tournament Series which allows people up to the age of 19 to participate.

“They enter as individuals not as teams,” Golston said. “We travel to different venues throughout the summer.”

For more information, contact Golston at 505-920-3046.

### Playing fields

Polo is actually played on two different areas/arenas. One variation is arena

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## State tournament time has arrived

Multiple Las Cruces teams will tipoff with visions of state titles dancing in their collective heads.

The Oñate High School boys team holds the top seed in the Class 6A tournament and host No. 16 Santa Fe High School at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 5. In Class 5A Centennial also hits the court on Saturday as does Mesilla Valley Christian in Class 3A.

In girls action, Las Cruces High School and Mayfield High School both

will see action Friday, March 4 in Class 6A action. The Centennial girls will also play their first game in the Class 5A tournament on Friday.

The rest of tournament play will take place in Albuquerque March 8 to 12.

For more information and to view brackets, visit the New Mexico Activities Association's website [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org).

Here is the schedule for the first round:

**Girls  
Class 6A**

No. 12 Sandia at No. 5 Mayfield, Friday, 6 p.m.  
No. 11 Rio Rancho at No. 6 Las Cruces, Friday, 6 p.m.

**Class 5A**  
No. 10 Centennial at No. 7 Valencia, Friday, 6 p.m.

**Boys  
Class 6A**  
No. 16 Santa Fe at No. 1 Oñate, Saturday, 6 p.m.

No. 14 Las Cruces at No. 3 Cibola, Saturday, 6 p.m.

**Class 5A**  
No. 9 St. Pius at No. 8 Centennial, Saturday, 6 p.m.

**Class 3A**  
No. 9 Dulce at No. 8 Mesilla Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

## Ag baseball tops No. 23 Texas Tech

The New Mexico State Baseball team topped No. 23 Texas Tech in 7-6 win Tuesday, March 1. The victory was due in large part

to the Aggie pitching staff, which gave up just one run after the third inning.

The Aggies play a four-game series Friday to Sun-

day, March 4 to 6 at home against Stephen F. Austin. First pitch is 6 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. for a doubleheader Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

**Kati Pryor** is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. She is on the Oñate Dance Silverette pom team. Pryor placed first in the Gadsden Independent School District at the Santa Teresa High School competition and qualified for the 2015 state competition in Albuquerque. She is captain of the pom team and is thankful to have Coach Dille as her coach this year. Pryor is president of the Oñate drama club, in the MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) program, member of the Honor Society – with a 4.133 GPA, and a lead actor with the Oñate Performing Arts Center. She enjoys politics and economics and plans to attend law school at Seton Hall University or the University of New Mexico.

**OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL**



# Taking the title



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ORLANDO SANTANA

The Oñate High School boys basketball team celebrates its 67-52 victory against Las Cruces High School Saturday, Feb. 27. With the win, the Knights won the District 3-6A title and secured the top seed in the upcoming state tournament.



Las Cruces High School's Sam Silva goes up for a layup.



Oñate High School's Isaiah Slaughter knocks away a pass.



Joshua Harrison takes the ball to the hoop to put the Knights up by 19 points in the fourth quarter.

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polo, which is played on a dirt field that measures 300 by 150 feet. The other is field polo, where the playing area is much larger at 300 yards by 160 yards. Each has runoff areas to help avoid collisions and crashes, and both employ similar rules with a few exceptions.

"Arena polo has walls, and they are used to bounce the ball off of," Golston said. "The rider with the right of way has the right to hit the ball, and the wall is considered another 'man' on a team."

A leather ball is often used for arena polo, as opposed to a plastic or wooden one for field polo.

The point of the game, of course, is to score points, which is achieved when a player hits the ball between the posts of a goalpost. Field polo has four players per team, and the goals change sides after each point. Arena polo utilizes three players per team. There are two umpires to monitor the action, while a third official sits midfield to act as a go-between in case the two umpires disagree on a call.

Each player has a handicap, which is not a

bad thing. Winston Churchill, a fan of the sport, is quoted as saying, "a polo handicap is your window to the world." Handicaps help balance the field a bit, with a -2 being a low rating, and 10 being the best. A team's combined handicap can also allow it to have a bonus point or if one team is weaker than the other.

A match consists of six chukkers (periods) of seven and a half minutes each. Riders switch ponies often, almost always after each chukker so to not overwork the animals.

Although it seems that most players would need to have a stable full of fresh mounts, Golston said it is not uncommon for players to rent ponies for a game, by the chukker.

"The umpire also has the right to order a horse off the field if she says that it is in distress," she said. "They are required to do that."

Golston said often the rules are at the discretion of the umpire. This can, of course, result in a fair amount of carping about a decision.

### Origins

The origins of

polo seem to suggest that at one time it was used as a war-training game, perhaps as far back as 600 BC. Indications are that the game started in Persia.

Later it went to India, where again the sport was probably used for cavalry training. There, polo was hijacked by the British — who came up with their own set of rules, of course. According to Wikipedia, the term "polo" comes from the Tibetan word for ball, pulu.

"Chinese women played polo in the early days," Golston said.

Polo remains a worldwide sport, and there is a movement to get it returned as an Olympic event. Golston said Argentina is where polo is most popular.

"It's as popular there as football is here," she said. "A game can draw 30,000-40,000 people. They have the best players, and fans will sometimes even know the horse's names. The Argentine Open is played in the center of Buenos Aires."

In the United States, polo's heyday was during the Depression, as a form of escape for all of the weary people of the land.

*Jeff Berg contributed to this story.*

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# \$4.9 million study takes a look at water

By **Amanda Bradford**  
For the Bulletin

In the water-scarce desert Southwest, the agricultural, urban and environmental sectors are constantly competing for limited water. So how do you handle the fact that each stakeholder within those sectors wants something different in a water management strategy, for now and for the future?

That's the fundamental question that a team of New Mexico State University researchers is hoping to answer as they collaborate with research partners from several institutions, including the University of Texas El Paso and the University of New Mexico, on a five-year, \$4.9 million study funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

"Here's the problem with water: There's never enough of it," said Frank Ward, an NMSU professor of agricultural economics and agricultural business in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences who specializes in water resource management.

Ward said stakeholders, including small- and large-scale farmers, urban and industrial users, government agencies and environmental and social justice advocates, are interested in the best way to use water and to protect it. Additional factors like climate change, competing usage demands and the interplay of state, federal and international laws make finding those solutions more complex.

"Use and protection are at odds: The more you use, the less you have for tomorrow, while the more you protect for tomorrow, the less you have for to-

day's use," Ward said. "So the competition between the use of water and the protection of it is a huge issue – it's a moral issue, it's an economic issue, it's a policy issue. And it's a researchable issue."

The research team, led by principal investigator William Hargrove of UTEP, also includes scientists from Texas AgriLife Research Center at El Paso, Michigan Tech and Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez. The project seeks to involve stakeholders as participants, as well as policymakers, an important target audience for the results.

The team is developing a computer model that will incorporate scientific data on the supply of water in the Middle Rio Grande Basin and information on the demand for that water, along with survey feedback from key stakeholders on what a desirable water management outcome for avoiding shortages looks like to them.

The model will also incorporate long-term climate change and short-term climate variability scenarios developed by leading climate scientist David Gutzler of UNM, who has already collected and analyzed considerable data on streamflow in the Middle Rio Grande Basin.

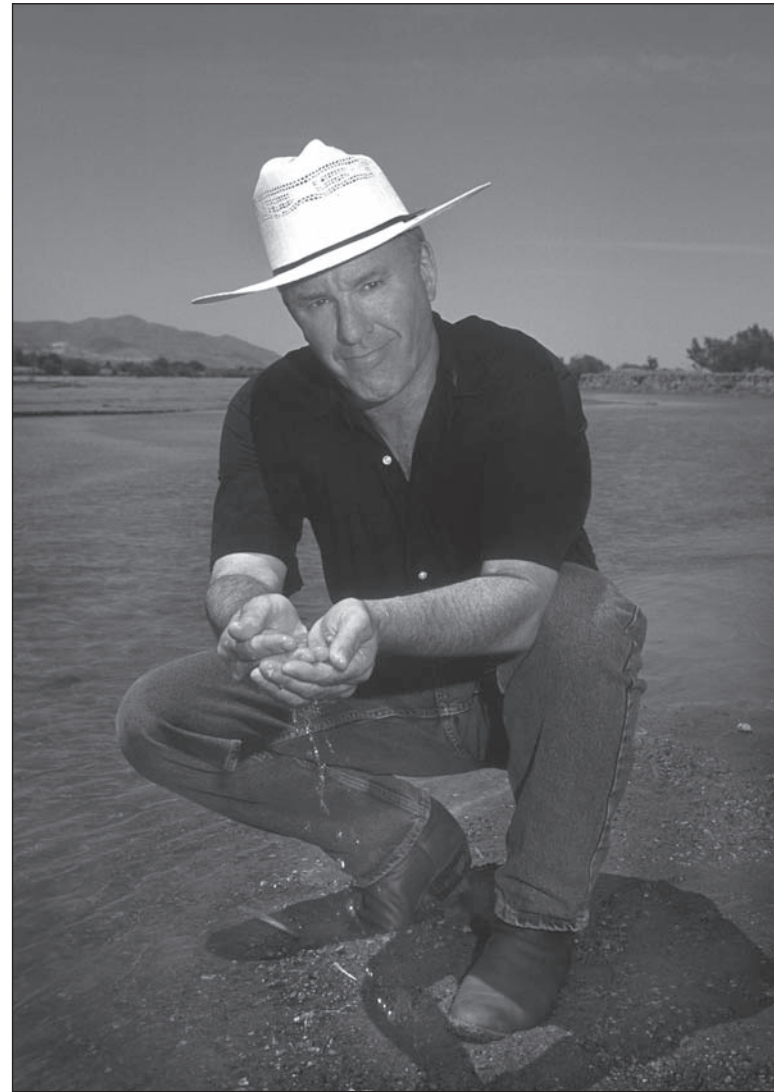
Work on the project began in March 2015, and Ward said the team has covered a lot of ground in the first year, both in the research and its corresponding cooperative extension and teaching missions.

A key objective of the project is to share information about technologies and model outcomes with water users throughout the region. To that end, the team has already co-hosted a workshop

with the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute that explored water banking as one approach that could allow surface and groundwater allocations to be used more efficiently and help mitigate drought damages. The roughly 100 farmers, water users, legislators, government officials and faculty members who attended learned how water rights held by a farmer who doesn't need them one year could be purchased or leased by another user, like a municipality.

Another objective is strengthening water resource education programs to train more and better water professionals. In one example of that effort, UTEP hosted a series of six water resources seminars during the fall semester, including presentations from NMSU College of ACES faculty member Brian Hurd and doctoral candidate Margie Vela.

Once the study is complete, Ward said the finished computer model will have a dynamic user interface that allows stakeholders to personally experiment with different water management scenarios and observe and review the desirability of projected outcomes. That could prove useful not only to the stakeholders who are both the target audience of and the active participants in the



New Mexico State University Professor Frank Ward gets his hands wet in the Rio Grande during a summer irrigation season. Ward is currently conducting US-DA-funded research on sustainable water resource management. (NMSU photo by J. Victor Espinoza)

COURTESY PHOTO BY J. VICTOR ESPINOZA

research, but also to legislators and policy analysts.

"The findings of our study could have major implications for policy – both federal and state," Ward said.

Last week, USDA NIFA leadership touted the project in testimony before the U.S. House Appropriations Committee as an example of excellent water management research being conducted using grant funding from the agency.

In the coming year, researchers plan to validate the computer model and expand it to include additional water sources, climate data and water use data. They'll also continue interacting with stakeholders to learn more about their decision-making and their resilience in extreme drought conditions.

AEAB Department Head Jay Lillywhite said the collaborative research project is part of a broad

scope of water research being conducted by NMSU statewide.

"Sustainable water resource management is a critical issue facing New Mexico and the West," Lillywhite said. "NMSU researchers in agriculture, engineering and other disciplines are working to address the many challenges facing Southwest water planners and manage our water responsibly for future generations."

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Susan Stoltzfus, (left) 67, a quilter and coordinator of Project Linus, a nonprofit organization that creates quilts for ill and traumatized children, poses with Sonya Weiner, 83, a volunteer for Project Linus who has been quilting since 1983.



Linnea Egbert, 77, official chairman of the 13th Las Colcheras Quilt Guild Show – which took place Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Las Cruces Convention Center – poses near a stitched calendar-by-month representation she participated in with other artists.

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# Checkin' out quilts



Best of show, Bloomin' Baskets by Ruth Hull, is a reproduction of an antique quilt.



Left, Pris Northcutt, 69, and George McDougale, 66, (left), handled payments at the boutique. Both are experienced quilters.



Cindy Farmer, 62, small business owner and quilter admired a unique, crafted quilt at the show.



# Frietze re-elected judge in Mesilla

## Bulletin report

Lionel Frietze was re-elected on Tuesday as municipal judge in Mesilla, receiving 258 votes over Yolanda Lucero, who had 97. Trustee seats were filled by Jesus Caro (232 votes) and Carlos Arzabal (213 votes). Caro lost a close mayoral election in 2014 to Nora Barraza. He's back in as a trustee, however, and is considering another run at the mayor's position in two years.

## Anthony elects new mayor, fills two trustee seats

The city of Anthony, on the Texas/New Mexico border, became an incor-

porated community by election in July of 2010. In its second election in 2012, Mayor Arnulfo Castañeda was voted in along with two trustee: James Scott and Pilar Madrid. Over the next four years, Castañeda continued to serve as mayor. But the citizens of Anthony spoke out in the election March 1 by ousting Castañeda and electing instead Diana Murrillo Trujillo, who has been a sitting trustee since 2010.

Murrillo Trujillo also beat out candidates Peggy Scott, Raymundo Aguirre and Juan Acevedo. Murrillo Trujillo won the election based on a campaign to bring transparency to the

city government, something that dogged Castañeda's four years in office. She was propped up by support from judge candidate Nellie Soriano and current trustees Fernie Herrera and Daniel Barreras. As mayor, Murrillo Trujillo promises to be available to Anthony residents and will move toward improving economic development in the city of just under 10,000 people. She was elected with 187 votes, edging out Jean Acevedo (150), Peggy Scott (147), Arnulfo Castañeda (93), and Raymundo Aguirre (22).

Two open trustee seats were filled by Herrera and

Gloria Gamos. Soriano won the municipal judge race with 317 votes over Maria Carter with 217 and write-in candidate Jose Soriano, who received 19.

## Sunland Park, Hatch election results

Sunland Park elected as mayor Javier Perea (510 votes) over Sergio Carillo (140 votes). Kenneth Giove won the two-year District 1 seat with 29 votes over Jesus Nunez with 23.

The District 4 seat, a four-year-term, was iced by Carolina Renteria with 92 votes; Elizabeth Gamez scored 53 votes. Olga Arguelles won the four-year District 5 seat with 103

votes over Maria Isabel Santos with 36. The District 6 seat, a four-year-term, was won by Donald McBride (48 votes) over Fernando Clemente (11 votes).

In Hatch, Shirley L. Rice

was elected Municipal Judge, while Noel E. McConnel won the two-year trustee seat.

Four-year trustee seats were taken by G. Dennis Torres, Robert D. Martinez and James Lynn Whitlock.

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# PAUL JEAN LACHAPPELLE

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Paul Jean LaChapelle left this earth suddenly on Thursday, February 11, 2016 in Alaska. His humor and stories will be missed by his family, friends

and union brothers. Paul was born in Lansing, Michigan on July 6, 1946 to Jean Pershing LaChapelle and Lena Grace (Turner Powel) LaChapelle. In the summer of 1951, Paul moved with the family to Las Cruces, New Mexico when his dad accepted a job at the burgeon-

ing White Sands Missile Range to work as a civilian MP. Paul attended several elementary schools in Las Cruces, including Mesilla Park Elementary. He graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1964. Paul endeavored to keep in contact with old class mates, but found fewer of them as the years passed. He thoroughly enjoyed his fiftieth high school reunion and lamented that he wished all

of the living class mates had attended.

He worked for "Ma Bell" as a telephone lineman and constructed telephone lines throughout many wilderness areas in the Western United States. He changed companies, but proudly worked as a lineman until he retired. He moved to Alaska and kept his residence in Eagle River until his death, though he traveled yearly

to spend extended time in New Mexico with family, especially his granddaughters and friends.

Paul was a staunch union man from the time he began his career. He joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and retired from the Local Union 1547. He was liked and well known in various Union Halls. In fact, Paul always felt at home in a Union Hall. A memorial was held for him by his local Union in Alaska on Friday, February 26, 2016.

Paul's surviving family members include his children, Ryan Jean LaChapelle of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Robin Lena LaChapelle and former spouse Margo Irene LaChapelle of Bernalillo, New Mexico; his grandchildren, Tristan Lena Cox (8) and Maia Lilith LaChapelle (3) both

of Bernalillo, New Mexico, his siblings, Sam Lloyd LaChapelle (Graciela) and Cheryl De Young (Henry), both of Las Cruces, New Mexico; nieces Heather Dawn Thatcher of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Christy Lynn Harman of Centennial, Colorado; and Alessandra Dawn Byrd of Moorehaven, Florida, and grandnieces and grandnephews. Paul was preceded in death by his father Jean Pershing LaChapelle, mother Lena Grace LaChapelle and nephew Aaron Christopher Young.

A Celebration of Paul's Life will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 2:00 pm at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor in Las Cruces, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary or charity of your choice.

