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## County eyes GRT increase

By **Todd G. Dickson**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana County commissioners will wait until the end of the current 60-day legislative session before deciding whether to increase gross receipts taxes (GRT). They want to wait until the session is over in case bills are passed to resolve the loss of money from the state.

The state will be phasing out payments to city and county governments meant to make up for the loss of revenue when food and medicine were exempted from GRT, which acts as a sales tax. As part of a budget deal last year, the Legislature passed a bill to phase out the payments to larger cities and governments by 2030. The law gives them the option of raising GRT up to three-eighths of a percent.

The City of Las Cruces increased its GRT last year by the full three-eighths of a percent and now Doña Ana County is considering taking the same action. On Tuesday, Feb. 10, the County Commission was

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## FIGHTING DOUBT

Professional boxer Austin "No Doubt" Trout visits with students about future career opportunities if they stay in school at the Mesilla in Mesilla Park Wednesday, Feb. 11. Trout was accompanied by Anthony Martinez, manager of the Walmart at 1550 S. Valley Drive, which has partnered with the school for various projects and activities. The students are enrolled in LEAP – Leading Edge Acceleration Program – and are in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

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## Recall petitions turned in against 3 councillors

*Bulletin Staff Report*

Petitions calling for the recall of three Las Cruces city councillors were filed with the City Clerk's Office Friday, Feb. 6.

The recall petitions were for District 3 Councillor Olga Pedroza, District 4 Councillor Nathan Small and District 5 Councillor Gill Sorg.

Pedroza, Small and Sorg were made the target of a recall effort after they voted against approving a minimum wage increase

ordinance submitted by Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé). The three councillors were openly supportive of CAFé's efforts to have the ordinance voted on by residents to increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour.

To succeed in forcing a recall election, the petitions must have at least 949 valid signatures for District 3, 839 valid signatures for District 4 and 1,091 signature for District 5.

Opponents of the recall

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## 'Mesilla Comes Alive' book breathes life into history

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Rio Grande, the artery of the Mesilla Valley, seems immutable in its path – a carved, muddy trail of congealed puddles in winter and, in summer, the dark farmblood sweeping past along a regular course.

However, a map in "Mesilla Comes Alive: A History of Mesilla and its Valley" shows how much the river's path has changed through its known history, sweeping back and forth

across the valley, stitching switchback oxbows through the soft alluvial soil before floods during the years of 1884-85 settled it into the course it keeps today.

The Rio Grande's wild ramblings are a sliver of the information "Mesilla Comes Alive" explores. Written by C.W. "Buddy" Ritter with award-winning author Craig Holden, the book explores the history of the Mesilla Valley from the time of European contact up through statehood,

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### NEXT WEEK

#### Arts district for Downtown?

Las Cruces City Council to look at forming an arts and culture district at its next meeting.



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## Proclamation welcomes Spanish Market to Doña Ana County

The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners officially welcomed the 2015 Spanish Market to Doña Ana County with the following proclamation, enacted on Feb. 10:

WHEREAS, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is honored to recognize significant events that celebrate the multicultural heritage of this region, and

WHEREAS, the Spanish Colonial Arts Society has announced that the first annual Las Cruces Spanish Market will take place at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces on Feb. 21-22, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Spanish Colonial Arts Society was founded in 1925 with the mission of preserving, promoting, and educating the public regarding the historic and contemporary Spanish Colonial

Arts traditions of New Mexico, and

WHEREAS, Spanish Colonial art is a living New Mexico tradition which can be traced directly back over 400 years, and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 Spanish Colonial artists from around New Mexico will bring their tinwork, colchas, retablos, straw-work, weaving, jewelry, filigree, pottery, ironwork, and carving to this groundbreaking event, and

WHEREAS, the Spanish Market will open with a ribbon cutting attended by New Mexico Secretary for Tourism, Rebecca Latham, and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Spanish Market is being sponsored and supported by a number of local businesses and organizations, and

WHEREAS, it is the distinct pleasure and privi-

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 21, 2015, to be Spanish Market Day in Doña Ana County, and the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners does hereby welcome all the artists and dignitaries who are participating in the Spanish Market and thanks the Spanish Colonial Arts Society for bringing this event to Las Cruces for the enjoyment and education of our residents and visitors.

### Presidents' Day closes offices on February 16

Most Dona Ana County offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, 2015, to allow employees to observe the Presidents' Day holiday. Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

In addition to the county's administrative offices, the closure will affect community centers operated by Doña Ana County.

The closure will not affect the Doña Ana County Detention Center, although there will be no visitation hours scheduled.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department – in conjunction with other law-enforcement agencies – will be in full-force throughout the holiday weekend, with saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints possible.

Doña Ana County officials wish all residents and visitors a safe and happy holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

### BRUSH BEAST!



The Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department has taken delivery of a new brush-fire unit for the Organ Volunteer Fire District. The 2015 Ford F-550 sports a 400-gallon water tank and was purchased for \$150,543. It will serve the East Mesa and surrounding areas.

PHOTO: Eric Crespin

### Clerk's Office launches survey to improve elections process

The Doña Ana County Clerk's Office has launched an online survey designed to seek suggestions about how to make voter participation easier throughout Doña Ana County.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Scott A. Krahling said the

survey could have statewide implications if suggestions come forth that other counties want to implement in future election cycles.

Deadline for submissions is Feb. 27. To participate in the survey, go to [www.dacelections.com](http://www.dacelections.com).

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# Lent looms, so we'll see ashes, a jump in fish sales



**Brook Stockberger**  
*On the field*

Have you noticed this time of year when certain people walk around with ashes on their foreheads and fish sales skyrocket and some folks talk about "giving up" something they like?

Welcome to Lent.

One of the most important seasons on the Christian calendar, Lent is the period of time that leads up to Easter.

Forty days, not counting Sundays, before Easter is Ash Wednesday, which is

Feb. 18 this year.

Easter is April 5 this year.

A lot of Christians – not just Roman Catholics – each year have the sign of the cross drawn in ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

The ashes are humbling reminder of our mortality.

Some people give up, or sacrifice, something they like for the duration of Lent. Some people do not eat meat on Fridays and turn to fish – have you seen the parking lot at a seafood restaurant on a Friday in Lent? – or even give up red meat for the entire season.

Not all Christians celebrate Lent, but many

do around the world. I'm a Lutheran and have a master's of religion degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminar in Gettysburg, Pa. Lent is been a big part of my life each spring.

Many people give up something they like as a small sacrifice in

recognition of the sacrifice of Jesus we will recognize on Good Friday. Others take the time to try to dedicate themselves to a project that helps others. It is a good time as any to rededicate your life to one of service.

The past several years I have tried to abstain

from fast food during Lent, but have failed miserably. So I am not sure I will go the giving-something-up route this year.


Instead I'm going to try and devote more time to family prayer and personal meditation and, heck, why not, helping others. I try to do those

things anyway, but I often fall short. I pray constantly throughout my days – everything from a quick hello or appeal for help to a longer chat in the evenings. But I want to say more prayers with my family, so I'll put my energy there.

## Classical Music

### February 16, 18, 23 & 25

*Presented by*  
**Dr. James E. Shearer,**  
*Regents Professor of Music, NMSU*



#### Formal Structure in Classical Music (and Why You Shouldn't fear it!)

Music is another language, though unlike any other language known to man, you do not have to be fluent in the language to enjoy the conversation. But, the more you know about how the music is structured, the deeper your enjoyment of the listening experience can be. The focus of these talks will be the instrumental music of the Classical period (roughly 1750-1825) and will feature the works of Hayden, Mozart, and Beethoven. Individual movements of the sonata cycle will be explored in depth, including the sonata form, rondo, minuet and trio, scherzo and trio, theme and variations, and the sonata-rondo form. These structures are the basic building blocks for most symphonies, concertos, string quartets, sonatas, and various other chamber music groupings used in the world of classical music from around 1750 right through today.


**Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays, February 16 & 18**

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

### Let's try something different

The last five years, here's a quote I've heard a lot, from politicians of every party and stripe: "Wasn't it Einstein who said, 'The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results?'"

Apparently it wasn't Einstein, but that's another story.

New Mexico remains at or near the bottom of many important national rankings. We're getting the same results because, for the most part, we're doing the same thing over and over.

So why not try something different?

What have we got to lose? Perhaps falling behind Mississippi on one of those rankings? On the flip side, we've got a lot to gain.

No one loves the Land of Enchantment more than I do, but I'll concede we have room for improvement. So why don't we try?

Why don't we try Right to Work?

This is legislation that prohibits agreements that require workers to join a union and pay dues as a condition of employment.

In the past year or so, I've talked with a lot of people, including state legislators, read a lot of differing viewpoints, but the one that may have stuck with me the most is that of Bulletin columnist and New Mexico State University economist Chris Erickson.

Erickson said, in part, "It just isn't that important." Erickson, as a Libertarian, is against Right to Work. He says it has little impact on economic development. I'm not convinced of his view, especially for New Mexico.

I do question its importance, though, for a different reason.

Less than 3 percent of New Mexicans are in unions. Of those, about 90 percent are in public employee unions, e.g. police, firefighters and teachers.

Maybe it's possible to exclude public employees from the Right to Work law, then it affects almost no one in New Mexico. Why not try that?

As we are a historically Democratic state, with a lot of blue-collar work, it would seem we would be rife with unions. It's not the case.

Right to Work supporters believe businesses looking to move and expand pay a great deal of attention to a state's union laws. Here in the Southwest, New Mexico is an island.

Texas, Oklahoma, Utah and Arizona have Right to Work. Colorado has a hybridized version called the Labor Peace Act.

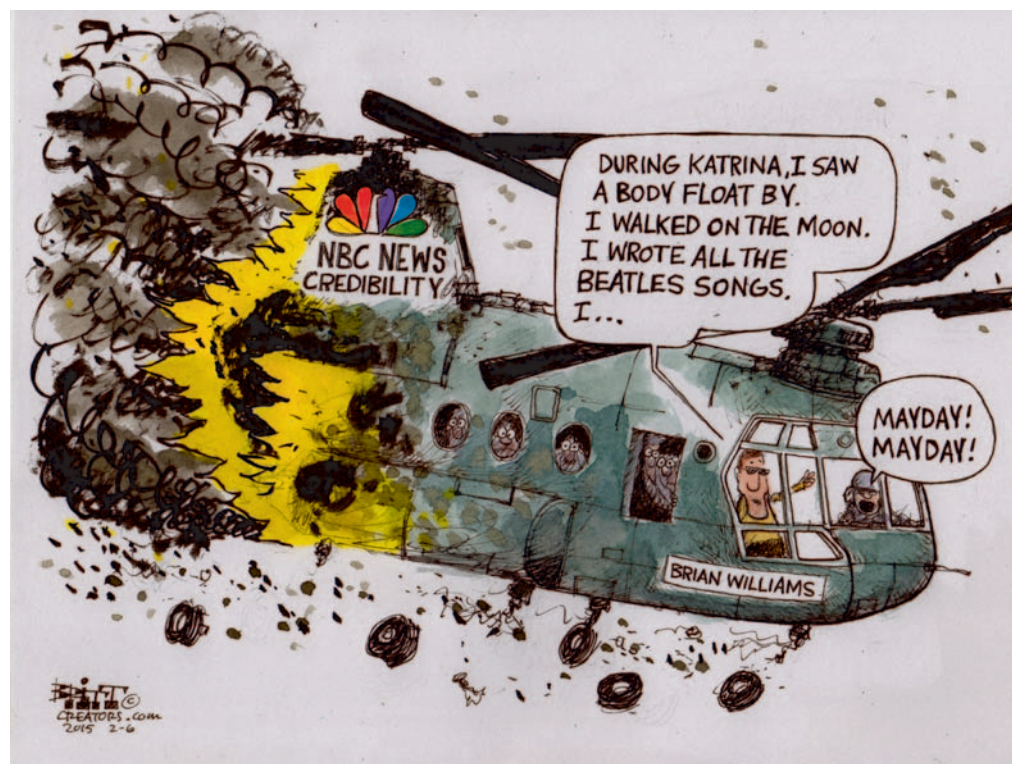
Companies that want to head west, or start up here, likely will look at that and consider everyone but us.

Right to Work detractors believe the law suppresses wages, but New Mexico's wages are already among the nation's lowest. Even a company with suppressed wages likely offers a better-paying jobs than many New Mexicans have. Why not create opportunity?

Maybe supporters in the state Legislature could compromise with detractors, most of whom want a statewide minimum wage increase.

If people are fearing the law, why not put a sunset in? Put the law in place for five years. If it draws new companies, protect them for 100 years with Right to Work. Five years in, the Legislature can evaluate if it's worth continuing.

We need jobs. We need economic help. Let's give it a try.



### Letter to the editor Amador adored

The wonderful coverage recently of the historic Amador Hotel has certainly raised the interest and awareness of the public and the board of directors is most grateful for this.

We would like to clarify the \$11 million dollar cost mentioned to restore and preserve the Amador Hotel. That was the original estimate given by Kells and Craig, the architectural firm which was hired to prepare the adaptive reuse plan for the building in 2009.

At that time, this estimate included all interior work, the demolition of the non-historic addition to the building, plus the removal of the outside façade,

and the addition of a bar and restaurant.

Since that time, the Amador Hotel Foundation has agreed not to remove the east portion of the building, but rather to utilize this area as a rental funding stream. The bar and restaurant will be done in phases down the road.

We would not want the public to be alarmed by the cost, nor do those working with the building want to be discouraged at a somewhat daunting figure. The Amador Foundation is proceeding as donations and grants become available, and we are robust in our energy and commitment to saving this iconic adobe landmark.

*Heather Pollard*  
Amador Hotel Foundation president

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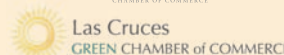
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# Embrace the pain today for gains tomorrow

**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion



*Almost all good businesses engage in "pain today, gain tomorrow" activities.*  
Charlie Munger

Years ago when I was young, the value of nickels and dimes was obvious – when you saved enough you could buy something you wanted. The supposed pain of not instantly having what you desired was transformed to the gain of getting what you wanted by your own actions. It was delayed gratification.

Most of us were good at that. When most of us ran out of money we stayed home. In 1968, I had the choice of going to college or having a car. I couldn't do both. Not that it was great being at college without the luxury of a car. It was and is only a luxury at college.

Everything at college was in walking distance if you had the time and inclination. Not having a car meant I

had no car expenses. What I knew then was that I could live a much smaller life.

There were no student loans available to me in 1968 at New Mexico State University. I saved my money for tuition the year before going to college. Most of us worked part time to ensure we had what we wanted. And we took a full-time load. So it was four year degree.

Know this: I liked college. This was a four-year workshop in some pain for a large gain. When I left college with a degree, it was debt-free.

I did finally get a car my last year in college. Grandfather Swickard passed away and left me his car. Pure luxury.

Fast forward to today. The media and parenting styles over the last 40 years have modified the notion of waiting for or saving for something. The mantra now is, "If you want it now, then you deserve it now."

Today, when people want something, many will make huge financial mistakes to have what they desire immediately. This is a small gain followed by lots of pain. The old saying is: laugh when you borrow and you will cry when you must pay back.

That is the lot for many of today's college students.

There are some students whose parents pay their whole way. Others max out on student loans. With that much money, these students do not feel the urgency to work while in college. Then many jump into the job market with nothing but a desire for a first job.

One of my part-time jobs was running video cameras when Albuquerque stations broadcast sports from the Pan American Center. Since they already knew me, KOB-TV hired me when I graduated. My part-time work got me my first professional job.