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2016 Las Cruces  
Homebuilders Association

**HOME**  
& **Garden**

**SHOW**

Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6

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## LCHBA Home & Garden Show

### has everything from DIY to FYI

By Tracy Roy  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's not spring yet, but it sure feels like it. This is a time of year that the pen and pad come out, and plans are made to prep homes for landscape artistry, roof repair, renovations or finally taking a look at outfitting your home with solar energy.

Whether you're a do-it-yourselfer, just looking for information or are ready to find the best man or woman for the job, you need look no further than the 35th annual Las Cruces Home Builders Association (LCHBA) Home & Garden Show. The two-day

#### AT A GLANCE

**What:** 35th annual LCHBA Home & Garden Show

**When:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, March 5; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 6

**Where:** Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88012

**Cost:** \$5; children 12 and younger are free

**Contact:** 575-526-6126; events@lchba.com

event is slated for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Anyone looking to



build a home or renovate and improve one, can find what they need at the show.

There will be between 80 and 100 vendors — all related to home improvement.

“The purpose of the show is for people looking for people to im-

prove or add on to their homes, or even make their homes more efficient,” said LCHBA CEO Steve Chavira. “Every year, we try to come up with a theme that adds a new flavor to the show.”

This year's theme is “The Valley.”

“When you think about Las Cruces and southern New Mexico, you

think about driving through the valley,” Chavira said. “We really want to show the rich diversity that the Mesilla Valley has to offer.”

At the show, the theme will be celebrated in a variety of ways such as a display of artwork that typifies the Mesilla Valley. The experience will be a “visual representation of what you'll see as you drive through the Mesilla Valley,” Chavira said.

He also mentioned that the Home & Garden Show

is a good place for getting ideas. Perhaps you're a renter who's thinking of buying, a new homeowner without the funds yet for major projects or just curious at what's new and different. Everything will be at the show, and attendees can get connected with vendors who can provide information and help get projects off the ground.

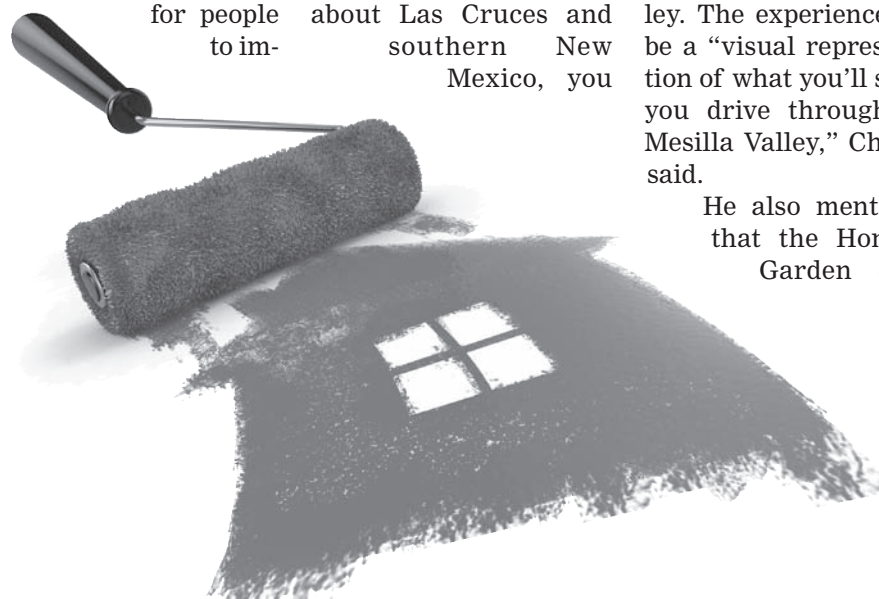
There will be a variety of demonstrations and speakers, for those who want to see how things work, or for do-it-yourself gurus looking for their next big project.

For a map of the event and more information on the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, visit [www.lascruceshomebuildersassociation.com](http://www.lascruceshomebuildersassociation.com) or call 526-6126.

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# Denise Chávez memoir-writing event is March 5-6

Nationally known author Denise Chávez of Las Cruces will host a workshop titled "100 Memories: A Memoir Writing Workshop" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Chávez's Casa Camino Real bookstore and art gallery, 314 S. Tornillo St.



Author Denise Chávez will host a workshop titled "100 Memories: A Memoir Writing Workshop" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Chávez's Casa Camino Real bookstore and art gallery, 314 S. Tornillo St.

The cost is \$100 per person. Reservations are required, and participants must commit to attending both days of the workshop, Chávez said.

Participants are asked to bring a list of 100 memories to the workshop. "Not 50, not 99, but 100," Chávez said. "From this base, we will construct/reconstruct our memoirs. Writers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome and you do not need to be a published author to participate."

Chávez and Casa Camino Real are celebrating 2016, "the Year of the Fiery Monkey in the Chinese calendar, with a year-long series of workshops," she said. The first, in January, was about the novel.

Chávez is the author of novels "A Taco Testimony: Meditations on Family, Food and Culture," "Face of An Angel," "The King and Queen of Comezón," "Loving Pedro Infante" and a collection of short stories called "The Last of the Menu Girls." She is also a playwright, teacher and community activist.

For more information contact Chávez at 523-3988 or [casa@casacamino.org](mailto:casa@casacamino.org).

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Downtown Art Ramble
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Team Anime ages 12-18
- SAT MARCH 5 • 6:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE  
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- TUE MARCH 8 • 10:30 A.M.** BRANIGAN LIBRARY  
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## FRI. 3/4

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

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

**7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic**, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of open mics, fresh off its 11th anniversary in Las Cruces, is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.

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

**8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Dan Lambert and the Creatures of Habit**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. El Paso band, instrumental and jazzy, playing rock, Latin and Mexican tunes alongside bluesy stuff, originals, Beatles tunes, jazz standards and more. No cover. Visit [www.nmvintagewines.com](http://www.nmvintagewines.com).

**8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 10 Spot Comedy open-mic**, Zia Pizza Com-

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## SAT. 3/5

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

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

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

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 17th annual Cowboy Days**, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Museum's largest event of the year pays tribute to the state's ranching traditions. Enjoy two days of cowboy demonstrations, chuck wagon cooking, cowboy mounted shooting, children's activities, cowboy music, train rides, plant sale, arts and crafts vendors, living history, gunfight re-enactments, stagecoach and pony rides and much more. Admission is \$5 for everyone 5 and older. To save, be among the first 100 cars each day and get in for only \$10 per carload. Call 522-4100.

**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 squishy circuits. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

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

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

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

**6 p.m. Las Cruces International Film Festival awards**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) aims to bring the best of international cinema to the thriving film community of Las Cruces, with an eye towards connecting filmmakers with diverse and eager audiences. The LCIFF awards ceremony will begin with TV pilot teaser screenings beginning at 6 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony from 7:30 to 9 p.m. After the show, head next door to Main Street Bistro & Ale House for an official awards after party from 9 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., program begins at 6 p.m. Free. Call 523-6403.

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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.

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**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,** Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

**6 to 10 p.m. Live music with Three Bad Jacks and Rick Hernandez,** The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

## MON. 3/7

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

## TUE. 3/8

**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.

**7 p.m. "Hummingbird's-Eye View of Las Cruces and Environs,"** Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. The Southwest Environmental Center will be hosting their monthly Tuesday Talk, titled "Hummingbird's-Eye View of Las Cruces and Environs," with Marcy Scott, author of the recently published book "Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest." Scott will provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives of our area hummingbirds, including both migrants and breeding birds. She'll talk about hummingbird-pollinated flowers, migratory corridors, important stopover habitat and some conservation pinch points, and she'll share a few tips for creating an easy-to-maintain nectar patch. Signed copies of her book will be available for purchase. Free. Call 522-5552.

## WED. 3/9

**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).

**2:30 p.m. Reading Art Book Club: "Finders Keepers,"** Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The book club will have an open, group discussion on the book "Finders Keepers: A

Tale of Archaeological Plunder and Obsession" by Craig Childs. Renowned naturalist Childs explores the paradoxical nature of anthropological excavation amongst the Native American ruins his work is based upon. To whom does the past belong? Is the archeologist who discovers a lost tomb a sort of hero – or a villain? If someone steals a relic from a museum and returns it to the ruin it came from, is she a thief? Written in his trademark lyrical style, Craig Childs's riveting new book is a ghost story—an intense, impassioned investigation into the nature of the past and the things we leave behind. We visit lonesome desert canyons and fancy Fifth Avenue art galleries, journey throughout the Americas, Asia, the past and the present. The result is a brilliant book about man and nature, remnants and memory, a dashing tale of crime and detection. Reading Art Book Club meetings are free and open to the public. Join us even if you haven't read the book! For more information or for details on book selections, contact Stephanie Abdon at 541-2217 or e-mail [sabdon@las-cruces.org](mailto:sabdon@las-cruces.org).

**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.

**7 to 10 p.m. Live music,** Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 680-6394.

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

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

## THU. 3/10

**9 a.m. Planeteers: Eclipses,** Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to the museum the second Thursday of each month to learn about the Final Frontier. This month, we will explore eclipses. We will discuss solar and lunar eclipses and discuss current news on this topic. After, we'll make a model of an eclipse to take home. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

**1 p.m. History Notes: "All Over New Mexico,"** Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Jerry Wallace will give a lecture titled "All Over New Mexico: Dale Bellamah and the Reshaping of the Las Cruces' Built Environment." Wallace is a candidate for a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in environmental history and historic preservation where his work focuses on human-animal relationships and the built environment in the twentieth century. His dissertation examines neighborhood identities in the early Cold War era in which he explores how class, gender, animals, age and the trans-local have shaped built communities in the American West, Southwest, and the borderlands. He currently teaches at New Mexico State University. This lecture is part of the "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History" programming series. "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History" has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. History Notes, monthly lectures on historical topics, take place on the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm. Lectures are free and open to the public. The 2015 History Notes lecture series features topics related to Hispanic American Histories and Cultures of the Southwest. Free. Call 541-2154.

**1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Drawing and Painting,** My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. This intermediate and advanced class will focus on the unique concerns of each student, working in a variety of media, including watercolor, acrylic, water

soluble oil paints, pastels, and colored pencil. Subject matter will comprise of still life, landscape, figure, and architectural space. Students may start classes at any time and proceed at their own pace. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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**7 p.m. Culture Series: "New Mexico Women's History & Historical Markers,"** New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Authors Rosanne Roberts Archuletta and Phil Archuletta will discuss their book, "Women Marked for History," which celebrates New Mexico's history-making women. This book is a culmination of four years of exploration into the lives of women who contributed to the people and communities of New Mexico. They excelled in many fields, including community and government, education, military, business, healing arts and medicine, entertainment, cultural preservation and the arts. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2. Call 522-4100.

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

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# Best burrito in Las Cruces

By Zak Hansen and the Bulletin Staff  
Las Cruces Bulletin

What makes a burrito “the best”?

I pondered this last week, halfway through a green chile meat burrito from Go Burger (1008 E. Lohman Ave.; 524-9251), a spectacular, forearm-sized thing packed with tender cubes of beef and potato and fittingly hot Hatch green chile.

Is it size?

Go Burger leads the pack there, though Santa Fe Grill gives them some hearty competition. If I remember my economics, this competition in a free market should lead to bigger, better and more competitive burritos. No argument there. Capitalism wins.

Is it convenience?

Santa Fe Grill, tucked inside most of Las Cruces’ and southern New Mexico’s many Pic Quik stores (find one at <http://sfgrillnm.com>), turns out mouth-watering burritos on the quick, without sacrificing quality. When out-of-towners pass through and ask that burning question – where’s the best burrito in town? – they’re often surprised by directions to a gas station, but the guys at the Grill have elevated convenience store food to high art. You can’t beat the Deer Hunter; heaps of steak, chicken and milanesa, topped with cheese and heated with NM-grown chile for \$7.02 and tax.

Also, Santa Fe Grill caters. Hear that, future wife?

Is it comfort?

Burritos Victoria (1295 El Paseo Road; 541-5534)

– an offshoot of the excellent Delicias Café and favorite of Bulletin Marketing Consultant Melissa Atencio, along with One-Stop – offers the Winnie Burrito, a burrito loaded with, yes, a hot dog. If that doesn’t remind you of growing up in New Mexico, perhaps only a sock full of goat heads will.

Speaking of, Atencio recommends the Mega Burrito at Burritos Victoria. The name is more than fitting.

Is it accessibility?

We have a lot of vegan and vegetarian friends, and while lots of burrito joints offer the basic bean-and-cheese – no shade there – Habañeros Fresh Mex (now at 600 E. Amador Ave.; 524-1829) can’t be beat, with vegetarian options that’ll sate even the most voracious carnivore.

Turns out, there are no easy answers to that oh-so-New Mexico question, but the Las Cruces Bulletin staff – burrito connoisseurs all – is here to offer up a few favorites.

**Brook Stockberger,**  
Managing Editor  
Andele Restaurante  
(1950 Calle del Norte; 526-9631)

Forget the fact “chorizo” and “burrito” rhyme, the food duo have more in common. Simply, they go great together. At Andele Restaurante in Mesilla, no matter the time of day, the egg and cheese burrito makes my mouth water. When green chili – with a healthy dose of queso – is smothered over top, the experience is heavenly. The burrito is large and in charge and makes a meal on its own.



**Elva Osterreich,**  
Desert Exposure editor  
BoSa Donuts and Burritos  
(190 Avenida de Mesilla; 526-3388)

As I head for The 10 (U.S. Highway), along Avenida de Mesilla, I am always happy because I get to slide through the BoSa Donuts and Burritos drive through and get my breakfast burrito. Something about the taste and the care put into those simple burritos makes my day. There are not a lot of different fillings and the burritos are not massive either – they are simple and delicious and not overly filling. Just right. The price too is just right – you can get a freshly made burrito, fresh coffee and a fresh donut for less than \$5.

**Tracy Roy,**  
Special Projects Editor  
Miguel’s Restaurant  
(1140 E. Amador Ave.; 647-4262)

If you’re looking for one of the tastiest red sal-

sas of all time, make a trip to Miguel’s Restaurant, 1140 E. Amador Ave., and drown one of their delicious burritos in it. Miguel’s offers burritos that start with the basic fillings — ground beef, pork with red or green, bean and cheese, chicken — and additional items can be added on, like green chile strips and veggies. They also offer staples like carne asada, chile relleno or a brisket burrito which can be smothered in green or red or prepared “homestyle” (with diced potatoes simmered with seasonings). The restaurant’s breakfast burrito menu allows you to build your own. A basic three-item burrito is \$3.54. Each additional topping is \$0.62. My personal favorite is egg, chorizo and cheese with the spicy chile de arbol sauce (better known as “the red”). Salsa choices, also avail-

able by the pint, are pico de gallo, spicy chile de arbol, mild chile de arbol, traditional salsa and green chile sauce. For information and a menu, visit <http://miguel-srestaurant-lc.com>.

**Susie Ouder Kirk,**  
Staff Writer  
Moongate Café  
(9545 Bataan Memorial West; 382-5744)

Being an East Mesanite, I have to stay loyal to Moongate Café. Never had a bad meal there, which is impressive because I’ve eaten there over 700 times (and that’s being conservative.) The green chile meat burrito is hard to top. Simple, well prepared, not too hot. Diced beef in a green chile sauce with a little cheese. That’s it. Sublimely good, especially when you’re hungry. I had the advantage of working at Moongate

Café last summer, and I learned their secret to such quality food: the chefs are meticulous about how they hand cut the meat they use, ensuring that every bite is tender and void of any toughness. The green chile meat burrito runs \$3.75. Can’t beat that with a stick.

**Richard Coltharp,**  
Publisher  
Los Compas  
(603 S. Nevarez St; 523-1178 / 1120 Commerce Drive; 521-6228)

Favorite burrito in town: Steak Picado burrito at Los Compas

Favorite burrito irony: Some of the best burritos in town are at Go Burger, and one of the best burgers in town is at My Brother’s Place, which is more of a burrito place... Saul Hernandez (our burrito delivery guy) also makes a mean chicken fajita burrito.



# Pinter's 'The Birthday Party' feels politically timely

By Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1958, celebrated British playwright Harold Pinter debuted his second full-length play, "The Birthday Party," to warm receptions in Cambridge, Oxford and Wolverhampton, before taking it on to London.

At its May 19, 1958 Hammersmith opening, Pinter's play caused a "bewildered hysteria" and was met with critical and commercial failure, closing after just eight performances.

It was not until after the curtains had closed on its eighth and final night that "The Birthday Party" was brought back from the dead, so to speak, by a particularly glowing review. Today, nearly 60 years later, the play has become nearly canonical, among Pinter's best-known and most-produced works.

This Friday, March 4, the lights go up on the No Strings Theatre Company (NSTC) production of "The Birthday Party" on the Black Box Theatre stage, directed by Karen Caroe.

Caroe said she first came to Pinter's play in college and loved it. That enthusiasm held strong and Caroe, a regular fixture of the local theater scene, implored "for quite some time" NSTC Artistic Director Ceil Herman for a chance to direct.

That wish came true.

"The Birthday Party" centers on aging couple Peter and Meg, living out their later years managing a boarding house in a quiet English seaside town. One day, two men, Nat Goldberg and Dermott McCann, approach Meg asking after a vacancy; at the house, their inquiries quickly turn to the house's sole boarder, long-term renter Stanley. Over the



The enigmatic Nat Goldberg and Dermott McCann (Sam Damon and Joshua Taulbee) question Stanley (Bobby Senecal) in Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party," opening Friday, March 4, at Black Box Theatre.

course of Stanley's boarding house-held "birthday party" – if it even is, in fact, his birthday – Stanley suffers a nervous breakdown and is promptly hauled away by the shadowy duo to "get the help he needs."

Though Pinter's play may seem narratively simple, "The Birthday Party" is in fact quite complex, its time, place and realities in flux and all up for interpretation.

"Pinter is always silent about his interpretations, so it's hard to say what is going on beneath the surface," Caroe said. "The characters reveal some things about themselves but we never know what to believe. The relationships are carefully maneuvered so as to be maintained while leaving the audience to wonder. Thematically, the play is about delusion and deception. The audience really doesn't know when something is true."

"There are some thematic elements that may be a commentary on the role of government and religion in controlling people's lives, but it is not developed by Pinter in the script, nor by us. There is an illusion to it and the audience may or may not pick up on it."

This tinkering with what is true and untrue has cemented, perhaps pigeonholed, Pinter's play as indicative of the "comedy of menace" and "theater of the absurd."

What does that mean?

"A comedy of menace involves creating humor around a very ominous, tense or dramatic situation," Caroe explained. "The situation can be real, imagined, true or false. It takes the audience through a span of emotions that typically results in confusion. In Pinter's plays, there is usually some undefined threat or force plaguing one or more of the characters. The term 'comedy' is probably a misnomer. There are humorous moments, but even Pinter once remarked he could never write a 'happy' play."

Though "The Birthday Party" is nearing its 60th year, Caroe said Pinter's play maintains relevance today, especially at a time when fears over privacy and governmental overreach are at a fever pitch.

"One of Pinter's appeals is that he is open to interpretation," she said. "Directors and actors love the freedom to take the play in whatever direction it evolves. I think 'The Birth-

## No Strings Theatre Co. begins play-reading series

As part of its new play-reading series, No Strings Theatre Company presents a reading of "The Tubes" by Sam Damon, directed by Rorie Measure, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 7.

The play is a poetic journey into our human capacity for good and

evil. It stars Karen Buerdzel, Mike Cook, Autumn Gieb, McKensie Karnes, Kali Renard, Bobby Senecal, Ilene Steele and Danny Wade. Admission is \$5. For more information or to make reservations, call 523-1223.

day Party' is particularly timely because some dark force representing 'the organization' enters a private home and takes a man from his quiet life, breaks him down and then takes him away. I think savvy American theatergoers will connect it with some of what the government does in the name of terrorism. I think this play specifically, and Pinter generally, is timeless, and I think audiences also enjoy taking ownership of some of

the interpretation."

"The Birthday Party" cast includes Mark Hammersmith (Petey), Jamie Bronstein (Meg), Sam Damon (Goldberg), Joshua Taulbee (McCann), Bobby Senecal (Stanley), Heather Hosford (LuLu) and Autumn Gieb (LuLu understudy). NSTC's Peter Herman handles lighting design, and Gieb is costumer. The set was designed by Caroe, assisted by Diego Acosta.

Black Box Theatre is lo-

cated at 430 N. Main St. Showtimes for "The Birthday Party" are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 13 and 20, and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17. Tickets are \$12 regular admission, \$10 students and seniors and \$8 all seats on Thursdays. For more information or to make reservations, call 523-1223.

Zak Hansen can be reached at [zak@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:zak@lascrucesbulletin.com).

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# Call to Artists

## Branigan Cultural Center opens call for 2017 proposals

Branigan Cultural Center, located on Main Street Downtown with the Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science, seeks proposals for exhibits with themes of cultural and historical significance to the Southwest to be presented in 2017. Branigan Cultural Center is accepting submissions from artists (solo and group,) from formal and informal scholars and from cultural heritage organizations.

To apply, email your proposal to [bcc@las-cruces.org](mailto:bcc@las-cruces.org) no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 18. Proposals must include proposal and exemption forms which can be found at the BCC website, <http://tinyurl.com/bccall2017>.

Applications need to include a brief (1-4 paragraphs,) should include artist(s) statement or group's mission, 5 to 10 JPEG images of proposed work (or those of similar style and quality) and linear and/or square footage needs. Exhibits will run for a 6- to 12-week period. Incomplete or late proposals will not be accepted.

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/bccall2017> or stop by the museum and speak to the receptionist. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154.

## 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 522-4100 ext. 116.

## Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery accepting applications

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is accepting applications for exhibitions and encourages artists to stop by the gallery to learn more. Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

## Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery seeks artists

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive, extends a call to artists in all media to showcase works in February and March. Submissions now being considered. For more information, call Cynthia at 652-7366.

## Tombaugh Gallery seeks regional artists

The Tombaugh Gallery is calling for regional artists within a 300-mile radius of Las Cruces to submit proposals for exhibitions for the 2017 calendar year. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. All artwork must be for sale. Submissions should contain a letter of proposal with information about the artist, type of work to be shown and USB flash drive containing eight representative images as JPEG files. For group shows, supply a list of all members and 1 or 2 images from each member. If a show theme is being considered, please explain the theme fully. The Tombaugh Gallery has 44 linear feet for wall display and has several pedestals.

Submissions should be postmarked no later than Friday, April 1. Submissions will be reviewed, and ap-



plicants will be notified by Sunday, May 1, at which time possible show dates will be discussed. Artists/shows not selected will be notified at the same time.

Artists who prefer to send an electronic submission may contact Judy Licht at [jelicht@gmail.com](mailto:jelicht@gmail.com) for instructions.

Address submissions to: Judy Licht, Committee Chairperson, c/o Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

For more information on Tombaugh Gallery, visit [www.uuchurchlc.org/2011/10/tombaugh-art-gallery](http://www.uuchurchlc.org/2011/10/tombaugh-art-gallery).

## Tularosa MERC seeks member artists

The MERC, Tularosa's newest art and art gift cooperative on historic Granada St. in Tularosa is now accepting new artist memberships. Many details to share and many benefits. For more information contact [gre-atrepm@gmail.com](mailto:gre-atrepm@gmail.com).

## Sudoku

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

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# 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.

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## Crossword Puzzles

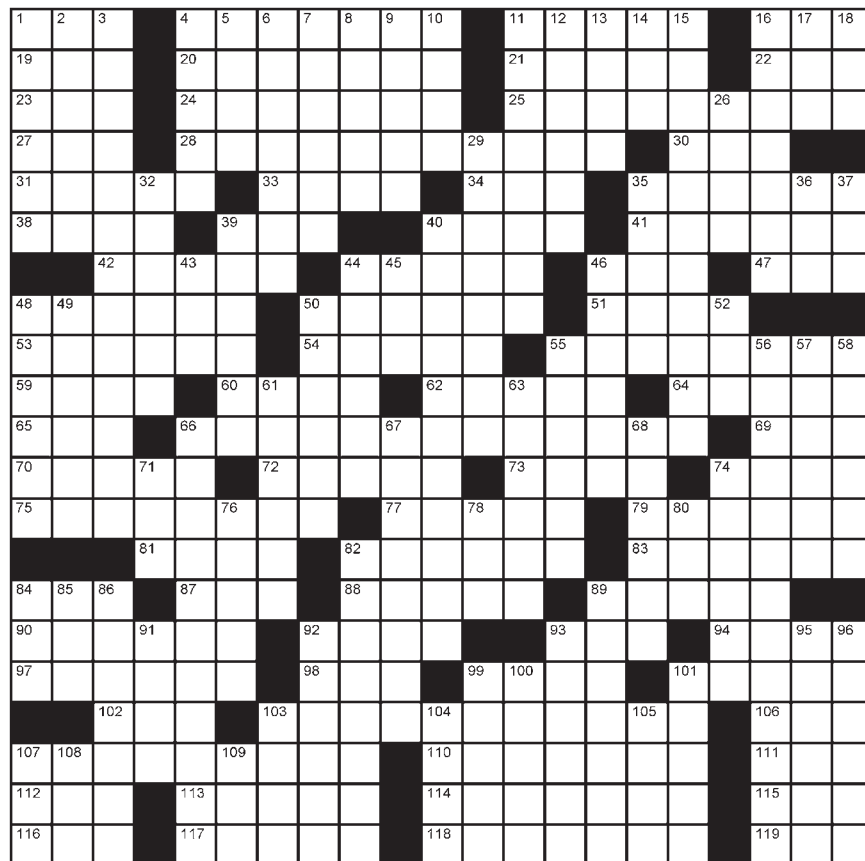
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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**
- 1 Pronoun
  - 4 Accompanied by
  - 8 Paleozoic, for one
  - 9 Resound
  - 10 Cul-de-\_\_\_\_\_
  - 11 Soap or candy
  - 12 Hired writer
  - 16 Roaming individual
  - 20 Needle case
  - 21 Locked up
  - 23 Civil wrong
  - 24 Awe-inspiring
  - 25 Inlay
  - 27 Peak
  - 28 Top hold'em card
  - 29 Poker arena
  - 34 Shoot a film again
  - 38 Stringed toy
  - 39 Came up
  - 40 Eve's home
  - 41 Point at which a vital decision has to be made
  - 46 Hole piercers
  - 50 Priest
  - 51 Saturn moon
  - 52 TLC part
  - 53 SA aquatic rodent
  - 55 Green field
  - 56 It is used for climbing a hill in a car
  - 60 Expression of pleasure with a meal
  - 65 Spa treatment
  - 66 Whitman, for one
  - 67 Pass by
  - 68 Depose
  - 69 Thin layer of tissue
  - 73 Close
  - 74 Notion
  - 75 Freezing liquid
  - 78 Perceptions of self
  - 79 Vase
  - 80 Amphibian reptile
  - 81 Dirt and water
- DOWN**
- 1 "\_\_\_\_ a real nowhere man" (Beatle tune)
  - 2 Retirement savings account
  - 3 Jungle chopper
  - 4 Founder of the London School of Economics
  - 5 International
  - 6 Via, for short
  - 7 Letterman, for one
  - 13 Basic matter unit
  - 14 Restrain
  - 15 "The \_\_\_\_ Runner" movie
  - 16 Fish's breathing apparatus
  - 17 Got off
  - 18 Show a client the product
  - 19 Skillful
  - 21 Apple, for one
  - 22 Proficient
  - 24 Well-known William
  - 26 Paul \_\_\_\_, British physicist and Nobel prize winner
  - 30 Yes, captain
  - 31 Board of Directors, abbr.
  - 32 Caustic solution
  - 33 Geological time division
  - 35 Go astray morally
  - 36 Furthermore
  - 37 Beast of burden
  - 42 Sought a Senate seat
  - 43 Unmatching
  - 44 Exist
  - 45 Horse race
  - 46 Bow shape
  - 47 Doctor with a Tardis
  - 48 Pewter grade
  - 49 Tree juice
  - 52 Taunt
  - 54 Stomach problem
  - 55 Telescope part
  - 57 Earthen water pot
  - 58 Stop nursing
  - 59 Stare, open-mouthed
  - 61 At the point when
  - 62 Pouting grimace
  - 63 Plateau
  - 64 Silvery metallic element
  - 69 Appearance
  - 70 Verge
  - 71 Catty remark
  - 72 Plant tissue
  - 76 French vineyard
  - 77 Conclude

### HEADY DOINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Learning inst.
  - 4 Bring upon oneself
  - 11 Michael of Monty Python
  - 16 Letters in math proofs
  - 19 Grief
  - 20 Shakespearean tragedy
  - 21 Dispatch boat
  - 22 ET's craft
  - 23 Bullpen stat
  - 24 Widespread slaughter
  - 25 Ohio school
  - 27 Conclude
  - 28 Passing gossip
  - 30 Fraction of a joule
  - 31 Joe of "GoodFellas"
  - 33 Legis. meeting
  - 34 Buckeyes sch.
  - 35 Mount Hood's state
  - 38 Political satirist Mort
  - 39 NATO word
  - 40 Sexologist Shere
  - 41 "Teenage \_\_\_\_ Ninja Turtles"
  - 42 Get airborne again
  - 44 Singer Carter
  - 46 Keyboard key
  - 47 Mayday!
  - 48 Squelch
  - 50 Call it quits
  - 51 Eyes, in poems
  - 53 Ascended
  - 54 Healer: pref.
  - 55 Like plays and movies
  - 59 Capacious boats
  - 60 Treaty
  - 62 Littlest of litters
  - 64 Watts or Judd
  - 65 PA nuclear accident site
  - 66 M-m-m-good!
  - 69 Shaq's playground
  - 70 Painter Matisse
  - 72 Raw fish dish
  - 73 I came: Lat.
  - 74 Greek contest
  - 75 Tense state
  - 77 Man and Capri
  - 79 Refer indirectly
  - 81 1551
  - 82 "M\*A\*S\*H" co-star
  - 83 Strolls easily
  - 84 Coll. student's figure
  - 87 Born as
  - 88 Sean and William
- DOWN**
- 89 Silver or gold
  - 90 Win a chase
  - 92 Big bell sound
  - 93 Non-clerical
  - 94 Showed up
  - 97 Most favorable conditions
  - 98 Nice hot time?
  - 99 Pig's sire
  - 101 Norse pantheon
  - 102 Flow out
  - 103 Awesome
  - 106 90 deg. from vert.
  - 107 Scatter
  - 110 Type of general
  - 111 O.T. book
  - 112 Well-suited
  - 113 Type of orange
  - 114 Make a widow
  - 115 Young louse
  - 116 Serpent's sound
  - 117 Pituitary or pineal
  - 118 Washington Post honcho
  - 119 Cookie-selling org.



- 26 Waste in transit allowance
- 29 Becoming extinguished
- 32 Crevices
- 35 Syndicated astrologer Sydney
- 36 John Lennon's Yoko
- 37 PMs
- 39 Syrian city
- 40 Eerie
- 43 Grippe
- 44 Obituary listings
- 45 CPA's approximation
- 46 Alarm bell
- 48 Wake of a scythe
- 49 Designated
- 50 Fixed, gaping grin
- 52 Public hot spring
- 55 Accent
- 56 Verbal chastisement
- 57 Incarnate
- 58 Keaton and Ladd
- 61 Down Under one?
- 63 City on the Loire
- 66 Maximally boring
- 67 Bleached
- 68 Capital of Niger
- 71 Periphery
- 74 Strasbourg's region
- 76 Actress Verdugo
- 78 Dykstra or Deighton
- 80 Husband of salt?
- 82 Make a strong metal connection
- 84 Moo \_\_\_\_ gai pan
- 85 Whelp
- 86 Certifies under oath
- 89 Connubial
- 91 Barbeque specialty
- 92 Defeated
- 93 Ran out
- 95 Contraction of the pupil
- 96 Listing of text mistakes
- 99 Goofy error
- 100 Puccini work
- 101 Think alike
- 103 Coffee, slangily
- 104 Pitcher Nen
- 105 Church area
- 107 German article
- 108 Tape-counter abbr.
- 109 Chum

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### Word Salsa

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#### Diagramless

SOOT UNDO UPON GAGA  
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 SCAR ETTA SLACKS  
 AUTO YET NEO  
 TEEN YEA IAN DNA  
 MAR DUN IFS  
 USE EGO TOT  
 SEAWORTHY RAFT  
 ABBA ELAN SLAT  
 VIZ VOLT  
 DELETE MOO  
 EAU AIR  
 ERG VOLT  
 BURP ABLE  
 AGUE REAR  
 THEN KNOB

#### Not..

AWAIT MAMMAE SCLEROMA  
 TERNE ORTANA HAYFEVER  
 WITHSTANDING ALLTHERE  
 TREE LINES LISLE ERIN  
 RAMS TRUEST FASTS  
 ELOISE ASASTRANGER  
 LUNT CAL SES HOUSMAN  
 ARY HALFBAD BART EINE  
 TIO EROISE DETAILASTE  
 EDUARDO REHILL TEASED  
 REM FORPROFIT LEADA  
 BOLTED SIERRA ABBOTTS  
 EPISETTEE SPREE ROT  
 TAFT CEES UPTOPAR INA  
 SHEEHAN BRA OSU SCAR  
 LIFTAFINGER CACKLE  
 RAGED LASSER SORA  
 ELEC SELAH ACQUITERS  
 BATANNEY ONESCUPOFFTEA  
 EMISSARY PAMELA SETIN  
 CONTUSES SPIRIT EDENS

#### CRYPTOGRAM

S J G L G I F K S J  
 S G K Q J G Z X K Y W J G  
 I B M N W G E S G L W S J G  
 Q N K X X Q M Z Z Y Q M N M F  
 S B Y L Q N M W G  
 G E S Z K W Y S Y B L .

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:** I never was the plucky, overstressed type. My motto has always been: "Hard work never killed anyone, but why take the chance?"



Stephanie Vasquez-Fonseca, Parigrynnne Cox, Stephanie Drake and Daniela Castorena star in the ASTC production of "In the Time of the Butterflies," now playing through Sunday, March 13, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts.



## ASTC's 'In the Time of the Butterflies' takes wing at Center for the Arts

Review by Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"In the Time of the Butterflies" brings together so much that is outstanding about the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department.

Jim Billings' set and lighting designs, Matt Reynolds' sound design, Dave Herford's props and Deb Brunson's costumes are simple, elegant and effective. They catch the eye and the ear of the audience and effortlessly guide them into the compelling story that is unfolding on stage – the direction of Larissa Lury and the acting for four New Mexico State University students and one community actor.