Many students take the minimum full-time load. Instead of 18 hours a semester they only take 12, which then turns a four-year degree into six years. Consequently, these students leave college tens of thousands of dollars in debt and several years behind other college students who took a real full-time load.

Remember, fishing is an offer of a free lunch followed by becoming someone's dinner. The students who suddenly find they have to pay that money back also find that their

paycheck, if they get a job, is inadequate for that task. Many of these college students are not finding that dream job and so go back to live with their parents.

The loans are a monumental burden to many students and they want their elected officials to "fix" their default problems. There are high default rates. Some states are revoking driving privileges until the student loans are in repayment. Other politicians are saying the taxpayers should take over those defaulted student loans.

It will not help the students if they do not change their paradigm from now to delayed gratification. It is the right of them to be foolish and they will pay a heavy burden.

The students who go through college in four years, get a degree with legs and then start their professional career should not have to support the slackers who were too lazy to do the right things while in college. The media will find exceptions, but I am speaking of the majority.

Pain today for gain tomorrow.

*Michael Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.*

## Letters to the editor

### Union uses

Thank you Chris Erickson (Jan. 23) for being basically correct. Right to Work is small potatoes but in your macro spiel you touch on the bigger issues in passing.

Economic development and education improvements are sorely needed.

But the picture is larger. Look at the last 30-plus years. While expanding right to work is a factor in stagnating wages, it's part of a bigger problem as employer's power grows.

Removing from law unions' and people's protections are Republican goals. Unions are being destroyed. From 25 percent of Americans in 1970 to well under half that today and negligibility in the private sector, employers gain.

Unions gave workers a more equal footing with companies between 1900 and the 1960s. People forget – and lose – today.

America is the only first world nation without guaranteed sick leave, vacation and paid maternity leave. Exist-

ing worker benefits, including pensions, are disappearing.

As unions are run off, families are hurting. Without them, most people have little or no bargaining power. The U.S.A. annually slips further down international statistical indicators. Do working Americans care?

*Jerry Nachison*

### Maintaining the minimum wage

In his column on Feb. 6, Michael Swickard complains of not being listened to when he espouses the conservative dogma on the minimum

wage. He claims that "two things tug at employers: the cost of production and the market forces for their products. Make it harder to hire employees, and fewer will be hired."

This reasoning ignores a static minimum wage devalued by inflation. We need to raise it just to stay even in terms of buying power. After years of devaluation, we see a class emerge of working poor supported by food stamps and other taxpayer-supported programs. For example, Walmart's low-wage workers cost U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$6.2 billion in public assistance including food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing, according to a

report by Americans for Tax Fairness.

If we index the federal minimum wage for inflation, we can stop subsidizing low-wage employers. This is unlikely to occur at the federal level. Thankfully, some city and state politicians have risen to the challenge of righting this wrong.

*Steve Watson*

### Wrong or right

Michael Swickard strikes against raising the minimum wage. He contends that raising such will discourage business startups and

lead to increasing unemployment because of the "changing cost of labor" without improving entry-level skills. He is wrong on several fronts.

The average age of minimum-wage employees is 28, not 18. Many have families and no other jobs are available. For proof, look it up, or simply eat at the newly opened Denny's restaurant near Sonoma Ranch Road. The age of newly hired employees there is consistently over 25.

When I attended college in 1964, a summer job paying \$2.50 an hour paid half of my \$900 a semester tuition. Today,

\$7.50 an hour will not even cover half the books at the same school now charging \$48,000 a year.

I will bet new business owners, normally thought of as small, struggling entrepreneurs, are more likely expansions of a national chain or a new franchise.

It is time for all to become aware of the changing nature of wages in the U.S. Blind acceptance of false generalities leads to very bad conclusions.

I do agree with Swickard's stance on school testing. He is correct in all respects.

*Stuart Fleishman*

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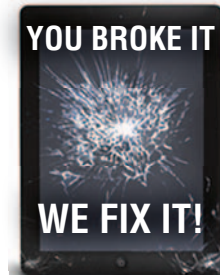
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Now every fall when I go out to work the cows, the neighbors all show up to help. They come drivin' up in a big four-wheel-drive pickup, a deer guard on the front, mud and snow all around, a couple of spare tires tied to the stockracks and a handy-man jack wired in the back rattlin' like a beer can in a 55 gallon drum. In the back of every one of them pickups is, at least one good dog. And two pups.

Now them dogs leap out and commence to fight with one another for two hours. You spend the rest of the day kickin' em out from under yer feet or chasin' em outta the gate. But you can't say nothin'. Oh, no! That's a sacred thing. You can't criticize another man's dog.

Now everybody's got a dog story. Claude had spent all mornin' gettin' a bull off the mountain and was easin'im down toward a trap in the meadow.

Tom came drivin' up and got out to open the corral gate. Ring leaped out of Tom's pickup and proceeded to put the bull back up the mountain. Ring come trottin' back, lolling his tongue, a satisfied look on his face. You could almost hear him sayin', "Aren't you proud of me, dad?" But one look at Claude's face and you could hear Ring thinkin', "Uh, oh!"

Claude took Ring by the collar and proceeded to re-enact the olympic hammer throw event.

All over cow country these dingos, curs, hounds, kelpies, blue heelers and border collies go by similar names; Banjo, Badger, Penny, Bingo, Blue, Dally or Dog, but under stress most of 'em git called the same thing. It's a term of endearment that refers to their maternal lineage.

There's probably a heaven for cow dogs where they can sit out on the edge of a cloud and look down at the Earth. If atmospheric conditions are just right they could cock an ear an' hear some ol' cowboy yellin', "Go git in the pickup, you pot lickin'."

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## Time to end social promotion

By **Nora Espinoza**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Knowing how to read is one of the most important life skills you could ever learn. When you know how to read, knowledge is at your fingertips, and nothing is far from reach.

Unfortunately for New Mexico, too many of our children are unable to read proficiently. Yet, year after year, we pass them onto the next grade without blinking an eye.

This is called social promotion – it's a failed policy that sets our children up for failure. And it's high time we put an end to it.

That is why I have joined two colleagues – Rep. Monica Youngblood and Sen. Gay Kernan – in sponsoring legislation that will not only eliminate this policy, but also give teachers, parents and students the resources they need to succeed.

The truth is, it is not compassionate to move along our children when they are unprepared. Doing so only sets them up for failure. In fact, students who cannot read before the third grade are four times more likely drop out of high school.

It's not hard to see why. From first grade through third, our children learn to read. After those critical years, they read to learn.

So, when we socially promote our kids onto the next grade, we are not doing them any favors. They are simply put in classes that get more challenging before they fall behind and eventually slip through the cracks.

Something must be done. And that's exactly what this bill will do.

This bill would prepare children as they move through third grade if they are not reading at grade level. This ensures that they get the extra instruction they need in order to succeed in the grades that follow.

But it doesn't stop there.

In addition to ending social promotion, measures in the bill will help teachers identify struggling students and provide them with the instruction they need to catch up. This includes more money for reading coaches and programs that get parents more involved.

In fact, parental involvement is key in succeeding because learning should

never stop after the bell rings. That is why our bill also focuses on making sure parents are involved and that they have a plan to help their child become an even better reader.

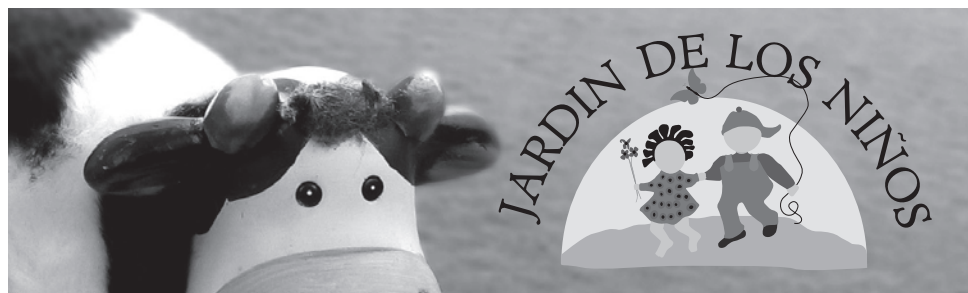
As legislators, it is our job to listen to the people, and it's clear that New Mexicans want us to put an end to social promotion.