Much of the play happens in a small garden that is at first a place of great happiness for the Mirabal sisters and later of bittersweet memories for one of them. But always, it is a place of butterflies – mariposas in the language of the Dominican Republic where the play is set.

The butterflies are red when they are manipulated

almost magically by the stage crew (Clay Andrews, Calvin Chervinko and Sarah Sue Jones), pink when one is so beautifully drawn on a glass board, white when one is held and golden in the memories of the sisters. They are Adele (Monica Mojica when she is older, Stephanie Vasquez Fonseca when younger), Minerva (Stephanie Drake), Patria (Daniela Castorena) and Maria Teresa "Mate" (Parigrynnne "Pari" Fox).

These five women, with their soft colors and strong voices, are compelling in their individual tales and as they come together to tell the story of the Mirabal family from 1930 to the early 1960s, when the Dominican Republic was ruled by dictator Rafael Trujillo.

Trujillo and many other characters are portrayed by Joey Rodriguez. He also joined Lury in writing original music and lyrics for the show. Some of the play's sweetest and most memorable moments are the vocal performances of all the cast members, along with Rodriguez's guitar playing.

There is a harmony among these actors that makes it difficult to point to one or the other and say, "There is the center" or "that is the most compelling performance in the show." The women never let the energy drop. Each of them holds it like a delicate butterfly, and they share it as sisters and soulmates.

Castorena, Cox, Drake and Vasquez are all NMSU theatre students; Mojica is a theatre instructor at Doña Ana Community College and a long-time veteran of local theatre.

Rodriguez, an NMSU junior majoring in individualized studies, plays not only the dictator, but also a radio announcer, cab driver, boyfriend, revolutionary and father. His transitions are flawless, thanks in part, no doubt, to his off-stage costume crew, but mostly to his ability to move from tyrant to peasant to troubadour with an easy grace. And it doesn't hurt that he is very talented musician.

Lury has gifted actors and creators for this show,

and has the vision and talent to use them to great effect.

Author Julia Alvarez, whose book of the same name became this play, fled the Dominican Republic with her family for the United States in 1960 because her father was involved in a plot to overthrow Trujillo. I wish she could see this production. She would be moved and enchanted by everything she saw and heard. So would the playwright, Caridad Svich.

NMSU Theatre professor Mike Wise is the show's stage manager, and Mario Ragazzone serves as assistant director. The costume crew is Violet Griffin, Erin Martinez, Ellie Schwartz and Ariana Swinson. The wardrobe supervisor is Xavier Gonzales. Briana Miranda is the light board operator, while Michael Holt operates the sound board. Many contributed to the construction of the set, including Richard Mata, Jr., Juan Tovar and Theatre 141L and 346 students. The costumes were made by Emily Romero, Robbie Sciortino and students in the Theatre 142L and 345 classes.

"In the Time of the Butterflies" continues in the Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., through Sunday, March 13. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March 4-5 and 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 6 and 13. There is also a performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10.

There will be a post-show discussion with the cast, crew and a special guest following the Sunday, March 6, performance.

Tickets are \$17 adults (ages 18-64), \$14 seniors (ages 65 and older) and NMSU faculty and staff with valid I.D., \$10 students (ages three to 17 and NMSU students with current school I.D.); and \$5 for high school students (with current school I.D.).

For tickets and additional information, call 646-4515 or 1420. Visit [www.nmsutheatre.com/201516\\_in\\_the\\_time\\_of\\_the\\_butterflies.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/201516_in_the_time_of_the_butterflies.php) and [www.facebook.com/events/1164072480271677](http://www.facebook.com/events/1164072480271677).

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# Medoff, Adelman debut 'I, Custer' at Las Cruces Community Theatre

By Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

On Friday, March 4, Tony Award-winning playwright, director and NMSU Professor Mark Medoff will debut on the Las Cruces Community Theatre stage "I, Custer," penned by former student and playwright Neal Adelman and starring local stage luminary Marissa Bond.

"I, Custer" begins moments before famed General George Armstrong Custer takes his last breaths after the Battle of Little Big Horn — his final stand, in which his 700-strong 7th Cavalry Regiment suffered a bloody defeat at the hand of Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho, leaving some 270 U.S. Army men dead, Custer among them.

To charge or not to charge? That is Custer's question — though history books preordain his choice — and "I, Custer" centers on his final moments. Shot in the face and quickly headed to meet his maker, G.A. Custer meets one final time with Libbie, his loving wife, to retrace his steps back to where it all went wrong.

Although, it's not quite so simple.

Adelman, a Fort Worth native, came to Las Cruces after finishing undergraduate work in Virginia and embarking on a few-year jaunt of the east coast. Pursuing his MFA in Creative Writing at New Mexico State University, Adelman said he wasn't keen on the theater, at first.

"At that time, I had very little interest in writing for the stage," he said. "I'd gone to a handful of plays growing up, and had read a few here and there in high school and undergrad, but all I wanted back then was to read and



Marissa Bond stars in NMSU graduate and playwright Neal Adelman's "I, Custer," opening Friday, March 4, at Las Cruces Community Theatre, directed by local luminary and Tony Award-winning playwright Mark Medoff.

write fiction."

The theatre bug bit, so to speak, when Adelman took a playwriting class with former creative writing professor Robert Boswell, or Boz.

"I ended up writing a play about four guys in the men's room of a strip club and Boz thought enough of the work to show it to Mark, who said I should probably register for his one-act playwriting class the next semester," he said. "So I did. And it was great."

Even then, Medoff said, Adelman showed great promise, since delivered, and invested from the beginning.

"'Going places' in any professional art form is extraordinarily difficult, but I knew beyond a doubt five years ago that Neal had his own special voice," Medoff said. "At this point in my own life, I feel I have a few principal occupations, one of which is mentoring my students — for life. I'm long past the 'I hope others fail so I may succeed.' I want people to succeed. It gives me incalculable satisfaction to see

my students do well."

Adelman said he found encouragement "at every turn" from Medoff, discovering "there was something about writing plays that just made sense."

Make sense it did. A one-act penned in Medoff's course placed Adelman as one of four finalists at the Kennedy Center for the Arts College National Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C.

As a professor, Medoff said his student "liked the particular immediacy of the theater and had wonderful instincts for the medium." Following his graduation from NMSU and a stint at Ohio University, Adelman looked back to Las Cruces to write something. "Needless to say, I welcomed him," Medoff said.

As he combed through current and former student submissions for workshop and production, Medoff said when he arrived at "I, Custer," "I was knocked out by the first half-page of the first offering Neal brought to

class. The character of Custer jumped off the page. The voice of the writer at work was unique, the use of language fresh and fearless. And where the play has gone, I feel confident, is nothing short of breathtaking in its majesty and honesty."

Adelman's inspiration for "I, Custer" may surprise; his "original" Custer was a far cry from the textbook general.

"I started writing about a Custer about five years ago," he said, hard stress on the "a," "but it wasn't the Custer."

Adelman's Custer, instead, was built around a passing acquaintance from time spent surf-fishing at North Carolina's Outer Banks.

"There was this guy we'd always see out there and his name was Custer and he'd talk about himself in the third person, saying things like 'Custer doesn't think we'll catch fish today' or 'Would someone loan Custer a beer,' and I knew I had to write about him. And I did," Adelman said.

However, it wasn't the Custer, yet, stress on the "the."

"I tried writing about five different plays with a character named Custer," he said. "I wrote about a truck driver named Custer. I wrote about a Virginia Department of Transportation worker named Custer. But those plays always fell apart after the first thirty pages."

A year ago, Adelman said he "dropped the artifice" and started writing about "the" Custer; in Medoff's course over the past semester, he realized his Custer had to be played by a woman — interesting, in that much like his other work "I, Custer" thematically tackles "concepts and constructs of masculinity — the good, the bad, the contradictions inherent within."

"The play begins with Custer, played by a woman, speaking to us from the last day of his life," Medoff said. "Where we go in the next hour and a half is a brilliant journey through manhood to a particular vision of womanhood."

What was it about Custer, though?

While he was working on "all the other failed versions of this play," Adelman said he began reading biographies of the general, at first finding it great fun "reading about Custer's various exploits, and all the poor decisions, in retrospect, that lead to his one great loss.

Halfway through, however, Adelman stopped cold.

"I stopped and asked myself, 'Why am I reading these?,' he said. "I know how the story ends because it always ends the same. He dies."

Feeling suddenly guilty, Adelman closed the biographies and set about

writing about "the" George Armstrong Custer, setting his tale at the precipice of his fall as writerly duty: "to take something known, or familiar, and make it less known, less familiar," he said.

On working with his former student, Medoff said, "I think of the writer-director relationship, whether I'm directing myself or another writer, of a simple agreement to try to find the best version of the thing growing in the writer's imagination. My job as director is to be head of family, but one who listens and amalgamates.

"I like others to have their opinions and their freedom to enter the larger conversation of the play's wholeness. During two times in the past two months we've been working, I welcomed Neal to work with Marissa in the same way I would.

"Where there was a disagreement, we agreed to work it out. In the end, no matter the director's power, the playwright can have the last word, if he/she cares to. The work of the theater is miraculously familial, the essence of collaboration."

Las Cruces Community Theatre is located at 313 N. Main St. Showtimes for "I, Custer" are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 20. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, student and military and \$10 each groups of 10 or more and children six and younger. Opening night, March 4, includes a gala reception with cake, wine, refreshments and an opportunity to visit with the cast. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://lcctnm.org> or call 523-1200.

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# Las Cruces Community Theatre hosts Medoff student readings

Las Cruces Community Theatre is proud to present staged readings of plays written by students in Tony Award-winner Mark Medoff's playwriting class at New Mexico State University. Plays will be read at 7 p.m. nightly Monday through Thursday, March 7-10.

The students' works will be performed over three evenings as staged readings with various actors and directors from the theatre community in Las Cruces. The public will have the opportunity to watch the plays come to life as they are still being fine-tuned and workshopped with Medoff.

"Finding Your Way through Dead Cats" by Francisca

Hakes will be read Monday, March 7. The reading is directed by Gail Wheeler. The play asks the question, "How does a family unpack forty years of hoarding and lies when their matriarch is murdered by 176 cats?"

On Tuesday, March 8, "Cryptic Triptych," a multimedia-hybrid stage play written by Donna Dorsett and directed by Neal Adelman, will be presented. The play embarks on the adventures of a woman creating a mythic journey via a painted percussive collage of memories, visions, improvised fantasies and fading dreams. Her excavations and mining of self are shared with three high

school students, uncovering universal questions about the loss of the wild through progress; origins of language and communication; transformation and identity.

Wednesday, March 9, "Night Birds" will take the stage. The play is written by Sarah Axelrod and directed by David Edwards. Upon inheriting her mother's farm in Florence, Alabama, a disenchanted and self-absorbed artist uncovers a new awareness of herself and events of the past when she moves in with her haunted estranged son. Her nurturing capabilities, or lack thereof, are put to the test as she battles with her own grief, infatuation

with a local Freak-blues musician and questionable advice from a new companion and fellow artist.

Finally, Thursday, March 10, a one-act play titled "Manifesto" will have a staged reading. The play is written by Allison Field Bell and directed by Larissa Lury. In the early 2000s, a mash of Generation-Y-ers are living together as a self-proclaimed Vegan Anarchist Cooperative in an old Victorian mansion near the ocean in Santa Cruz, California. Chavez House has been a place of refuge for misfits, artists, idealists and activists – all bearing their own warped version of moral righteousness alongside

an overwhelming need to belong, to be a part of a community. Together, all come to learn that the house is more than all its parts and the quest to rescue it is as chaotic and as contradictory as the members themselves.

All staged readings will take place at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. A suggested \$5 dollar donation at the box office will go towards the LCCT Capital Campaign, an effort to purchase and renovate the beloved building that serves as the home for Las Cruces Community Theatre. All seats are general admission. For more information visit <http://lcctnm.org>.

# NMSU Wind Symphony among few chosen to perform at Kennedy Center

By Dana Beasley  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Sometimes, it's okay to toot your own horn.

New Mexico State University's Wind Symphony has been selected to represent the southwestern region of the United States during the 2016 Sousa Band Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., this April.

The group was selected, through audio and video submissions, to be one of only four ensembles nationwide to honor the late composer John Philip Sousa at the festival.

"I think this invitation and performance is a great honor and privilege for our students," said Lon Chaffin, head of the Department of Music in the College of Arts and Sciences. "They are a talented group of musicians and are working very hard. They will represent NMSU and our music department well."

Selected through audition, the Wind Symphony incorporates 50 of NMSU's top undergraduate and graduate student musicians. The ensemble, which frequently tackles challenging pieces, has performed under guest conductors, given world premieres for new music



NMSU PHOTO BY DANA BEASLEY

**Musicians in New Mexico State University's Wind Symphony rehearse in preparation for their performance at the Sousa Band Festival, taking place in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., this April.**

and had pieces written specifically for them.

"I'm so proud of these students," said Christopher Hughes, director of bands at NMSU and conductor of the Wind Symphony. "They've worked so hard in the giving of their time, energies and talents, and their growth has just been phenomenal."

With this enthusiasm and dedication, the ensemble will soon polish their credentials with a performance in a world-class concert hall.

"I'm tremendously excited for them to have the opportunity to play in the Kennedy Center," Hughes said. "We have a great time playing here, don't get me wrong, but that's something that's going to be moving in a very different way."

The Kennedy Center, situated on the Potomac River, serves as home to the National Symphony Orchestra and as a public memorial to President John F. Kennedy. The hall is ranked with other prestigious performing arts venues, such as Carne-

gie Hall in New York City.

"Being able to experience something like this is a great privilege and an exciting way to show that New Mexico State University is a fantastic school with amazing musicians and professors," said Kayla Ruben, an undergraduate clarinetist in the Wind Symphony, who is double majoring in music education and music performance.

Referred to as the "March King," one of Sousa's most recognizable compositions is "The Stars and Stripes Forever," which is the country's national march. To pay homage, all of the groups performing at the festival have been asked to prepare one selection composed by Sousa.

"He actually wrote a march called the 'New Mexico March,' so we're going to take New Mexico to Washington, D.C.," Hughes said.

Over the four-day stay, the Wind Symphony will participate in a conducting clinic with Col. Arnald D. Gabriel, who served as commander and conductor of the celebrated U.S. Air Force Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Singing Sergeants from 1964-1985. The ensemble will also perform at a high school in Virginia, and will have the opportunity to visit

national monuments, museums and important Sousa sites around the district.

This achievement is one of the many endeavors that demonstrate the recent success of the NMSU Wind Symphony. Later this semester, the ensemble has plans to record brand new music by emerging Chinese composers that Hughes met while teaching overseas. The CD, with performance credits to the NMSU Wind Symphony, will be distributed throughout China.

"What we're trying to do is build a whole profile that includes us on a national level," Hughes said. "We want to make sure that our students, when they graduate from NMSU, can be on par and competitive with other people that are graduating from other universities and competing for the same jobs, either teaching or performing."

While the music department is able to cover some costs for the trip to Washington, D.C., students in NMSU's Wind Symphony are fundraising to cover the remaining expenses. To make a donation, visit [www.gofundme.com/j5jr5thw](http://www.gofundme.com/j5jr5thw).

For more information on the Sousa Band Festival, visit [sousabandfestival.org](http://sousabandfestival.org).





Michael Caine and Harvey Keitel star in Paolo Sorrento's clever "Youth," now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

## Effective 'Youth' decidedly not for all tastes

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

One of my favorite terms — “decidedly not for all tastes” — came to mind again while watching the unique but effective “Youth,” opening Friday, March 4, at the Fountain Theatre.

Two busy and tireless actors, Michael Caine and Harvey Keitel, star, Caine as a retired orchestra conductor and Keitel as a slightly delusional, still-working film director.

Both are at an amazing spa in the Swiss Alps, on holiday, with a variety of other characters.

Caine, as Ballinger, is being pursued by the Queen to do a presentation, while Keitel is at the spa with several young, wannabe filmmakers, all of who are planning a work which Mick (Keitel), thinks will be the perfect conclusion to his career.

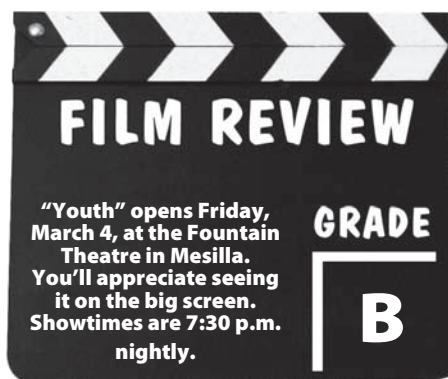
The story meanders, skips, turns and leads to a beautiful and stunning end-

ing, well enhanced by wonderful cinematography and locations.

However, as we follow the crosscut editing, which jumps quickly from one small scene to the other at the lush spa, it becomes frustrating at times to try and follow the picture.

Paolo Sorrento is the director, who used New Mexico as a setting in an earlier film, “This Must Be the Place,” starring Sean Penn. A wonderfully unique film, he followed it with “The Great Beauty,” which I am pretty sure I never finished watching.

Co-starring is Rachel Weisz as Caine's daughter who gets dumped at the airport by her beau as they board a plane for the South Pacific. Ironically, the beau is Keitel's daughter, which adds a



bit of interest to the film, as we witness Weisz's character dealing with the situation.

Keitel and Caine are great friends, who share, quietly, old memories, often about a woman they

both pursued years later.