An Albuquerque Journal poll found that New Mexicans largely support ending social promotion – 74 percent in fact. And it's not a partisan issue either: 84 percent of Republicans and 66 percent of Democrats support eliminating this failed policy.

Working together, we can pass meaningful education reform – supporting our kids and making them ready for the future.

I believe we can give our children the tools they need to become successful readers and put an end to this backward policy of social promotion.

*Nora Espinoza of Roswell is the state representative for House District 59 and chairs the House Education Committee at the Legislature.*



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— Brianna Rodríguez



**GRT,** FROM PAGE A1

poised to approve a notice of intent for the final action to be made March 10.

The commissioners heeded Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith's advice to wait until after the Legislature adjourns March 21. That's because there are bills trying to address the problem, Smith said, and an action by the county could influence what kind of legislation gets passed.

Commissioners agreed to push the day back to March 24, but still issued the notice of intent, passed with a split vote. Commissioners David Garcia and Ben Rawson voted against it while Chairman Billy Garrett and Commissioners Wayne Hancock and Leticia Benavidez voted in favor.

Bill Nolan, county finance director, said the county has been getting between \$1.7 million and \$1.9 million from the state in hold harmless payments. Assuming a 3-percent growth rate, the annual hit to the county's budget would grow to \$2.8 million, he said.

The law passed last year allows increases of one-eighth of a percent increments up to three. Each one-eighth increment is worth about \$4.1 million, Nolan said. So far, six counties have gone for the full three-eighths of a percent and five counties have gone for one-eighth of a percent less, or .25 of a percent. Two other counties are currently considering GRT increases, he said.

If the commission passes a GRT increase, it would have to be by the end of March for the new rate to start July 1. Then the county should begin receiving the first income from the increase in September, he said.

Nolan said the county has a variety of possible uses for the increase, from buying new vehicles to providing more competitive salaries. Julia Brown, county manager, said county government spending is behind in a wide variety of areas, so she cautioned against earmarking the funds to

any particular use. Brown also urged the commissioners to consider the three-eighths rate.

Using the same 3 percent annual growth factor, Rawson said it appeared that the county was seeking a lot more funding than the estimated loss from the state.

Garcia said the increase would hurt the poorest residents.

"We got to be very careful," Garcia said. "I understand we have many needs in the county, but maybe we can come with better ways of meeting those needs."

Nolan said removing food and medicine from GRT was an attempt to make it less regressive.

Garrett said the county needs more revenue purposes such as buying reliable public safety vehicles and offering competitive pay to retain county employees. The county's finances are already stretched thin and facing rising costs, he said.

"I'm very concerned about the ability of the county to carry out its most basic functions," Garrett said. "We're really at the nub in terms of addressing fundamental services."

Garrett said the commission would have two work sessions before taking action on the GRT in which the budget would be scrutinized.

Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil said his department is in great need of new vehicles, improved communications and better pay for deputies to reduce the department's high turnover rate.

While those are legitimate needs, Rawson said the county needs to act like any other business in a repressed economy by making cuts in spending to make up for lost revenue. If the county went for the total amount, that would be the equivalent of a \$12.3 million tax increase, he said, which amounts to \$58 for every man, woman and child in the county.

"This is not lost revenue, but found revenue that we are planning on spending," he said.

Rawson cited three recent attempts at increasing the GRT that voters rejected – a public transportation tax, a soil and water conservation district tax and a tax to support the 911 call center. Garrett said his vote for giving the notice did not mean he would later vote in favor of it or that the final amount will be for the full three-eighths of a percent.

About 13 residents spoke at the meeting.

Chuck Wendler, a former county commissioner candidate, said he was concerned that he hadn't heard about options for cutting spending, a sentiment echoed by many of the other speakers.

Lowell Johnson said if the commission was to pass the increase, the funds should be designated for use by the Sheriff's Department.

Bev Courtney, a tea party member, said the county's GRT rate is already high and people already are struggling with the rising costs of food and health care.

"You just got to get your inflow and outflow corrected and not just tax the poor," she said.

Jerry Wagner said he feared that, coupled with the city's increase, the GRT rate for businesses and people in Las Cruces

would rival Santa Fe's GRT rate.

Russell Allen, owner of Allen Theatres and chairman of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce board, said a high GRT rate will be deterrent to attracting new business.

"Let's work together to grow the business community so we can be growing revenues instead," he said. "When business grows, we all grow."

Paul Royalty said he wants the commission to spend time trying to find ways to reduce costs and expenses and improve program efficiencies.

In other business, the commission approved a



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY TODD DICKSON  
Members of the public line up to comment at the Doña Ana County Commission meeting Tuesday, Feb. 10.

resolution to support the New Mexico Spaceport Authority using some of that money for operational costs.

Todd G. Dickson may be reached at 680-1983 or todd@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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# Coming up

## Presidents Day

Most government offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. Police and fire services will not be affected.

For the City of Las Cruces, City Hall and most city offices will be closed Monday. Other closures for the city

include Meerscheidt Recreation Center, East Mesa Recreation Center, Sage Café, all aquatic facilities, after school programs, Munson Center, all senior programs, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, all museums, RoadRUNNER Transit / Intermodal offices, the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 Bell Ave. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon.

Solid waste and recycling services operate as normal. Foothills Landfill open normal hours for clean fill and yard waste.

RoadRUNNER Transit and Dial-A-Ride services operate on normal schedule.

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, including the administrative offices of

the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department.

Students and staff of Las Cruces Public Schools will observe the holiday, so most classes will not be held and the LCPS Administration Building will be closed.

Ninth- and tenth-grade students who attend Arrowhead Park Early College High School and Arrowhead Medical Academy will not attend classes. However, juniors and seniors from the early college high schools will

follow their New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College schedules as both are holding classes Monday.

All schools and buildings will resume their normal schedules on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Monday is a federal, Postal Service and state government holiday. Most banks are closed Monday.

## Life readings

Koro Myers will be offering complimentary life readings from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20, at Café de Mesilla, 2091 Avenida de Mesilla.

## Star Party

The Astronomical Society of Las Cruces is hosting the Valentine's Day Star Party from sunset to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Leasburg Dam State Park in Radium Springs.

Spend an evening under the stars with your Valentine to marvel at the gems of the Milky Way and far off galaxies via the park's observatory and through telescopes provided by the Astronomical Society.

Dress warmly for outdoor event, weather permitting. Cost is free with appropriate park entrance or camping fees.

For more information, email outreach@aslc-nm.org.

## Bird Count

The Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will take place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 13-16.

Anyone anywhere can count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count and enter their sightings at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

Participation is free and easy. The information gathered by tens of thousands of volunteers helps track changes in bird populations on a massive scale.

Bird watchers from 135 countries participated in the 2014 count, documenting nearly 4,300 species on more than 144,000 bird checklists.

Some commonly observed wintering species in New Mexico during the GBBC include sandhill cranes and snow geese. Also keep a look out for white-winged dove, gambel's quail and white-crowned sparrow.

During the count, you can explore what others are seeing in your area or around the world online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org), where participants can also share bird photos by entering the photo contest.

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Meetings are held at 1 p.m. the second Saturday and the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Anyone who enjoys cross stitch, needlepoint, crewel and more is welcome.

For more information, call 522-4684.

### Minnesota Club

The Minnesota Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Golden Corral, 601 S. Telshor Blvd.

All former and traveling Minnesotans are welcome. Jerry Gunderson from AARP will be available to talk about Medicare changes and answer questions.