Joining this quiet and odd fray is Paul Dano as an American actor, Jimmy Tree, who is trying to prepare for a new role — that of Adolf Hitler. There is also a rather large, unidentified man with a tattoo of Karl Marx on his back, who is terribly popular with the public, but not someone that either Mick or Ballinger knows. We never know who he is either.

The movie continues at its own pace,

offering a lot of symbolism, some obvious, some opaque. Older audiences will certainly appreciate this work much more than younger folks.

The plot is scant, but visible if you look hard, but the scene-by-scene progression works well. Jane Fonda, in a cameo as a diva actress who has worked with Mick on 11 previous films, adds a nice touch and a hint of New Mexico as well.

“Youth” is a picture I want to see again, just to see what I missed the first time around. It is quite unique and bold, but if you go expecting to have everything laid out for you, you'll be sorely disappointed. It is also nice to see Keitel, a personal favorite, get a strong and purposeful role again.

You'll love or hate this picture.

*I'm still in my youth, aren't I? Jeff Berg for the LC Bulletin can be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.*



# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "3-Dimensional Journey" by Lois Duffy. Inspired by the shifting perspectives and fractured planes created by cubist artists, Duffy utilizes acrylic paint, canvas stretched over small wooden frames, and cubes of hollow blocks of wood arranged into unique configurations. Her technique, which breaks the traditional two-dimensional painting surface, urges the viewer to explore each portrait and landscape to find new detail, content, movement and depth from multiple vantage points. "3-Dimensional Journey" opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, and will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

The center also presents

"Reflections: African-American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection," which tells a story of community and place through a selection of paintings, photographs, textile pieces, and works on paper from the collection of renowned costume designer and arts patron, Myrna Colley-Lee. The imagery in "Reflections" focuses primarily on narrative works and landscapes of everyday life, past and present, and includes such noted artists as Elizabeth Catlett, Romare Bearden, Gwen Knight, Betye Saar, James Van Der Zee, and Eudora Welty. Thoughtfully co-curated by René Paul Barilleaux and Susan Lloyd McClamroch and organized by International Arts and Artists, "Reflections" allows viewers to connect the strong tradition of storytelling by African Americans, with the sense of place that is largely unique



Matt Henn's "Zapatistas" is on display at the Gallery at Big Picture as part of his "Reflections on Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert," opening during the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4.

to Southerners. "Reflections" reopens for a viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4,

and will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

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

**EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY** presents "Inspiring Vision," an exhibition of work from full- and part-time NMSU faculty members Glenn Schwaiger, Bree Lamb, Abby Osborne and Cheryl Fallstead. The art represents several programs at the community college including the art, creative media technology and digital graphics programs. The art program at DACC supports students who have a broad interest in the arts, offering students a multicultural examination of the principles and philosophies of art. The art program supports students seeking introductory skills in a range of studio classes including ceramics, printmaking, drawing and painting. The CMT/DGT program trains specialists to design printed materials and web sites, produce videos and films and participate in game design. The two options for students include a two-year Associate of Science program and a certificate program. Both

programs merge design and digital media. The program brings together technologies, including print media, web design, multimedia, digital photography, animation and digital film. "Inspiring Vision" opens with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403.

**QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY** presents the work of featured artist Jan Addy for the month of March. Addy is a watercolorist and member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. After working with many different aspects of art, Addy found New Mexico has the perfect light and subject matter for the glowing and unpredictable medium of watercolor. She said she strives to give up a "bit of control" and watch the water flow. Addy's show opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

**MAS ART** presents an exhibit of the work of artist Luis Navarro. Navarro is a storyteller; inspired by life's philosophies and experiences, he takes advantage of all mediums and colors to convey his designs into reality. Coming from California, Navarro studied at the Los Angeles Academy of Art, but has been an artist as long as he can remember. Navarro's show opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

Mas Art is located at 126 S. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-9113.

**GALLERY AT BIG PICTURE** presents "Reflections on Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert" by fine artist Matt Henn. Henn, a New Yorker by birth, has recently moved to Las Cruces from Texas, where his deep appreciation

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of the desert landscape began. He is self-taught and has been applying his craft for more than 20 years. He's had one man shows in New York, Dallas and San Antonio. "The desert of the southwest is a myriad of shape and color and ruggedness and certainly beauty," Henn said. "At times I apply the principles of light and shadow and tone, but I do not believe this is all there is. Emotions and feelings that the desert landscape offers up are part of what I attempt to convey." Henn's style often reflects what he sees beyond the apparent. His love of desiccated spaces is not only the inspiration for his artistic journey, but also the basis for his decision to move to Southern New Mexico. "Reflections on Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert" opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**THE THEATRE GALLERY** presents the work of Abby Osborne during the month of March. Osborne has been a lifelong artist. She creates using several mediums, including painting, drawing, and fiber art. Her work combines multiple layers of patterns, symbolism, and spirituality. Abby has earned a BFA in painting from Arizona State University, a BA in Art/Graphic Design as well as a AS in computer graphics and a Masters in Learning Technologies from New Mexico State University. Abby is a Professor in the Digital Graphics Program at Dona Ana Community College. She combines her love of color, textures, perspective, and design through the healing spirituality of quilting. She is inspired by nature and the pure beauty of color and shapes and places an emphasis on the tactile shared vision of spiritual solemnity. Each piece is an original design that is machine pieced and hand quilted. The art quilts and her paintings demonstrate her love to create. Osborne's show opens Friday, March 4, and will remain on display through Sunday, March 20.

thetheatregallery is located inside the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The gallery is open one hour before show times Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. For more information, call 523-1223.

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents "Another Brush with Color," an exhibit of new works from Las Cruces artists Marie Siegrist and Penny Simpson. Working primarily in realism, Siegrist creates watercolors as an expression of her observations of color, light, and shadow. Since moving to New Mexico, the desert and mountains have become a recurring theme. Simpson studied graphic design at Prairie State College in Illinois, but her main interest was illustration. She paints primarily with acrylics and watercolors in a very realistic style. Still life, fruit and flowers are her primary subjects. "Another Brush with Color" opens with a reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 6, and will remain on display through May 20.

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.

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** presents its 2016 Juried Student Show, juried by artist Alejandro Almanza Pereda, whose work can be found in collections including the Goetz Collection, Kadist Collection, Arizona State University Museum, Museo Del Barrio in New York, Colección Jumex in Mexico City and Museo de Arte de Lima, Peru. The exhibit opens with a reception beginning at 5 p.m. and awards show at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10.

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.

**CUTTER GALLERY** presents "Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes," an exhibit by artist Rosemary McLoughlin, opening with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March

12. "Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" will remain on display through April 20.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

## LAST CHANCE

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** presents a collaborative exhibit showcasing the photo-intaglio prints of artists Louis Ocepek and Mary Wolf in "Tableaux Parisiens." The work in "Tableaux Parisiens" reflects each artist's individual views and experiences gathered by walking the city of Paris over a 20-year period. Wolf said, "Intertwined in the work are our different perspectives of the vistas, architecture, people and objects we discovered." Photo-Intaglio prints in the exhibit include images of the city's metro system, cultural and public space, the small immigrant neighborhood La Goutte d'Or ("Drop of Gold") a Romanian gypsy circus found in the 11th Arrondissement, and images of museums, cemeteries and daily life on the street. "Tableaux Parisiens" will remain on display through Saturday, March 5.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. For more information visit [www.unsettledgallery.com](http://www.unsettledgallery.com), email [u@unsettledgallery.com](mailto:u@unsettledgallery.com) or call 635-2285.

**ART OBSCURA GALLERY** presents "Monochaotic," an exhibit featuring work from 13 of Las Cruces' best artists – Noah MacDonald, Michael Poncé, James McVann, Philip McVann, Crook, Sam Ross, Woar2, Joshua Flores, Rafael Torres, Mama Cass, Aaron Valenzuela, Logan Howard and Deret Roberts displaying work in black and white. "Monochaotic" will remain on display through the first weekend in March.

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

**ART ON EASELS GALLERY**, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, presents the work of Las Cruces Arts Association members, as well as featuring artist Sandy Marshall for the month of March. Marshall's first camera was a red plastic Kodak Brownie. Later her father showed her how to use his 35 mm Kodak and hand-held light meter, and to process film in a plastic canister over the kitchen sink. Degrees in Anthropology and Public History led to careers as an itinerant archaeologist and then as an architectural historian with the National Park Service. The Kodaks led first to a Konica 35 mm, then a Nikon, and eventually a Cannon digital. While living in Santa Fe she took classes with nationally known photographers Craig Varjabedian and Siegfried Halus. Currently she lives in Las Cruces with her historian husband George Matthews and Fog the Cat, and works to sharpen her skills in writing and photography.

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

## ONGOING

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents "Graphicanos: Contemporary Latino Prints from the Serie Project," featuring serigraph prints from the archives of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Fort Wayne, Texas, by Latino artists exploring cultural issues of the Latino community throughout the United States. The Serie Project, a nonprofit organization founded by Sam Coronado in 1993 in Austin, Texas, promotes the fire art of serigraphy. In the past two decades, the organization has fostered over 250 artists from different professional levels and ethnic backgrounds, who together have produced a rare and special collection of serigraphs reflecting the Mexican Ameri-

can and Latino experience in the United States. "Graphicanos" will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

**CAMINO TATTOO AND FINE ART GALLERY** presents "To Know through Movement," an art exhibition featuring work from Las Cruces artists Michael Poncé, Sydnie Roper, Deret Roberts, Saba and Lea WiseSurguy-Sophiliazo, curated by Michelle Lanteri. Said Lanteri, "The exhibition considers all realms of accumulating knowledge through movement. It explores the experiential nature of movement in art practice, be it spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological or emotional. In this show, we are looking at the artist's journey of making a work, as both a way of being and a series of movements to understand his or her questions about life." "To Know through Movement" will remain on display through Saturday, March 26.

Camino Tattoo and Fine Art Gallery is located at 501 E. Hadley Ave. Regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 523-1012 or visit <http://caminotattoostudio.com>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# AtTheMovies

## Coming soon on DVD March 8

### In the Heart of the Sea

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Adventure  
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Benjamin Walker  
Director: Ron Howard

### Macbeth

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard  
Director: Jurstin Kurzel

### The Peanuts Movie

Rated: PG  
Starring: Family, comedy  
Starring: Noah Schnapp, Mariel Sheets (voices)  
Director: Steve Martino

### Victor Frankenstein

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Drama, horror  
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, James McAvoy  
Director: Paul McGuigan

## Top-grossing Feb. 26-28

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| <b>1</b> <b>Deadpool</b> (Week No. 3)<br>\$31,115,195      | <b>6</b> <b>Eddie the Eagle</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$6,084,682  |
| <b>2</b> <b>Gods of Egypt</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$14,123,903 | <b>7</b> <b>The Witch</b> (Week No. 2)<br>\$5,066,908        |
| <b>3</b> <b>Kung Fu Pada 3</b> (Week No. 5)<br>\$8,898,439 | <b>8</b> <b>How to Be Single</b> (Week No. 3)<br>\$5,008,362 |
| <b>4</b> <b>Risen</b> (Week No. 2)<br>\$6,815,021          | <b>9</b> <b>Race</b> (Week No. 2)<br>\$4,103,290             |
| <b>5</b> <b>Triple 9</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$6,109,085       | <b>10</b> <b>The Revenant</b> (Week No. 10)<br>\$3,953,291   |

# Picking the Flicks



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

### Triple 9

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A gang of dirty cops and criminals is blackmailed by the Russian mob to pull off a near-impossible heist.  
**Starring:** Casey Affleck, Chiwetel Ejiofor  
**Director:** John Hillcoat



### Kung Fu Panda 3

Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** Po faces off against two epic threats – one supernatural and one much closer to home.  
**Starring:** Jack Black, Angelina Jolie (voices)  
**Director:** Alessandro Carboni, Jennifer Yuh



### The Boy

Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** An American nanny is shocked to discover her new family's boy is actually a life-sized doll – one she's convinced is really alive.  
**Starring:** Lauren Cohan, Rupert Evans  
**Director:** William Brent Bell



### Race

Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Track star Jesse Owens is thrust onto the world stage at the 1936 Olympics, facing off against the Germans and crushing Adolf Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy.  
**Starring:** Stephan James, Jason Sudekis  
**Director:** Stephens Hopkins



### Deadpool

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A Special Forces op turned mercenary undergoes an experiment giving him advanced healing powers, taking on the alter ego Deadpool.  
**Starring:** Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin  
**Director:** Tim Miller



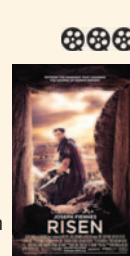
### How to be Single

**Plot Overview:** New Yorkers Alice, Robin, Lucy, Meg, Tom and David all have in common the need to learn how to be single in a world filled with ever-evolving definitions of love.  
**Starring:** Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson  
**Director:** Christian Ditter



### Risen

Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Following the Biblical story of the Resurrection through the eyes of a nonbeliever, Clavius and aide Lucius are tasked with finding out what happened to Jesus after the crucifixion.  
**Starring:** Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton  
**Director:** Kevin Reynolds



### Eddie the Eagle

Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** The true story of Eddie Edwards, tenacious underdog British ski jumper who captured the world's attention in the 1988 Winter Olympics.  
**Starring:** Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman  
**Director:** Dexter Fletcher



### The Witch

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A 1930s New England family falls victim to the forces of possession, witchcraft and black magic.  
**Starring:** Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Ineson  
**Director:** Robert Eggers



### Room

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** Following their escape from the home they'd been held in his entire life, five-year-old Jack and his mother discover the world for the first time.  
**Starring:** Brie Larsen, Jacob Tremblay  
**Director:** Lenny Abrahamson



### Gods of Egypt

Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Bek, a mortal, teams with the god Horus in their fight against Set, the god of darkness who has taken Egypt's throne.  
**Starring:** Brenton Thwaites, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau  
**Director:** Alex Proyas



### London Has Fallen

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** Mike Banning uncovers a plot to assassinate all world leaders, set to visit London for the Prime Minister's funeral.  
**Starring:** Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman  
**Director:** Babak Najafi  
**OPENS FRIDAY, MARCH 4**



### Zootopia

Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** In the animal city of Zootopia, police bunny Judy Hopps and con artist fox Nick Wilde team up to uncover a conspiracy  
**Starring:** Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman (voices)  
**Director:** Byron Howard, Rich Moore  
**OPENS FRIDAY, MARCH 4**



### Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A journalist recounts her time covering the wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan.  
**Starring:** Margot Robbie, Tina Fey  
**Director:** Glenn Ficarra, John Requa  
**OPENS FRIDAY, MARCH 4**



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# Jewish Federation reintroduces itself to members, communities

Organization launches new programs, website, online and print publications, and capital campaign

The Jewish Federation of New Mexico, a multi-faceted nonprofit organization that serves the needs of New Mexico's Jewish community through leadership, philanthropy, education and social action, announces the reintroduction of its organization to Jewish communities throughout the state to more effectively support future planning and resource allocation. The newly revitalized Federation will launch initiatives including a brand-new website, online Jewish Resource Center, improved communications, new programs for young professionals, the availability of more funds for community development projects, stronger partnerships with both Jewish and non-Jewish community organizations, a capital campaign, and the re-

turn of the printed New Mexico Jewish Link, along with an overhaul of the Link's online presence.

The reintroduction of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico comes after a thorough analysis of results from the organization's first-ever statewide demographic survey of Jewish people in New Mexico.

A phase one questionnaire collected quantitative data from nearly 1,700 respondents via phone calls, email, an open website, and a paper survey. The second part of the research process included an in-depth series of focus groups with Jewish residents to gain qualitative details about local communities.

Important findings of the survey revealed that more than 24,000 Jewish people live in New

Mexico and those individuals are predominantly older and well-educated, though a growing and as-yet underserved core of young Jewish professionals exists here as well. The results allowed the Federation to reorganize, restructure, and refocus to better serve the community.

"I have spent the first six months in my role as head of the Federation pouring over the results of the demographic survey and meeting with as many community members as possible to gain a comprehensive sense of who is here, why they have settled in New Mexico, and how they want to be served by Jewish community organizations," said Zachary Benjamin, executive director of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico.

When asked about the impact

of the new program on Jewish families in the southern part of the state, Benjamin wrote in an email: "Recently, the board of the Temple Beth-El, the Reform synagogue in Las Cruces, voted for its members to be served primarily by the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, and we certainly support that decision. The Jewish Federation of New Mexico has an excellent relationship with our counterparts in El Paso, and we will work closely with them to help serve the community. However, the rest of southern New Mexico, as well as NMSU, remains in our catchment area, and we are committed to increasing our support of those communities. Our priority is to both fund and partner with organizations throughout the state that provide programs and services to

Jewish communities and certainly to the broader population, as well."

The reintroduction of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico includes the kick-off of the "Heart of Jewish New Mexico" capital campaign to raise \$1 million in 2016 to revive the organization and to provide critical programs, services, and funding for Jewish communities throughout the state. The Federation has already raised roughly \$200,000 toward its goal.

Individuals and families, as well as businesses, can become members of the Federation and support the "Heart of Jewish New Mexico" campaign by visiting [www.jewishnewmexico.org](http://www.jewishnewmexico.org), or by calling 505-348-4459, or via email at [accounting@jewishnewmexico.org](mailto:accounting@jewishnewmexico.org).

## RELIGION LISTINGS

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Enchilada dinner

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 4 at Finley Hall, 1240 S. Espina St., Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral is having its annual Enchilada Dinner Fundraiser to benefit repair and renovation of church facilities. Sit down or take out for \$7. For information, call 524-8563.