### 40 Days for Life rally

Mark Cavaliere, who co-

ordinates the local 40 Days for Life effort, said the group will start its anti-abortion campaign with a prayer rally on the public right-of-way across from the women's health clinic at 3900 E. Lohman Ave, starting at noon Monday, Feb. 16.

Las Cruces is one of 3,336 campaigns in 559 cities across 27 nations.

Speakers at the 40 Days for Life kickoff will be giving testimonies, and local clergy will lead the group in prayer.

For more information, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/lascruces](http://www.40daysforlife.com/lascruces) or [www.facebook.com/lascruces40daysforlife](http://www.facebook.com/lascruces40daysforlife). Cavaliere can be emailed at [40days@lascrucesforlife.org](mailto:40days@lascrucesforlife.org).

### Economic inequality conference

First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, is the local host of New York's Trinity Institute's "Creating Common Good: A Practical Conference on Economic Equality" featuring scholars, economists, and activists, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, and from 8:15 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, and Saturday, Feb. 21.

Thursday is free but cost for the rest of the conference is \$15 for one day or \$30 for the full conference. For more information, visit First

Christian Church's Facebook page.

### DWI checkpoints

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department has scheduled at least four sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols during the month of February.

They are part of an ongoing effort to reduce DWI-related crashes, injuries and deaths.

Checkpoints and patrols will be conducted on Feb. 12, Feb. 17, Feb. 20 and Feb. 26 at various undisclosed locations throughout Doña Ana County.

Checkpoints are usually set up between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Deputies will be looking for intoxicated drivers, as well as all types of violations.

The Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department offers county residents a low-cost taxi ride home through Project HOME (Helping Others Make it home Every time), which is available on Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. It is a collaborative initiative with Las Cruces Shuttle & Taxi in which a person or group who has been drinking any amount of alcohol can call 524-TAXI to be picked up for a discounted ride home. For up to two people,

the taxi fee is a flat \$5 to any destination within Doña Ana County. For up to four people, the flat fee is \$10.

Project HOME will only take people from a bar or residence to a person's home. Grant funding pays the balance of charges.

### CLABS spring Speaker Series

New Mexico State University's Center for Latin American and Border Studies will host Charles Harris and Ray Sadler at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at New Mexico State University's Nason House, 1780 E. University Ave, as part of the spring 2015 Speaker Series.

Harris and Sadler, NMSU emeritus professors, will discuss their recently published book, titled "The Great Call-Up: The Guard, the Border and the Mexican Revolution." The book examines the U.S. National Guard's role in the Mexican Revolution.

CLABS will host three

other guest speakers throughout the semester.

"The Speaker Series at CLABS offers the community some of the latest scholarship on the border and Latin America, covering a broad range of countries and disciplines," CLABS Director Inigo Garcia-Bryce said.

Wednesday, March 4, Federico Finchelstein, of the New School of Social Research in New York, will discuss Argentina's Dirty War, a time when the country's government engaged in massive human rights abuses.

Thursday, March 12, Marianne Bowers, a recent NMSU graduate student, will talk on the health care needs of migrant workers.

Wednesday, April 1, Fulbright Scholar Sulthon Sabaruddin will give a lecture addressing the growing Latin America and Asia connection, focusing on Latin American and Indonesian relations.

NMSU sociology professor Alison Newby will present her latest

research on the entry of Cubans into the private sector Thursday, April 16.

The series began on Wednesday, Feb. 4, with a lecture by Barbara Tenenbaum of the Library of Congress.

Every talk of the semester is scheduled at 4 p.m. at the Nason House. Those interested may access the full schedule at <http://clabs.nmsu.edu/spring-2015-speaker-series>.

### German Club

Freunde der Deutschen Sprache (Friends of the German Language) meet every third Thursday of the month during the school year at 7 p.m., at NMSU's Breland Hall, Room 170-A.

On Thursday, Feb. 19, the club welcomes old and new members as well as visitors. The second part of the German-language film "Die Patriarchin" will be shown.

For more information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

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# RECALL, FROM PAGE A1

are already questioning the validity of the petitions, citing a clause in the City Charter that says the last signature collected mustn't be more than 60 days older than the first.

City Clerk Esther Martinez-Carrillo said the city attorney is trying to determine if just the signatures collected after 65 days are invalid or whether such a breach would invalidate the whole petition.

Meanwhile, the City Clerk's Office has 20 business days to verify the signatures. Opponents of the recall also are questioning tactics used by a political action committee called New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow to get people to sign the petitions. In some cases, opponents claim, people were told the petitions were for some other cause than recalling councillors.

New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow spokesman Jeffrey Isbell has said his group will not comment until the validation process is completed.

New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow hired workers to go door to door throughout the city in recent weeks to collect signatures. In one instance, state Rep. Bill McCamley confronted one of the petition gatherers and later apologized on Facebook for raising his voice.

New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow originally made claims the three city councillors misused city resources, but hasn't given more specifics.

The city on Monday notified Pam Wolfe, who was a supervisor of petition circulators for the PAC, that documents from a request for public records she'd filed in November were available for inspection, according to Martinez-Carrillo.

# Dunn calls for land owner input on SunZia line

Although SunZia recently received the green light from the Department of Interior to run a transmission line over a portion of public ranchland also used by White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) for testing, State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn has put a hold on his approval for the sections of line that will be crossing state trust land.

In a press release, Dunn revealed he and his wife, Robin, own and operate the Gran Quivira Ranch, 36 miles southeast of Mountainair. The proposed SunZia route would cross a portion of the ranch the Dunns acquired in late 2014.

"Despite the fact that the

commissioner may stand to personally benefit from the transmission line, he has chosen to take a stand to ensure the public, and some 65 land owners, and 70 state trust land lessees, have had ample opportunities to publicly discuss the route and the federal decision to place the transmission line in New Mexico along its currently proposed route," a press release from the State Land Office stated.

"As commissioner of public lands, I am acting in the best interest of state trust land beneficiaries by following through with a 60-day right-of-entry suspension, accepted

by SunZia, to guarantee that the state trust lands and the beneficiaries are assured a fair deal in this process," Dunn said.

The State Land Office has scheduled two public meetings. The Bureau of Land Management and SunZia representatives are invited. The first will be held in Deming March 10 and the second meeting will be held March 11 in Socorro.

If built, the SunZia transmission would carry power made by wind and solar farms in the Ruidoso-Almogordo area to Arizona for distribution to the western power grid. Opponents say the line would jeopardize testing at WSMR.

# Survey: Healthy outdoor living attract residents

Voters say clean air and water, a healthy outdoor lifestyle and cost of living are the top reasons they choose to live in New Mexico according to a new Colorado College State of the Rockies Project Conservation in the West poll.

This year's bipartisan survey of 400 registered voters in New Mexico – and a total of 2,400 registered voters across six states – assessed voter attitudes on a range of issues and reasons why Americans choose to live in the West.

When asked to name their top factors for living in New Mexico,

respondents said access and recreation on public lands outweighed economic opportunities, quality of education and quality of healthcare, according to the survey.

- Key New Mexico findings include:
- 96 percent of respondents say an important priority for public lands management is protecting public lands for future generations.
  - 94 percent of respondents also favored ensuring access on public lands for recreational activities.
  - 93 percent of respondents reported visiting national public lands at least once in the last year.

- 78 percent of respondents support presidents continuing to protect existing public lands as national monuments.
- 17 percent of respondents support selling off public lands to reduce the deficit.

"New Mexicans are serious about the state's economy, and understand the importance of proper stewardship of our national parks, forests and other public lands and its economic benefit for our state," said Carrie Hamblen, executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

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**Zak Hansen**  
Reflections

### 75yearsago

#### 1940

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• The Citizen reported that Pete Murga, a 36-year-old farmer living at La Mesa, "shot an instantly killed his sister, Consuela, 39, then tuned the 30-30 calibre rifle on himself, blowing the top of his head off about 6 p.m. Wednesday," following an afternoon of quarreling. The double tragedy was investigated by Deputy Sherriffs Mike Apodaca and Jack Robertson, who "learned the sister had pleaded with her brother to improve his personal appearance."

### 50yearsago

#### 1965

• "Tom J. Mayfield High School is the name selected for Las Cruces' new high school which is under construction just north of the city," the Thursday, Feb. 18, Las Cruces Citizen reported. "Mayfield retired from public school work the first of this year after 42 years in the education field. He had held the post of superintendent in Las Cruces for 10 and one-half years. Earlier he had been superintendent in Artesia and in Lordsburg. Mayfield began his career in 1921 in Mississippi and came to New Mexico in 1928 as a teacher. He held the post of teacher and principal at Las Cruces Union High School before he went to Lordsburg in 1937."

• "One of the greatest honors a girl can receive in high school is Bulldog Sweetheart," the Las Cruces Citizen reported, and "Michelle Parker is the lucky girl who was chosen Bulldog Sweetheart for 1964-65." The article continued: "Michelle, a popular brown-haired, blue-eyed senior, is very active in a lot of the school activities. She says her hobbies are cooking and reading, and she likes sports, 'If you can call that a hobby.' Her favorite colors are red and blue, and she loves the song 'A Summer Place.' Mr. Van Pelt is her favorite teacher and her favorite foods are pizza, steak and tacos ... what a combination! Her reaction to being chosen Bulldog Sweetheart was, 'It was so dumb, I just didn't know what to say and I didn't believe it.'"



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Two cars are roped in by crime scene tape at the Las Cruces Bowl 25 years ago, following a still-unsolved multiple homicide.

### 25yearsago

#### 1990

• The front page of the Wednesday, Feb. 14, Las Cruces Bulletin was dominated by news of the brutal Las Cruces Bowl massacre, which had occurred just five days prior. One piece dismissed the "disquieting number of parallels between the execution-style shooting of gas station attendant Salvador Lozano on Jan. 14" and the four killed and three injured in the Las Cruces Bowl attacks; another informed residents of numerous agencies responding to the tragedy, including Mesilla Valley Hospital. The crime remains unsolved to this day.


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exploring facts, challenging assumptions and uncovering new information, such as a curious document written in Spanish by Albert Fountain or the true meaning of Las Cruces' name.

Sitting in his office at the Double Eagle Restaurant, Buddy Ritter – restaurateur, former president of the Museums of New Mexico Board of Regents, fifth generation son of Mesilla – is surrounded by his family's past.

The office was once the room where Ritter's great-great-grandfather, Dr. Edwin Burt, performed surgeries. Ritter did not know about his family connection to the building when he purchased the Double Eagle in 1983; it is the folded nature of history that brought him to the same rooms his forefather kept.

Ritter said he had always been interested in history. Born and raised in the Mesilla Valley, Ritter said, "I was always around here, and I loved it and studied it."

During his time as the president of the board of regents for the Museums of New Mexico, Ritter spent a lot of time in Santa Fe – and while there, he returned repeatedly to the basement of the state archives.

"I would collect photographs and I would give a talk – when conventions would come to town, they would want to know about the area," Ritter said.

"Finally, somebody asked me to put together a Powerpoint with my talk."

"Mesilla Comes Alive" is the physical embodiment of those years of Ritter's work. The slide presentation became the outline for the book, fleshed out and further researched by Holden.

Holden's background is in novels. He has written six, and his "Four Corners of Night" was a recipient of the Great Lakes Book Award in fiction. The fiction background is an asset to the book, animating what could be an academic, mannequin exhibit of the past into an approachable and engaging read – which was, Ritter said, exactly what he was looking for.

"The last thing I wanted to do was create a history book that would appeal only to historians," Ritter said.

The book is also structured in a way to invite exploration. It is divided in to short, vignette chapters headed by clear titles, some of them lushly alliterative or wryly witty. Pages are filled with illustrations – photographs, political cartoons and lithographs, as well as colorful maps created for the book by Tu Media Group.

Though it was written with the accessibility of a novel, that does not mean that its facts are insufficient or that research was neglected for art. "Mesilla Comes Alive" is well annotated, containing footnotes and images of primary source documents. It collects the work of scholars and packages it into accessible language.

"Historians have told us that there



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARISSA BOND

**Craig Holden, left, and Buddy Ritter display their new book, "Mesilla Comes Alive: A History of Mesilla and its Valley," in Ritter's office at Mesilla's Double Eagle Restaurant.**

is so much accurate and proven information in here, and you can see in the references how much research that we did," Ritter said.

Holden is originally from Michigan, so his collaboration brought a fresh eye as well as a practiced pen.

"I think I saw it as somebody who comes to this book without knowing what they are going to be reading. To me, all of this was new," Holden said.

"Mesilla Comes Alive" surfaces sedimentary truths and proves there

are still new stories to pull from the thalassic gulf of the past.

"Mesilla Comes Alive: A History of Mesilla and its Valley" is \$14.99 for the black and white edition and \$29.95 in color. It is available at the Double Eagle Restaurant, Mesilla Bookstore and Coas Books, as well as online from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.createaspace.com/5164710](http://www.createaspace.com/5164710).

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# Welcome New Board Members

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces is pleased to announce the addition of three new Board Members to its Board of Directors. They include George Ruth, current President of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, Kari Mitchell, CEO/owner, Las Cruces Machine Manufacturing and Engineering, and Brad Beasley, partner with Beasley Mitchell and Company. According to Tom Hutchinson, Chairman of the Board of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, "We are delighted to have George, Kari, and Brad join our Board. All three bring with them a wealth of experience, leadership and perspective from their work in their respective industries to their involvement in the community. They truly represent what community banks are all about."

They join Tom Hutchinson, owner La Posta Restaurant and Cantina, John Curry of John Curry Construction, David Ikard of NAI 1st Valley Realty, Ruth Christopher, CFO/SVP, Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, Oscar Andrade, owner Pic Quik Stores, and Don Beasley, Partner, Beasley Mitchell and Company, on the Board of Directors.



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## NMSU men, women hold first place

*Bulletin Staff Report*

New Mexico State University is in the driver's seat when it comes to Western Athletic Conference basketball.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams sit atop the league standings.

The Aggie men entered a game Thursday, Feb. 12, against Seattle with a 15-10 overall and 7-1 WAC record, two games ahead of Grand Canyon and Missouri-Kansas City.

(The Seattle score was not available by press time.)

The Aggie women, meanwhile, have won 15 of their past 16 games and took an 11-game winning streak into their own game Thursday at Seattle.

The NMSU women entered the contest with a 15-6 overall record and 8-0 league mark with a two-game lead against Texas-Pan American.

Both teams also play important games against Bakersfield on Saturday, Feb. 14. The Aggie men play host to the Roadrunners in the Pan American Center at 7 p.m. while the women play at Bakersfield at 2 p.m.

Men's center Tshilidzi "Chili" Nephawe was named the WAC Player of the Week on Monday, Feb. 9.

A 6-10 senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, Nephawe averaged a double-double for the week with 14 points and 11.5 rebounds, getting a block and an assist in each game and shooting 76.9 percent from the floor on the week. He posted eight points with 11 boards at Chicago State, and followed that with season-highs of 20 points and 12 rebounds at Missouri-Kansas City.

The double-double at UMKC was his third since returning from his foot injury that sidelined him for seven weeks. He also had 12 points and 10 boards at Seattle U., and 15 points and 10 boards against Grand Canyon. He's had double digit rebounds a total of five of the seven games since he's returned.



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

**New Mexico State University softball pitcher Karysta Donisthorpe has been named the Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week, the league announced Monday, Feb. 9.**

## Ag softball, baseball hit the field

*Bulletin Staff Report*

The New Mexico State softball team is off to a strong start and the Aggie baseball team gets its season under way.