### Fourth Israel Roundtable at Temple Beth-El

The Israel Committee of Temple Beth-El presents "Sharing the extraordinary achievements of modern Israel" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, in the Social Hall, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. This public discussion is mediated by Judith Sherman Russell. The community is invited. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Temple Beth-El at [rabbi@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.org).

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### Corned beef, cabbage at University United Methodist

University United Methodist Men hosts their 5th annual St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, in the Fellowship Hall, 2000 S. Locust St. Tickets are \$10 and to-go plates are available. All proceeds will go to the numerous mission projects the church supports.

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Detail-oriented volunteers are needed to help the Catholic Charities Legal Services administrative assistant with office work. Flexible hours from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Volun-

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### Golf Scramble, raffle to benefit Holy Cross

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

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## Nice to see ya, bougainvillea

Jonathan Munoz shows off a purple Bougainvillea plant at Home Depot, 225 S. Telshor. The home improvement store is filling its shelves with spring plants, and Las Cruces homeowners are buying them up quickly. Munoz has worked at Home Depot for four weeks, and promises to be able to answer all gardening questions, "very soon!" he said.

PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK



## Is the long-running NM drought over?

**By Mike Cook**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In response to the question, "is it safe to say the drought we've been suffering from for so long is over?" state Climatologist Dr. Dave DuBois said, "the answer depends on who is impacted and what time scale is important. There are three general drought types to answer your question: meteorological, agricultural and hydrological.

"If we go with meteorological drought, here in Las Cruces we're in the process of getting out of drought. If you look at the total accumulated precipitation over the last four years, we are about 6.72 inches behind compared to the long-term average. The average is based on the data from the last 120 years collected here in Las Cruces. For reference, our annual rainfall average is 9.74 inches at the campus weather station. In the short term, this water year starting from last October, we are well above average, about 181 percent of average. To

make it more interesting, in the really short term, so far in 2016 we are 33 percent of average. That's why we had so much dust this past Monday when the winds were high. If you only look at the U.S. Drought Monitor, it shows no drought because it puts a lot of weight on meteorological drought and less on the longer-term definitions of drought. I'm carefully optimistic on the seasonal forecasts of a wet spring, but we'll wait and see.

"Considering agricultural drought, we need to look at how the lack or abundance of precipitation has affected crops and rangelands. Now we consider more than just rainfall, as we have to consider weather patterns (e.g. winds, sunshine, temperatures), timing of precipitation, amount of water for irrigation and soil moisture. Here, I wouldn't consider us out of drought. Our agriculture has relied on surface-water sources from snowmelt

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## Fruit tree pruning

Doña Ana County Extension Service Agronomy and Horticulture Agent Jeff Anderson and more than a dozen master gardeners and master gardener interns participated in a workshop on Saturday, Feb. 20, on fruit tree pruning hosted by Joan and Warren Woodward at their home north of Las Cruces.

The workshop was presented by Les Finley, a certified arborist who provides consulting, assessment and preservation work. At left, Finley points out an important detail at the base of a tree. He recently retired from the City of Las Cruces, where he directed the Tree Stewards program (visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/community-wellness/tree-stewards>).

PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK



## SPRING EVENTS

### AROUND LAS CRUCES

#### La Mancha Restoration project seeks volunteers

Want to get your hands dirty and plant some trees? The Southwest Environmental Center needs volunteers to help put the finishing touches on the Southwest Environmental Center's La Mancha Wetland Restoration Project near Mesilla. We've scheduled a work weekend for Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6, with an optional camp out on Saturday night. Volunteers can come for all or just part of the work weekend.

This is a great opportunity to get out, meet people, and do something tangible to benefit wildlife, said Kallie Renard, field organizer and membership coordinator.

Volunteers are needed for the following: Plant native trees and wetland plants; remove salt cedar and other invasive plants; install bat houses; install piezometers (simple groundwater monitoring wells); install vehicle barriers; lay out trails. The schedule is: Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Campout Saturday night (optional).

Volunteers should bring gloves, sturdy shoes, work clothes, water, and sun protection. Be prepared to get muddy! Older kids are welcome. Sorry, no dogs.

For information and to sign up, contact Kali at 522-5552 or [kali@wildmesquite.org](mailto:kali@wildmesquite.org).

#### Hummingbird talk, online course available

The Southwest Environmental Center is hosting the monthly Tuesday Talk at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 8 at 275 N. Main St. Marcy Scott, author of the recently published book, *Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest*, will provide a fascinating



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Spring chickens are cheeping at Horse N Hound Feed and Supply, 991 W. Armador Ave. A Rhode Island Red checks out the world around him. Australorp chicks are in the background.

glimpse into the lives of our area hummingbirds, including both migrants and breeding birds in "A Hummingbird's View of Las Cruces and Environs." Signed copies of her book will be available for purchase. For information, contact [kali@wildmesquite.org](mailto:kali@wildmesquite.org) or call 522-5552.

In addition to the Tuesday Talk at the Environmental Center, spring is the perfect time to learn about hummingbirds online through the Doña Ana Community College course, which runs April 13 through May 13. Learn about the life of hummingbirds and how nature has adapted to make these creatures unique

little flying machines. Explore information about types of hummingbirds and their habitats. The online course cost is \$49. To sign up, or for information about this DACC Community Education online course, email [commed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@dacc.nmsu.edu) or call 527-7527.

#### 'Planeteers' explores eclipses at the Museum of Nature and Science

The Museum of Nature and Science invites children ages 3 to 5 to attend "Planeteers" the second Thursday of

every month, beginning at 9:00 am. Come learn about the Final Frontier!

On Thursday, March 10, we will discuss solar/lunar eclipses and current news on this topic. Afterward, we will make a model of an eclipse to take home. The museum is located at 411 N. Main St. and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm. For information, visit <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 522-3120.

If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event please contact the museum 48 hours prior to the event.

## Good Samaritan Society annual garage sale March 5

Good Samaritan – Las Cruces Village will hold its annual garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new van to transport residents to their medical appointments.

For more information, please contact: Penny McClarin, director of resource development and marketing, at 556-2119 or [pmcllari@good-sam.com](mailto:pmcllari@good-sam.com).



## Body-scrub sale benefits Women Veteran's Monument

BodyWorx healing massage will be giving free hand massages with the purchase of a lemon or lime body scrub. The scrubs are hand blended with 100 percent natural ingredients: coconut oil, sugar, raw honey, vitamin E, lemon/lime zest. Non-toxic scrubs exfoliate and soften skin for

men and women in seconds. They also relieve the itching of eczema and psoriasis.

Look for the Rosie the Riveter table at the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4. Call Francine for more information or to purchase body scrubs at 386-3995.



## Great gate



PHOTOS BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

**This handmade gate adorns an adobe wall, built by the home owners themselves as "a project to learn about making adobe bricks," on Arroyo Seco on the East Mesa. The metal window piece, which allows a peek into the yard, was found at a flea market.**



Mariachi groups and ballet folklorico dancers have been part of Latino Week festivities on the New Mexico State University campus.

NMSU COURTESY PHOTO

# NMSU celebrates Latino Week

## Events are free and open to the public

The Associated Students of New Mexico State University ASNMSU and four student organizations from Hispanic Council will host several events on campus as part of Latino Week in March. All events are free and open to the community.

Hispanic Council President Mark Alarcon said he is appreciative that ASNMSU provides funding to support diversity programs and student-led initiatives.

"It's really special that we are able to have events planned from the student perspective, because usually events are organized by administrators," Alarcon said. "It's great that ASNMSU allocates money for us to put together a cultural show to share with all students."

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers will host the local music group Mariachi Aguilas from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, March 7, in front of the Pete V. Domenici Hall. Mariachi Aguilas was founded in Las Cruces in 2000 under the direction of Luis Esquivel, originally from San Antonio, Texas. Trumpet player Juan de la Cruz became the leader of the group in 2002 when Esquivel returned to San Antonio. Mariachi Aguilas has traveled all over New Mexico as well as parts of Texas and Arizona.

The students of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES) present the movie "Sicario," which is R-rated, at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in the Corbett Center auditorium. Directed by Denis Villeneuve, the movie features Benicio del Toro, Emily Blunt and Josh Brolin. Partially filmed in the Juárez/El Paso area, the movie

is about an FBI agent who is enlisted by a government task force to help with the growing war against drugs at the border area between the U.S. and Mexico. Refreshments will be served from 5-6 p.m. in the auditorium lobby. The film is not appropriate for children under 17.

The students of MAES will also sponsor a Latino dance party Friday, March 11, in the Corbett Center ballroom. This event is intended to give students of all cultural backgrounds the opportunity to experience a night of Latin music and dance. A DJ will play Latin dance music from 6 to 7 p.m., at which time free dance lessons will be provided. The dance party continues at 7 p.m. as Banda Bonet performs banda, cumbia, salsa and much more.

Every year, student leaders of Hispanic Council propose each Latino Week event with an accompanying budget to ASNMSU. Once the plan is approved, the student leaders are responsible for coordinating all the details of the events.

"Our biggest goal is to be a voice for the students," Alarcon said. "Planning the event is an arduous process, as we try to keep everybody in mind. We appreciate the gesture from ASNMSU, as it's good for students to organize and plan an event on our own."

These events are selected by college students and are appropriate for college-age students. The content of these events is generally geared toward adults and is not appropriate for children or teenagers.

For more information, contact Chicano Programs at 575-646-4206.



# Unlocking the mysterious draw of golf

I consider myself athletic. I enjoy hard work that makes me sweat. I have no problem hitting the ground or running around or making contact with other people. I like to jump and push and twist and reach. I love when my pulse and respiration go up and the lactic acid starts to burn. My favorite sport (and my livelihood for the past 35 years) is hunter seat equitation. Jumping with horses. English saddle, no saddle horn. It's deceptively difficult, dangerous, dirty and intense.

With the arrival of a beautiful southern New Mexico spring, I found myself searching for something to do outdoors that was not dusty. I have never golfed

before, but any sport so loved and revered the world over must have some kind of intangible draw. So I asked my 80-year-old father, an avid competitive golfer with a decent handicap, to teach me how to golf. Being an athlete, a teacher and a coach, he could not resist. (I'm sure it didn't hurt that the forecast for the day was sunny and in the 70s.)

Dad would supply the clubs, balls and tees, and suggested I dress comfortably and bring sunscreen. In my mind, this is how I'm imagining the day: I gaze out at the miles of rolling green grass, groomed like a priceless show dog, and hear the tinkling of Gatsby's latest party drifting out over the course. I set down my martini, gracefully place my ball upon the pristine white wooden tee, step back, confidentially grasp my club, take a quick practice swing off to the side, and then shoot that ball at least a thousand yards, where it drops within inches of the intended hole. My father will whistle softly between his teeth and say, "By jove, my dear! You're a natural. I'm so very proud of you. Bully!"



Susie Ouder Kirk

Here's what really happened.

We arrived at the NMSU golf course shooting range at about 1 p.m. on a Friday. A handful of folks were lined up hitting balls into a big field. The "whish" and "pop" of every swing and hit was a soothing accompaniment to the languid movements of the golfers, all framed by the Organ Mountains. With views like these, I was starting to understand at least one draw to the

game of golf.

Dad started out showing me the proper grip of the club. Like any new motor skill, it felt awkward and mechanical. Then I practiced swinging at nothing, learning how to twist my body, keeping my wrists straight, my eyes on the ball at all times and my navel pointing straight ahead.

With some simple tweaks, Dad encouraged me, adjusted my movement, told me what to say to myself, and defined the physics of my swing. What I found most difficult was controlling my downswing without being able to watch the club. Once I swung the club up and over my right shoulder, all the while staring at the ball in front of me, I lost the feeling of knowing where the head of the club was going to be in the next half second. When I followed through with the swing, the club usually didn't go where I had imagined the ball to be waiting.

Such a simple movement is made up of thousands of tiny synaptic firings, and I had no personal historical point of reference for the actual movement. I knew immediately that to become comfortable with the golf swing, I would have to do it thousands of times.

*'And here's the part that all golfers can relate to: each time I hit a ball, no matter where it ended up, I wanted to hit another one.'*



**ABOVE:** Susie Ouder Kirk played golf for the first time at the NMSU golf course driving range. She said, "Golf is 'earthier' than I expected."

**RIGHT:** Professor and athlete, Susie's dad, Carl, taught golf at the college level.

But then it was time to attempt to hit a real golf ball. My first swing was not as bad as I had anticipated: I actually hit the ball. It bounced out in front of me with a satisfying "thup" sound and rolled about 20 feet. The immediate emotion that filled my body was, "I can do better than that. Let me try it again!"

And so it went. Dad gently putted balls toward my tee, making small adjustments to my position. I set each ball up, took a practice swing, tried to coordinate the head of the club, which I could not see, with a path that would find the ball. I mostly hit the balls. Now and then I hit the grass instead, and a few times I missed the ball completely. But all in all, it was a study in the repetition of a certain movement.

Within 20 minutes, I started to feel fatigue in my hands and forearms, and I made contact with the ball less and less. And here's the part that all golfers can relate to: each time I hit a ball, no matter where it ended up, I wanted to hit



another one.

Two points of interest: 1) I have discovered that no matter how old I get, I still want my Dad to spend time with me and be proud of what I do; and 2) golf is "earthier" than I expected. My hands were sticky and coated with dust (it is early spring in New Mexico...). My pants got dirty, my shirt got dirty, even my ball cap got dirty. I sweated. I like that. Golf suddenly felt more like a real sport, and less like a casual weekend activity for tidy folks who don't ever perspire.

I promised my Dad I would go again, and he promised to teach me again.

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stored in reservoirs with water built up over several years. Roughly around 1999 is when I see this to have started in our area, where the storage of Elephant Butte starts to decline. It hit hard starting in the spring of 2011 and eased up in 2015. I consider an area in drought with

heavy reliance on a shortened irrigation season and reliance on ground water. Based on discussions with my various ag contacts, there are still fallow lands due to this.

"Hydrological drought is tied closely with agricultural drought in that we key on the health of our regional hydrologic cycle for answers. Snowpack has been

below average for several years and the result has been lack of spring runoff and subsequent water in our primary storage reservoirs, Elephant Butte and Caballo. We're also seeing the depth of the water fall in many of the wells in southern New Mexico. They are not all falling at the same rate or depth and (that) depends on the sources of water

and complex connections within the basins. Hydrological drought changes occur over long times, decades to centuries. Depending on the impacts of climate change over the next several decades, we may not see filling of reservoirs in our lifetime. I hope it doesn't pan out that way, but we need to prepare for the likelihood that it will happen."



# LEGAL NOTICES

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**Legal Notice**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 28, 2016, Salvador Nunez on behalf of the Salvador and Alejandrina Nunez Trust, PO Box 70, Mesilla, NM 88046 filed application numbered LRG-1605-POD12, OSE File No. LRG-1605-C, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1605 located at X = 1,468,599.1 Y = 464,355.3 ft. NMSF, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-1605-POD12 located at approximately X = 1,468,647 Y = 464,384 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 4.86 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the SE1/4 of projected Sec 26, T23S, R01E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-012-0222 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-1605-POD12 will be located in Mesilla, NM at approximately 144 feet west of the intersection of Valle Grande and Paisano Rd. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-1605 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the

State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 29, 2016, Triple A Farms, LLC, 4320 Pantera Cir., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-823-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right, LRG-823, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed supplemental well LRG-823-POD4 to a depth of 500 feet with a 20-inch casing at or near X=1,456,062 ft and Y=486,002 ft (NMSF, Central Zn NAD83), on land owned by applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-823 and LRG-823-S for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 119.18 acres of land owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4, SW¼ and SE¼ of proj. Sec. 4, T23S, R1E (NMPM). The site of proposed well LRG-823-POD4 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 2,300 feet north of the intersection of Shalem Colony Trl. and Coral Rd, 2/3-mile north of Picacho, NM. Emergency Authorization to Drill the well was requested per §72-12-24 NMSA.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the

24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on June 3, 2015, Jesus Espinoza, P.O. Box 220893, El Paso, TX 79913, filed application numbered LRG-15999-POD2, OSE file no. LRG-15999-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15999-POD1 (LRS13-0066) and drilling proposed replacement well LRG-15999-POD to a depth of 150 feet with a 4-inch casing at or near where Easting and Northing intersect at X=1,514,724 and Y=367,731 (feet, NMSF), on land owned by applicants for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic household use and related purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-013-0140A-B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-15999-POD2 will be located 1.5 mile north of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 4,600 feet north of the intersection of Washington St. and NM Hwy. 28, Anthony, NM. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Failed well LRG-15999 POD1 is to be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the

24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

**NOTICE OF AUCTION**

To: **Earl McGee (Storage Unit A 10-27)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$1,041.00  
6227 Cloud Dance, Las Cruces, NM 88012

**Rosa Macias (Storage Unit A 16-33)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$852.00  
1300 El Paseo G184, Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Celeste Yust (Storage Unit B-27)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$524.00  
6020 Payan Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88012

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit A 8-25)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$885.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit A 9-26)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$885.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit A 12-29)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$885.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit A 14-31)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$708.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit B-2)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$546.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit B-6)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$546.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit B-8)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$546.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit B-12)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$546.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit B-16)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$546.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit B-25)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$546.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit C 1-23)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$708.00

**Name/Address: Unknown (Storage Unit C 3-25)**  
Amount to satisfy lien: \$708.00

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage Unit will be sold at public Auction to satisfy our lien in the amount listed above and any accumulating fees. You may still come by and give full payment of balance owed by cash or certified mail and remove all of your items from our property before the auction date, but no later than 5 pm March 11, 2016.

Date of Auction: Saturday, March 12, 2016  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Place: Sunrise Mesa Storage 5245 Porter Drive Las Cruces, NM 88012

Dates: 03/04, 03/11, 2016

**Notice of Non-discriminatory Policy As To Students**

Mission Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Date: 03/04, 2016

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE**

**TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:**

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for the May 1, 2016 @ 01:00 pm, the event location is 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

**VIN # DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER**

**1B7HF13Z0XJ600815 1999 GREEN DODGE PK GILBERTO SAENZ**

**3N1BC1CP4BL473262 2011 GRAY NISSAN 4D JUVENAL DELAROSA**

**2GTEC19M7T1544688 1996 GREEN GMC PK ARNULFO PRIMERO**

**2B3HD56JXWH137294 1998 RED DODGE 4D ANDRE GOMEZ**

**2G4WS52J951112004 2005 GRAY BUICK 4D ESTEBAN HERNANDEZ**

**1FMPU16L2YLB97009 2000 WHITE FORD SUV JUAN SAENZ**

**1FMPU16L8YLC30398 2000 TAN FORD SUV PERFECTO ELIZALDE**

**1G1ZT52805F308149M 2005 WHITE CHEVROLET 4D NICOLE LUCERO**

**1MEFM50U9XA628334 1999 MAROON MERCURY 4D VERONICA HERNANADEZ**

**4N2DN11W3SD825826 1995 RED NISSAN VAN JAVIER CALDERA**

**1FTCR11A0KUA58475 1989 BROWN FORD 4D DENNIS ALSHOUSE**

**JH4DB1572PS003566 1993 BLACK ACURA 4D TITO AMATI**

**JNKCA31A11T007802 2001 GRAY INFINITI 4D JENNARAE CHAVEZ**

**JH4DB1572PS003566 1993 BLACK ACURA 4D TITO AMATI**

**JNKCA31A11T007802 2001 GRAY INFINITI 4D JENNARAE CHAVEZ**

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 03/04, 03/11, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01955

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**VICTOR ARREOLA, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICTOR ARREOLA (true name unknown); ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ, aka ELIZABETH M. ARREOLA, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ, aka ELIZABETH M. ARREOLA (true name unknown); NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 23, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2675 Golden Sun Drive, Chaparral, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lots 22 and 23, Block 12, of Desert Aire Estates, as shown on plat filed in the office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 2, 1960, recorded in Plat Book 1, page 48, Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2008 Palm Harbor double wide, VIN No. PH0519778AB.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 10, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$175,027.12 and the same bears interest at 7.490% per annum from January 16, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at

such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 (575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 03/18, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02142

**Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SCOTT LARABEE; MELISSA LARABEE; STATE NATIONAL BANK, nka COMPASS BANK; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 23, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5203 Apache Trail, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 33H, Block 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 6, 1966, in Book 9 Page 97 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2003 Palm Harbor VIN No. PH193487UX.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 25, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above



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described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$117,353.31 and the same bears interest at 6.375% per annum from July 7, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces,  
NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01423

**PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**GEORGE STEIN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY; 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 1201 Sonnet Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007-8980, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 67 - CORONADO RIDGE PHASE 2, 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 JANUARY 16, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 516-519 OF PLAT RECORDS

The sale is to begin at **12:15 pm on March 31, 2016**, on the front steps of the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION . PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION was awarded a Judgment on November 2, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 417,590.94, with interest at the rate of 4.25% per annum from September 8, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$9,967.84. 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 . PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,  
Special Master  
c/o Legal Process Network  
P.O. Box 51526  
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00620

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF11, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF11, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JEFFREY OSTIC aka Jeffrey W. Ostic, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY OSTIC aka Jeffrey W. Ostic, (true name unknown); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE, Defendants.**

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 30, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3855 Thurston Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 7A, LAS COLINAS SUBDIVISION PHASE ONE, REPLAT NO. FOUR, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 6, 1992, IN BOOK 17 PAGE(S) 130-132 OF PLAT RECORDS.

**THE FOREGOING SALE**

will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 19, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$102,903.31 and the same bears interest at 7.6250% per annum from July 21, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces,  
NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 2016

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

Case No.  
D-307-DM2015-0381

**Ana Maria Aguilar, Petitioner,**

vs.

**Elias Rivera Casas, Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**TO Elias Rivera Casas, RESPONDENT:**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is Divorce

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Ana Maria Aguilar  
P.O. Box 13711  
Las Cruces, NM 88013  
(575) 288-8106

**WITNESS** the Honorable Darren M. Kugler, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 21 day of January, 2016.

(Seal)

**NORMAN E. OSBORNE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT BY: Lisa Jenkins DEPUTY**

Dates: 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-02182  
Judge: ROSNER

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

vs.

**MARIA ORTIZ, JESUS ORTIZ, AND 2000 FORD MUSTANG, BLUE; VIN: 1FAFP4041YF145563; TEXAS LICENSE PLATE NO. W45CXG,**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondents Maria Ortiz and Jesus Ortiz:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2000 Ford Mustang, Blue; VIN: 1FAFP4041YF145563; New Mexico License Plate No. W45CXG.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES  
By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney

P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017  
Fax Attorney for Petitioner

**WITNESS** the Honorable Rosner, Mary, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 23RD day of February, 2016.

(Seal)

**Claude Bowman COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

By: /s/ Javier Cuevas DEPUTY

Dates: 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 2016

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2015-00959  
Judge Mary Rosner

**SUN CITY FINANCE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DORA ANDAVAZO, HADYN RODRIGUEZ, MATTHEW ESTRADA, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEWISEES OR LEGATEES OF STEVEN ANDAVAZO, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF,**

**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 14, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the Third Judicial District Court at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property is to be sold as a whole, or en masse, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as follows:

113 Gonzales Road, La Mesa, New Mexico, and is more particularly described as follows:

All that lot in Jose Manuel Sanchez Baca grant in precinct 15. Beginning on the southwest corner of the lot and being the southwest corner of Ester Martinez Lot thence West fifty-five (55) feet to the southwest corner of this lot bounded by Mrs. S. L. Votow; thence North on Hundred and thirty-five. Thence East fifty (50) feet to the Northeast corner and bounded said by Sixto

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES  
By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney

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Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney

Gonzales; Thence South one Hundred and sixty-two (162) feet bounded by lots belonging to Romulo Martinez and Ester Martinez lot, being part of the Romulo Martinez property.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy the Amended Default Judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2015, in favor of Sun City Finance Company, Inc., and against Defendants to foreclose a real estate lien under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment as follows:

With regard to the mortgage lien, instrument number 0728464, to Steven Andavazo, deceased, secured by 113 Gonzales Road, La Mesa, New Mexico, the total of \$10,435.65, with interest after November 4, 2015, at the rate permitted by the Bank Installment Act until paid, plus all costs of preserving the property, plus the costs of this sale including Special Master's fee, attorney's fees, and publication of this Notice.

Sale is being made to satisfy the Amended Default Judgment plus interest and costs, and will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, except that the Plaintiff may bid its judgment or any part thereof. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

**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.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a nine (9) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is Casey B. Fitch of Holt Mynatt Martinez P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

Stephen Swaim  
Special Master

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-02226  
Judge: Martin

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS**

**CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**MARGARET E. LARA, RICHARD LARA, TITLE CASH OF NM, AND 2005 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, B L A C K ; V I N : KMHDN46D45U017321; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 045RZK, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondents Margaret E. Lara and Richard Lara:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2005 Hyundai Elantra, Black; VIN: KMHDN46D45U017321; New Mexico License Plate No. 045 RZK.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES  
By: Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

**WITNESS** the Honorable James T. Marin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 23 day of February

(Seal)

**Claude Bowman COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
By: /s/ Maria Zamora DEPUTY

Dates: 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02195

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**EMMA D. LOZOYA, a married woman as her sole & separate property; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John**



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**Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1742 Santanova Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 8 IN BLOCK NUMBERED A OF THE SANCTUARY - PHASE 1, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID THE SANCTUARY - PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 11, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIOS 182-184.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 P M on March 17, 2016**, on the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA . WELLS FARGO BANK, NA** was awarded a Judgment on July 6, 2015, in the total amount of \$216,841.46 with interest at the rate of 4.5% per annum from April 14, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$9,036.05.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the

property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one -hundred twenty (120) days right of redemption, pursuant to 28 USC 2410 .

**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-2014-00813

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

vs.

**GUY WEIS, CASAS DE SOLEDAD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUY WEIS, IF ANY Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3901 SONOMA SPRINGS AVE, UNIT 1312, LAS CRUCES, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows: UNIT # 1312, CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION FOR CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS AND THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT RECORDED ON JANUARY 10, 2007 IN BOOK 778 IN PAGES 1283 THROUGH 1402 OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on March 31, 2016**, on the front steps of the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña

Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** was awarded a Judgment on November 2, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 117,985.21, with interest at the rate of 5.875% per annum from August 12, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$4,405.86. 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.**

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02189

**BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RENEE MARIE OLIVAS AKA RENEE MARIE SEGURA AND JOHN DOW OLIVAS, WIFE AND HUSBAND; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 200 Sierra Madre Dr. Mesquite, NM 88048, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT B, VALLE DE ORO SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE, REPLAT NO. 1 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 FEBRUARY 27, 1987, IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 336 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on March 17, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Los 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 **BANK OF THE WEST. BANK OF THE WEST** was awarded a Judgment on November 2, 2015, in the total amount of \$216,800.43, with interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from April 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$8,078.79.

**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. **BANK OF THE WEST**, 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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Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00317

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

vs.

**CHARLES T. KLING, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES T. KLING; BARBARA L. KLING AND JOHN DOE KLING, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with

the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2070 Carlyle Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8, BLOCK B, OF HIGHLAND MANOR SUBDIVISION - AMENDED PLAT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 14, 1962 S PLAT NO. 567, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on March 17, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District, 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 **Bank of America, N.A. . Bank of America, N.A.** was awarded a Judgment on October 26, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 184,889.25, with interest at the rate of 5.250 % per annum from September 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,265.54.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . **Bank of America, N.A.**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, 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-2015-00533

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

vs.

**MICHAEL G. FAIR AND CAROLENE S. FAIR, 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 2913 San Lorenzo, Las Cruces, NM 88006, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 374, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4509 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 22, PAGES 83-91, PLAT RECORDS. SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on March 31, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** was awarded a Judgment on September 29, 2015, in the total amount of \$148,534.95 with interest at the rate of 5.75% per annum from August 18, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,288.25.

**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.**

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02051

**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.

**JASON R. NICHOLS and MELANIE NICHOLS aka MELANIE ANN NICHOLS, husband and wife; USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS**



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## 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 4690 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 14 IN BLOCK K OF DOS SUENOS ESTATES, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 23, 2004 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21 AT PAGES 84-89, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on March 29, 2016**, at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on December 10, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 169,878.06, with interest at the rate of 5.575% per annum from October 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$4,817.09 .

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all respon-

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02109

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**FEDERICO TELLES, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FEDERICO TELLES, DECEASED; MARIA L. TELLEZ AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA L. TELLEZ; ESTANISLADA TELLES AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ESTANISLADA TELLES; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant Federico Telles, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Federico Telles, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, NA has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 2132 Laredo, Las Cruces, NM

88011. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 91, BLOCK 4, SAGECREST SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 1091, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 25, 1982, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 13, PAGES 114-116, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/Susan Carter  
Karen Weaver  
Susan Carter  
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 03/04, 03/11, 03/18,  
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**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2014-01841

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROBERT R. MACGREGOR AND JOHN DOE MCGREGOR, WIFE AND HUSBAND; NASA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property")

situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5320 Isabella Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88012-0694, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17, LAS COLINAS P.U.D. PHASE 8, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 20, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 19-20 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on March 31, 2016**, on the front steps of the, at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on December 7, 2015, in the total amount of \$124,348.58 with interest at the rate of 4.5% per annum from April 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,595.69 . If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney .

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, 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

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**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 .

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00901

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**HOLLY SHERIDAN AND JOHN DOE SHERIDAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2106 Pine Needle Way, Las Cruces, NM 88012-6033, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK 6, THE PINES, UNIT TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 1, 1995, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 303-304 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on March 31, 2016**, on the front steps of the main entrance of the Thi rd

Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, NA . WELLS FARGO BANK, NA was awarded a Judgment on November 13, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 119,043.95, with interest at the rate of 5.250% per annum from September 29, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$3,150.59.

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

No.: D-307-CV-2016-00001

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A**

**CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DOÑALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGATEES OF DOÑALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED; FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGATEES OF FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Doñald R. Hirsch, Deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Deveisees and Legatees of Doñald R. Hirsch, Deceased, Frances M. Hirsch, Deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Deveisees and Legatees of Frances M. Hirsch, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 415 McClure Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 16, LINDA VISTA SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 335 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1947, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 6, PAGE 53, PLAT RECORDS.

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

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By:/s/ Jason Hoggard  
Karen Weaver  
Jason Hoggard

6501 Eagle Rock NE,  
Suite A-3  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87113  
Telephone No.:  
(505) 219-4900  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 03/04, 03/11, 03/18,  
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**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02106

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PEDRO ROBLES AKA PEDRO S. ROBLES, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PEDRO ROBLES AKA PEDRO S. ROBLES, JR.; BERNADETTE CANO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BERNADETTE CANO; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant Pedro Robles aka Pedro S. Robles, Jr.:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff WELLS FARGO BANK, NA has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 9577 Corona, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE EAST OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE NE1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE USGLO SURVEYS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

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THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING THE SOUTH



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By:/s/Susan Carter  
Karen Weaver  
Susan Carter  
6501 Eagle Rock NE,  
Suite A-3  
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Telephone No.:  
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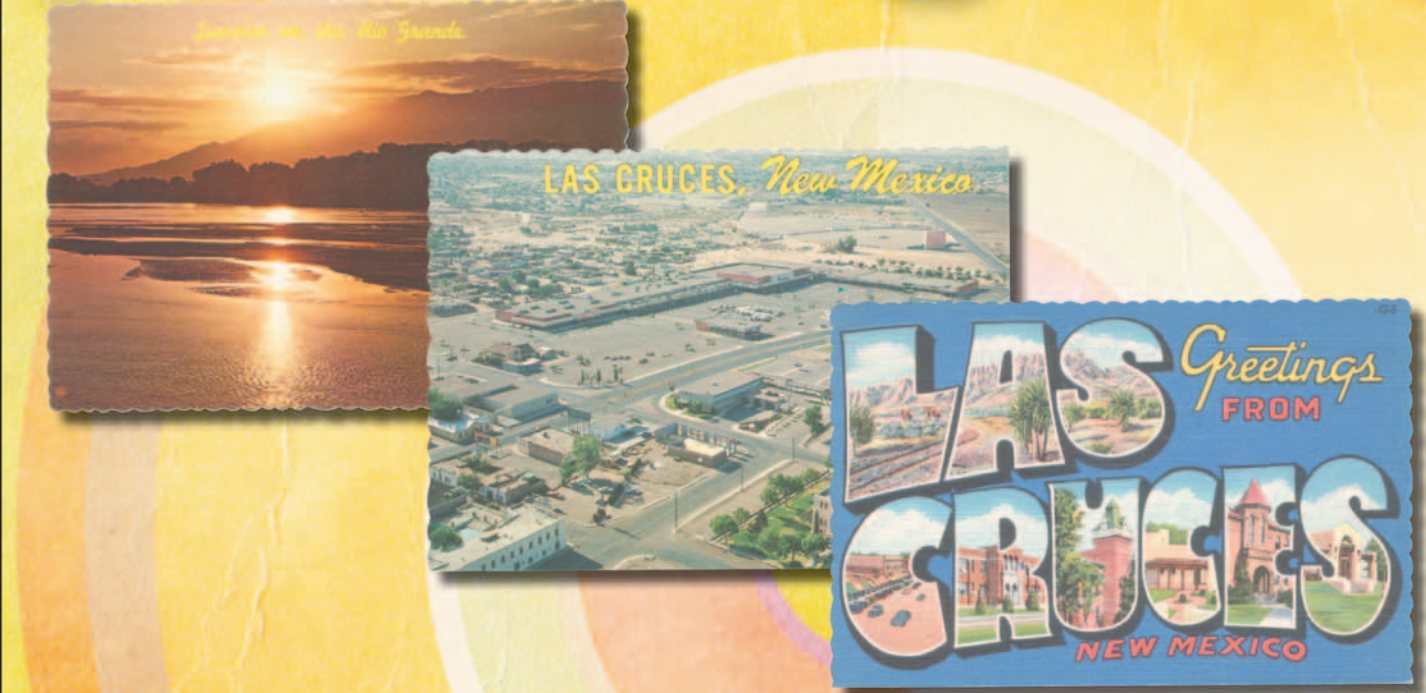
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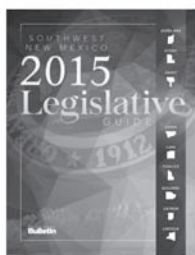
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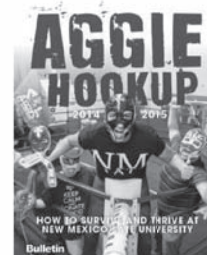
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## Volunteering is good for mental, physical well being

By Penney McClarin

Working at Good Samaritan – Las Cruces Village gives me the wonderful opportunity to meet some very extraordinary people who are extremely interesting and very generous with their wisdom and talent. I marvel daily on the vast amount of energy and passion they extend as volunteers. While their volunteering makes such a positive impact in the community and the many lives they touch, they seem to take it all in stride, never giving a second thought to the amazing difference they are making. On the Las Cruces Village campus alone one can clearly see the important contributions these volunteers make.

The Las Cruces Village Library, completely staffed with volunteers, has quite an extensive list of books, magazines, and movies. This well-run library is an outstanding example of what can be accom-

plished with a very passionate and dedicated volunteer staff. Additionally, our Las Cruces Village gift store is also another shining example of what is accomplished with the help of many volunteers. There also is a group of volunteers who help raise awareness of the needs of Camp Hope and make weekly trips to deliver donations which they collect from our generous residents. These are just a few examples of many which exist at the Las Cruces Village.

Putting the praises aside, what I am sure most of these generous and giving volunteers do not realize is that their selfless acts of volunteerism can actually add to their physical and emotional wellbeing. According to Stephanie Watson, executive editor of Harvard Women's Health Watch, volunteering attributes positively to ones' mental health. Not only does the act of volunteering give one the satisfac-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Pictured are the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village store volunteers.

tion of helping others, building the personal relationships which come along with volunteering helps to avert loneliness as well as depression. Additionally, there is rising evidence that one's physical health can be affected positive-

ly as well. A study done at the Carnegie Mellon University shows a correlation in lowered blood pressure as well as a longer lifespan as some of the positive results achieved in adults over 50 who were actively involved in volunteering activities.

So if you were on the fence about donating your time and talents, not only would your services be highly welcomed by those needing the extra help, it now appears you would also be gaining many health benefits as well. Happy volunteering!

## SeniorScene

### Genealogy course offered

In the DACC Community Education course, Genealogy Course 1: What is Genealogy? How do I use the internet for genealogy? learn how to trace your family history. If you are new to genealogy and/or the internet, the instructor will patiently lead you through the internet one-on-one.

Those who prefer a faster pace are able to do so, as this course is self-paced. The online course will be held March 7 through April 6 or April 7 through May 7. The cost is \$49. For more information or to sign up, email [commed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@dacc.nmsu.edu) or call 527-7527.

### Home and Garden Show

Show starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6. Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call 526-

6126 or [events@lchba.com](mailto:events@lchba.com).

### ALR spring programs

Programs meet from 10:30 to noon (coffee from 10 to 10:30 a.m.) Tuesday, March 8: "Study and Recommendations for New Mexico State Issues" coordinated by Dr. James Peach, regents professor, Dept. of Economics, NMSU. "Overview of New Mexico 2050" by Fred Harris, former U.S. Senator, State of Oklahoma and Professor Emeritus, Political Science, UNM. Friday, March 11: "New Mexico Economy" by Dr. James Peach.

Fee: \$4 per day – members; \$5 per day – non-members.

ALR is a program of educational opportunities for seniors, consisting of four lectures every month covering a range of topics at the Good Samaritan Stucky Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For information, visit [www.dacc.nmsu.edu/alr/](http://www.dacc.nmsu.edu/alr/)

or find us on Facebook at Academy for Learning in Retirement Las Cruces.

### NARFE Chapter 182

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Chapter 182 meets at 8:30 a.m. in the Esparanza rm at Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive, on Saturday, March 12. Two-part meeting about City of Las Cruces Senior Programs with James Mitchell, Human Services Case Manager for Senior Programs. There's a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45 a.m.; reservations by March 8 by calling Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Smith at 522-3033.

### AARP to discuss wills

The next AARP meeting takes place at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 16 at Se-

nior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Our speaker will be John Darden talking on the importance of wills. Please bring a dry food to share with those in our community in need. For information, call Dave at 317-385-8874.

### Free tax preparation

AARP/CAA is offering free tax preparation services through Friday, April 15. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays. Evening hours will be 6 -7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday starting in mid-February. Tax preparation will be conducted at 3880 Foothills Rd. The tax service is available to everybody regardless of age. We do simple personal returns such as wages, pensions, interest etc.; we do not do complicated business taxes. We do file electronically and do prior-year taxes. For more information, call 527-8799.



# Pets and People



## Do-It-Yourself dog wash at Better Life Pet Foods

By Susie Ouderkirk  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Spring cleaning isn't just for the house. With the warm weather but not much grass in Las Cruces yards, now's the perfect time to give your dusty dog a good bath and grooming. Avoid the stress of dropping your dog off to strangers at a busy, noisy store or salon, and enjoy the bathing process with your pet.

Better Life Pet Foods, 315 S. Telshor Blvd. in front of Home Depot, offers a "Do-It-Yourself" dog wash, which allows owners to stay with their pet and do the bathing themselves, eliminating the stress of going to a stranger in a strange place.

There are two rooms in the back of the store with large bathing tubs elevated about three feet and accessed by sturdy wooden steps. It looks a little like a hot tub for dogs. There are hooks for tying the dog safely in the tub, allowing for easy access with the faucet and hose. Tubs have access to a handy

### DIY DOG WASH

**WHERE:** Better Life Pet Foods, 315 S. Telshor Blvd.

**COST:** 30-minute wash session, \$15, larger dogs (more than 100 lbs), \$20; additional extras such as conditioners can be purchased at \$1.50.

**FYI:** Call 556-9117 or 522-0115.

spray nozzle, a blow dryer, shampoo, towels, and (most important of all) raincoats.

DIY Dog Wash is open at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and closes about 30 minutes before the store closes at 7 p.m. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments are not necessary, but it's a good idea to call ahead to make sure there isn't a line.

A regular, 30-minute wash session, which includes extras like ear cleaner, is \$15. Larger dogs over 100 lbs. are \$20. Additional add-ons such as conditioners can be purchased at \$1.50. For information, call 556-9117 or 522-0115.



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Better Life Pet Food Assistant Manager Cassidy Lee bathes Koda, a Great Dane/German Shepherd mix rescue owned by Allison Jenkins, in one of the store's do-it-yourself bathing rooms.

## PET BRIEFS

### Doggie Pawloozza at Rio Grande Prep Institute

Join the Rio Grande Preparatory Institute from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at 2355 Avenida de Mesilla for a dog wash and some fun through the agility course. There will be contests such as Best Outfit, Best Dog-Owner Look-Alike, Best Dog-Owner Dance, Best Trick, and many more. Free obedience training tips will be shared by a local trainer. Fee: \$10 donation per pooch. For comments, questions, or concerns, email to [cgo-mez@lcps.net](mailto:cgo-mez@lcps.net) or call 323-497-0023.

### Yappy Hour returns

The original Yappy Hour for dogs and their people returns from its winter hiatus 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 16 at St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla, on the outside lawn and patio. Attendees are invited to dress up their pooches for a St. Patrick's Day costume contest. Free goodie bags for dogs; wine, beer and food available for people from the menu; outdoor bar service available. Door prizes, music and more with emcee Wayne Sinclair. A \$5 donation at the door benefits the Doña Ana County Humane Society and Spay/Neuter Action Program. For information, call 642-2648.

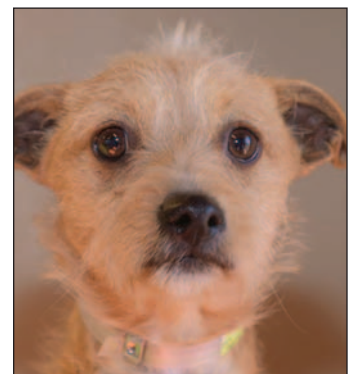
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# NMSU research team studies 'mindfulness'

## Abstract idea counters stress, life challenges

By **Adriana M. Chavez**

Several years ago, New Mexico State University Professor Eve Adams began feeling stressed and in need of something to improve her well-being.

"I was pretty much burnt out and feeling like I needed something to help replenish me," Adams said.

She used her sabbatical leave to attend workshops on mindfulness, and a new idea for research on the subject was born.

"I felt like it made a huge difference in my life and it continues to help," Adams said. "I think it helps me be more creative in decision making, so it's not just about stress reduction, it's actually more about being able to really see the big picture even when we get constrained by difficult circumstances."

Mindfulness is an approach many doctors, mental health professionals and researchers are focusing on to help people reduce stress and anxiety. Adams said mindfulness is the ability to "be present and notice just what's happening in the present moment, and doing it in as non-judgmental a way as possible."

Adams used her experiences to develop a mindfulness course and create a mindfulness research team based out of the Counseling & Educational Psychology Department at New Mexico State Univer-

sity's College of Education. The team consists of faculty members Adams and Tracie Hitter, and students Jeremy Rutherford, Ben Neeley, Liz Black, Gabriela Ramirez and Wiley Stem.

Mindfulness is a topic that many universities across the country are studying, but the NMSU mindfulness research team has focused on how mindfulness affects the Latino population as well as socially oppressed groups and those in the "helping" professions such as counselors.

"A lot of these measures and research has mainly been done on white populations, but because we have a large Latino population here at New Mexico State, we're looking to see if some of those measures are as accurate in measuring those constructs with a Latino population," Adams said. "One construct in particular that we're looking at is anger rumination. When people are discriminated against they ruminate about their injustice, and we're looking at if mindfulness helps reduce the effects of that and people can still have a high satisfaction with life even as they're dealing with issues of discrimination."

Adams described a research study she conducted with Neeley: In their sample of Latino students at NMSU, they found that the more people ruminate the less satisfied they are with their life. This relationship between rumination and life satisfaction is even stronger with people who are lower in self-compassion. However, when

people have more self-compassion, the relationship between rumination and life satisfaction is minimized.

Virginia Longoria, an assistant professor in the Counseling & Educational Psychology Department and graduate of the doctoral Counseling Psychology program, collaborated with Adams on Longoria's dissertation research on mindfulness-based therapies used with diverse groups of people. Longoria said the research explored the usefulness of these therapies with groups of minorities and people who are constrained by daily oppressive realities.

"We got a lot of very rich data that really highlighted the potential for these practices to have a very big impact on people's lives not only in stress reduction and self-care, but also bringing mindfulness to the experience of oppression and how to learn to deal with the anger that comes with living with injustice in your life," Longoria said.

In the qualitative study, teachers of mindfulness spoke of how it creates a path to freedom that doesn't depend on how others view or treat you.

NMSU students have an opportunity to learn more about mindfulness by taking an undergraduate course: Introduction to Mindfulness. A graduate course on mindfulness is also offered. Adams and Hitter are collecting data on how the class affects students' well-being on a number of measures, and Adams also offers a weekly

mindfulness workshop to faculty, staff and students. And NMSU students can take advantage of mindfulness therapy groups offered by the NMSU Counseling Center.

Jeremy Rutherford, a third-year doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology program, has taught the undergraduate mindfulness course for two semesters. He said he was introduced to mindfulness by a professor in a master's program who emphasized mindfulness and self-compassion as a tool for self-care and to work with clients.

"Mostly I found it beneficial in my own life in working with stress, thoughts, emotions and relationships in a new way," Rutherford said. "It seems to me that most students find some benefit in learning the science and practice of mindfulness, given that we do so many different kinds of mindfulness exercises such as sitting, yoga, qi gong, walking, etc. There always seem to be a handful, if not more, of the students that really take to the idea and practice of mindfulness and find it to be helpful in their lives."

In his two semesters teaching the mindfulness course, Rutherford said he's noticed a change in students from the beginning of the semester to the end.

"One thing that I have noticed as a change in students from the beginning to the end of the semester is their increased ability to adopt a nonjudgmental stance towards their internal experience," Rutherford said.

## Healthy Happenings



### Hands-Only CPR Training at MMC

Learn the newly accepted hands-only technique in this 30-minute class. Classes will run from 10 – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12 in the Memorial Medical Center West Annex Conference Room, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The next class is Saturday, April 9. Classes are limited to 30 participants. For information, call 524-2167.

### Diabetes Outreach class

Reservations are being accepted for diabetes classes at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. from 9 a.m. – noon on Tuesday, March 8. Class size is limited to 12 and support persons are invited and encouraged. One-time \$10.00 registration fee for these intense classes. Scholarships are available.

Classes are taught in English and Spanish by T. J. Jasso, RN, BS. Get information or email reservations to [snmdo@snmdo.com](mailto:snmdo@snmdo.com) or call 522-0289.

### Parks and Recreation Zumba

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will add a Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. The new class takes place every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. Zumba combines traditional Latin dance styles, including salsa, mambo, cha-cha, cumbia and merengue, as well as hip-hop, belly dancing moves and may include traditional group fitness moves, such as pushups, bicep curls, crunches and low aerobic combinations. For more information, contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

### Zumba at Mountain View

Zumba takes the "work" out of workout. A mix of Latin and World rhythms mixed with low and high intensity moves provides an enjoyable total workout to energize your body and give you a serious helping of awesome! Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m., at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Call for more information: 522-0503.

### Free dance lessons

Learn to dance the best ballroom, Latin, swing and nightclub dances at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, 3600 Arrowhead Drive. No partner or dance experience necessary. All levels

and ages welcome. Bring friends and/or family. Lessons are taught by DanceSport Company members and act as a practicum for professional development. These classes foster a thriving dance community and offer dance as a healthy lifestyle alternative. For information, call 646-5704 or [dancesport@nmsu.edu](mailto:dancesport@nmsu.edu).

### Tai Chi class at Parks and Rec

The Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are currently held Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and are open to adults. Cost: \$30/4-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 541-2455.



# What's the hubbub about haboobs?

Funny name prompts a campaign for a serious cause

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Haboob. It's fun to say and funny to hear. But a haboob is a deadly serious event, especially around southern New Mexico in the spring. Wikipedia identifies a haboob (from the Arabic, meaning "blasting/drafting") as "a type of intense dust storm carried on an atmospheric gravity current ... which occurs regularly in arid regions throughout the world." Including here, which is why the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) sponsored the Dust Storm Stakeholders meeting on Feb. 24 at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

The focus of the conference was to "start developing research and awareness around dust storms, and what we can do to help notify the traveling public about what to do in a dust storm. This is an important issue that we need to address," said Matt Kennicott, director of communications with the NMDOT.

"In 2014 there was a major incident during a dust storm in the Lordsburg area that caused the deaths of seven individuals," Kennicott wrote in an email. The work accomplished at the meeting will help to "prevent those types of highway deaths in the future," he added. The takeaway message from the meeting is simple: Pull aside, stay alive.

According to a brochure distributed by the University of Arizona, the Superfund Research Program and the Dean Carter Binational Center for Environmental Health Sciences: "One of the major problems with dust is reduced visibility. Large amounts of dust can block/reflect light and bring visibility to zero, creating a dangerous situation for ground and air transport." In drylands such as New Mexico and Arizona, a haboob can occur when "the air contained in the towering clouds of a thunderstorm



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An intense dust storm common in arid climates is called a haboob. This one, near Phoenix, Arizona, illustrates the size and power a dust storm can have.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR DUST STORMS

Basic safety techniques for driving in dust storms are few and simple:

- Pull over to the side of the road;
- Turn your car lights off;
- Keep your seatbelt on and wait for the storm to pass.
- Never drive into poor visibility, even if other traffic continues to do so. Turning car lights off will prevent motorists behind you from thinking that you are in motion.

cools and is pushed down quickly to the surface. If this sudden down draft is over a dust source, the winds pick up the soil, creating what looks like a wall of dust that is pushed away from the storm." This dust wall can be a mile high, many miles wide and can travel many miles, wrote brochure authors Matthew King and Denise Moreno Ramirez.

NMDOT sponsored the meeting, which was made up of Department of Transportation staff from New Mexico and Arizona, state police, representatives from the National Weather service and the New Mexico Trucking Association and meteorologists and climatologists from around the area. Topics discussed included a breakdown of a dust storm by Dr. David Dubois, NMSU and state climatologist; how warnings are issued to the public; how police and emergency crews respond to dust-induced crashes, how to improve dust

storm prediction, how to mitigate dust and a project to engage the public in dust storm safety. "We're basing our program on what the Arizona Department of Transportation put together. They won awards!" Kennicott said.

Kelley Lindsey, in an article for the Arizona Department of Transportation (AZDOT), writes: "Haboobs usually begin suddenly, and a wall of sand descends upon the landscape. They occur with little or no warning, and can reduce visibility to near-zero in mere seconds."

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Keynote speaker Tim Tait, communications and community service director for the Arizona Department of Transportation, reads a haiku written about haboobs at the Dust Storm Stakeholder meeting at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum on Feb. 24.

Keynote speaker Tim Tait, director of communications and community services for the AZDOT spoke about the "Pull aside, stay alive," program, which statistics indicate has reduced motor vehicle deaths due to dust storms in Arizona over the past two years.

Tait said the objective of the program is to promote public interest in haboob safety and educate drivers about how to avoid dangerous situations while driving. One of the more successful campaigns reaching out to the public was a 'writing challenge' contest calling for haiku poetry about haboobs. A haiku is a short Japanese poem that consists of

three lines—the first with five syllables, the second with seven and the last with five.

"We received 1800 haikus," Tait said, which was far more than the AZDOT anticipated. If every haiku author passed the safe driving message on to just one other person, than more than 3500 Arizona drivers were made aware of the idea of pulling aside to stay alive.

Last year's writing challenge winning haiku was: Dust blows, swirls and grows/Roadways become danger zones/Pull over, lights off. — @ Lisa4LFA.

For information about the meeting or dust storm safety, call 505-827-5526.