The Aggie softballers snared three wins in five outings Thursday to Sunday, Feb. 5-8, in the Hotel Encanto Invitational at the NM State Softball Complex.

One of the Aggies' victories was a 16-11 takedown of No. 18 Nebraska.

NMSU flexed its offensive muscle throughout the first week of the season. The tournament host finished its five games with a .387 batting average, a .739 slugging percentage, 42 runs on 55 hits and hit 14 balls out of the ballpark.

Senior outfielder Malena Padilla led the charge during the week with three total home runs. Four other Aggie players each had a couple of homers during the tournament, including Western Athletic Conference Preseason Player of the Year Staci Rodriguez and Preseason All-WAC members Emma Adams and Fiana Finau.

Right-handed pitcher Karysta Donisthorpe was named the Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week, the conference announced on Monday, Feb. 9.

Donisthorpe, a redshirt junior from Farmington, went 3-0 with a 1.29 ERA in four appearances in the tourney.

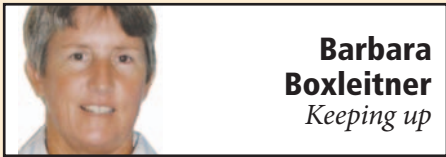
The Aggies play four more games at home in the Troy Cox Classic Friday to Sunday, Feb. 13-15.

As for the Aggie baseball team, it opens the 2015 season at Cardinal Classic at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, Friday to Saturday, Feb. 13-14.

The Aggies and new head coach Brian Green take on Illinois Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m. (MT) and Lamar at 1 p.m. on Friday and at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The games will not be broadcast on the radio or online, but 32 games will eventually be broadcast on KRUX 91.5 FM and online. The first radio broadcast is set for Feb. 28, when the Aggies face Incarnate Word. Some games will also be broadcast online at [www.nmstatesports.com](http://www.nmstatesports.com).

# Former Oñate Knight sets pace for Memphis softball



**Barbara Boxleitner**  
*Keeping up*

Junior Cierra Mangum is off to a torrid offensive start for the University of Memphis softball team.

The Oñate High School graduate hit a team-best .611 among the regulars through the first five games, all of which she started. The third baseman led the team with 11 hits and three doubles.

She had three-hit efforts in consecutive games against North Carolina and Tennessee State universities.

## More softball

Catcher and designated hitter Alyssa Montoya batted .545 and drove in two runs through five games for Pima Community College.

The sophomore out of Las Cruces High was 3-for-3 against Salt Lake Community College and 2-for-2 against College of Southern Nevada in consecutive games.

Another from Las Cruces High, Audrey Velasquez started the first three games for Eastern New Mexico University.

The shortstop batted .417, third on the team, with a team-high five runs

batted in.

Natasha Mercado is a freshman third baseman for Mesa Community College. The Centennial High alumna had one hit in seven at-bats through three games.

University of Arizona center fielder Alexis Dotson, a former Bulldawg, doubled in three at-bats during a win over Oklahoma State University.

## Baseball

Adams State University senior pitcher J.D. Heredia lost his first start of the season. The Mayfield High graduate allowed five hits and one earned run in 4 1/3 innings. He struck out three.

Also from Mayfield, junior pitcher Jacob Gomez was 0-1 in two starts for Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

Friends University senior pitcher Roby Romero, out of Oñate High, struck out five of the six batters he faced in two innings of relief.

Previously at Las Cruces High, freshman outfielder Brandon Salmon hit .400 through four games for Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

His three stolen bases ranked second on the team.

*Send updates about area athletes to BKLE3@aol.com.*

# NMSU women's tennis player named WAC Athlete of the Week

New Mexico State women's tennis player Susana Alcaraz has been named Western Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week Tuesday, Feb. 10.

This is the second-consecutive week that an NMSU player has been awarded WAC women's tennis Athlete of the Week.

Junior Ashvarya Shrivistava garnered the award the previous week.

Alcaraz, a senior from Aguascalientes, Mexico, was the key for the Aggies weekend play, Feb. 7-8 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Alcaraz won her first match of the weekend by defeating Pacific's Iveta Masarova in a three-set thriller (6-4, 1-6, 7-5).

She closed out the weekend with a victory against UNLV's Anett Ferenczi-Bako (6-3, 6-1) while she picked up a doubles' win as well.

NMSU's women's tennis team next hits the court for a pair of dual-matches against Sam Houston State at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, and against Northern Colorado at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15.

## Women's golf

The New Mexico State Women's golf team heads to the par-71, 6,006-yard Landa Park Golf Club in New Braunfels, Texas, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 15-16, for the 2015 Delta Gamma Challenge.

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**GRAIZON ALANIZ**

Graizon Alaniz is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. She plays softball and point guard on the Lady Bulldawgs basketball team. Alaniz has been an all-district player in both basketball and softball. This season, she leads the basketball team in assists at 2.9 per game. She also leads the state of New Mexico in charges taken, with 29. Alaniz is a natural leader. She is well liked and respected by her teammates both on and off of the court. She is a dedicated student with a 3.30 GPA. When she's not in the classroom, on the court or field, Alaniz enjoys watching movies and spending time with family and friends.

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# You can escape sand traps with little stress



**Charlie Blanchard**  
*Golf Doctor*

It seems the curse of the average beginner golfer and high-handicapper is the challenge of getting out of the sand trap in one shot. Some struggling golfers new to the game would rather get a root canal than hit out of a sand trap. Seeing their ball deep in the sand, thoughts of disaster, collapse, embarrassment and frustration lurk.

The real issue is that most folks don't really know the correct technique for lofting a ball out of the sand and landing it softly on the green. This fact prompts major inner tension and higher scores.

Hundreds of years ago, when the Scots decided to

smack a smallish, feather-stuffed sphere around a windswept and otherwise desolate portion of the countryside that linked the land to the sea, there were dozens of sand depressions pocking the landscape. Resembling shallow craters, these sand holes were formed by sheep burrowing to seek some protection from the nasty weather.

Eventually, these bunkers became part of the golf course and part of the game. Today, golf courses are designed with strategically placed sand bunkers.

It turns out that some imagination is required on the part of golfers when learning how to properly execute a shot out of one

of these sand bunkers.

(Actually the colloquial term "sand trap" is not even used by the USGA. Golfers labeled these hazards "traps" out of sheer terror.)

As for the technique itself, first we need the right tool: the sand wedge.

The modern sand wedge was invented by the late great golf professional Gene Sarazen in 1931, when he soldered a rounded flange on the bottom sole of his niblick. This modification allowed the mostly open clubhead to glide through the sand and bottom out, thereby allowing a follow-through that wasn't stopped from the club digging deep into the sand.

When properly swung, the sole of the club literally bounced in the sand underneath the ball, allowing the lifting of the sand to propel the ball skyward and out of the

bunker. Sarazen went on to win the 1932 British and U.S. Opens with his new "secret" club. It was truly a breakthrough game-changer in golf history.

Many golfers don't realize that, with the greenside sand "explosion" shot, the clubface never actually touches the ball. By opening the clubface you need to accelerate the clubhead through the sand powerfully with the club passing under the ball, rather than stabbing or digging down into the sand deeply. The technique is a "splash-and-scoot" rather than a "dig-and-push."

In an effort to help you golfers who are trying and failing with your bunker shots, let me pass along the keys my close friend and longtime PGA teacher Herb Wimberly teaches to his students.

For a typical explosion shot out of a greenside bunker, you need to take a solid open stance – left of your target if you swing right-handed. Then, open your clubface, aiming along your target line, with the ball positioned slightly forward in your stance.

These positions promote a more shallow splash entry into the sand, beneath the ball, rather than a digging mistake, Wimberly advises.

Further, your swing should be somewhat upright, smooth and forceful.

By letting the flange of the club head bounce through the sand, the sound should be a telltale "thump," when done correctly.

*Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership. He can be reached at performancecoach@zianet.com.*

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# Sierra middle-schoolers excel at Science Olympiad

Sierra Middle School students won first place overall at the middle school division of the 2015 Regional Science Olympiad Tournament held Jan. 31 in Silver City.

Two Sierra teams of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students competed in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities, said parent coach Sophia Baloun. Of the two teams that competed, Team II won first place and Team I took third place.

Students worked in groups of two and competed in up to five events from 22 selections. Baloun said the categories covered building events such as robots, gliders and bridges; studying events such as meteorology, solar system and anatomy and physiology; research events like fossils and entomology; and deductive events including disease detectives, mapping and crime solving.

"The students had to become the experts in their chosen events and they performed beautifully," Baloun said.

Science Olympiad Coach Angela Frausto said the activities, such as building, required the students to weigh, measure, and explain their designs, ensure their design was fully ready to work, and then demonstrate the design's full potential.

"Our students were given guidance and new information from the judges to further promote their learning," said Frausto, a Gateway to Technology teacher at Sierra Middle School focusing on STEM instruction.

The students are from Sierra's leadership and science magnet and two students are from Centennial High. They are now eligible to compete at the state Science Olympiad Tournament. Team I: Nathan Serna, Tessa Yassuda, Russell Brown, Emma Locklin (ninth-grader), Jillian Hughes (ninth-grader), Dylan Cordova, Joseph Sanchez, Mireya Sanchez-Maes, Kayla Fielder, Andrew Shankle, Mustafa Muhyi, Jacob Hangan and Anika Baloun. Team II: Ky Massey, Andrew Smith, Kirk Baloun, Sergio Alcala-Lujan, Gabriel Madrid, John Cooper, Irene Gonzalez, McKenna Keeley, Stefanie Mayfield, Julianna Barnett,



Sierra Middle School students took home first- and third-place wins at the regional Science Olympiad Tournament, advancing them to the state tournament.

Reema Iqbal, Jordan DeArmond, Jakob Lopez, and Randall Ling.

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# Las Cruces woman wins \$2 million Powerball prize

A woman from Las Cruces claimed a \$2 million Powerball prize Friday, Feb. 6, and she's playing the same lucky numbers tomorrow for a chance at the jackpot of \$380 million.

Romana Saavedra, who claimed her prize in person at New Mexico Lottery headquarters in Albuquerque, was lucky twice in the Nov. 29 drawing.

First, Saavedra's ticket matched the white ball numbers of 13, 24, 30, 42 and 48 to win \$1 million.

Then her prize jumped to \$2 million because she purchased the game's \$1 Power Play feature. Power Play multiplies non-jackpot prizes.

Saavedra, who has played the same

birthdates and anniversaries on every lottery ticket for the past five years, discovered her prize Monday after retrieving old tickets from her car and purse. She checked approximately 20 tickets with winning numbers posted online. When she discovered the winning ticket, she called her husband.

"I was shaking," she recalled for lottery officials. "It's something you can't believe."

Saavedra said she plans to share her prize with her family.

"I'm lucky because I have three great kids," she said.

Saavedra said she regularly plays lottery games because she



Romana Saavedra of Las Cruces holds up a New Mexico Lottery check for \$2 million after claiming her prize Friday, Feb. 6, at the lottery headquarters in Albuquerque.

believes in supporting the Legislative Lottery

Scholarship program. "I tell people all the

time that buying a ticket helps kids go to school," she said.

Saavedra's three sons attended college on Legislative Lottery Scholarships. Two graduated from New Mexico State University and one graduated from the University of New Mexico.

Saavedra bought her

lucky ticket at the Western Refining Store located at 2210 E. Lohman Ave. in Las Cruces. Previously, the store has sold three large prize-winning tickets paying between \$1,500 and \$50,000. For selling the \$2 million-winning ticket, the store is eligible for a \$2,500 New Mexico Lottery bonus.

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# In the news

## I-25/Missouri bridge work to begin soon

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District One office along with FNF Construction has begun with the surveying, and marking of Interstate 25.

The project will soon bring a change in traffic control for north and southbound motorists on I-25 between Lohman Avenue and University Avenue.

The NMDOT and FNF project schedule for the next couple of weeks will be as follows:

- Week of Feb. 9: Work will commence on the southbound lanes as traffic will continue to have two lanes open with 11-foot width restrictions. Width reduction will be placed as the work zone will be in close proximity to moving traffic.

Northbound traffic will be reduced to one lane with lane restrictions of 11 feet. Detour paving on I-25 will impact traffic accessing I-25 and University Avenue, and possibly I-25 and Lohman Avenue.

The I-25/Missouri Bridge project will consist of bridge reconstruction, and roadway realignments for Missouri Avenue, Triviz Drive and Don Roser Drive. The cost of this project is \$15.6 million and is expected to be completed by late March of 2016.

The NMDOT will be holding monthly Public Involvement Meetings, which will be held the last Wednesday of every month. The next scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the District One Complex located at 750 N. Solano Drive.

The meeting will have representatives from NMDOT, FNF and Molzen Corbin to answer questions the public may have.

Ryan Tafoya is the project manager who

will oversee and manage the daily operations of the project, and can be reached at ryan.tafoya@state.nm.us or 525-7300.

For questions regarding the meeting you may contact Bridget M. Spedalieri, NMDOT District One public information officer at bridget.spedalieri@state.nm.us or 525-7340.

## Sportsmen group supports land legislation

New Mexico sportsmen and women are applauding state Sen. Sander Rue, R-Albuquerque, for sponsoring legislation that would greatly improve public notice and input on the sales or exchanges of state land.

Senate Bill 547 would require the commissioner of public lands to notify his advisory board and hold a public meeting before any State Land Office land disposal transaction could be completed.

The New Mexico Wildlife Federation said past land commissioners have sold or traded away millions of acres of state trust land with little public notice, actions that often negatively impacted hunters and anglers.

With a new commissioner taking office this year, the group said now is an excellent time to enact a law that would ensure greater transparency in the administration of one of the state's greatest resources – its 9 million surface acres of state trust land.

“Senate Bill 547 gives the public a chance to understand and weigh in on proposed sales or exchanges of our state public lands before contracts are signed,” said Garrett VeneKlasen, New Mexico Wildlife Federation executive director. “We have seen past Land Commissioners spend months negotiating behind closed doors on bad deals that locked the public out of

# Mesilla Valley Women's Weekend awards



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

The Mesilla Valley Women's Weekend kicked off Friday, Feb. 6, with the Women of the Year luncheon at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Winners were Kayla Jones, Woman of Today and Tomorrow; Marci Dickerson, Business Woman of the Year; and Brooke Roberson, Volunteer/Philanthropist of the Year. Jones is manager for Hester Agency of Las Cruces, Allstate Insurance. Dickerson is an owner of the Dickerson Group, which includes Dickerson's Catering, The Game Sports Bar and Grill and SSI (Sports Skills Institute). Roberson is the founder of Las Cruces Moms Association.

thousands of acres of prime hunting lands with little or no public oversight. This bill wouldn't stop those deals from moving forward, but at least sportsmen and other State Trust Lands users would have the chance to consider the proposals and have their voices heard.”

Rue said transparency should be the rule in all aspects of government.

“This is not just about protecting our state resources and hunters' rights, this about ensuring that matters of public business are handled publicly, not behind closed doors,” Rue said.

SB 547 would not alter or minimize the authority of the Commissioner of Public Lands. It would simply require the commissioner to notify the State Land Trusts Advisory Board and hold a public meeting to explain any proposal to auction, sell or exchange any of the remaining 9 million surface acres of state trust land. Since statehood, New Mexico land com-

missioners have disposed of some 4 million acres ceded to the state by the U.S. government.

Rue's legislation also would add four members to the Land Trusts Advisory Board – one appointed by the governor, two appointed by the Legislature, plus the Secretary of Indian Affairs. These additional members would bring important perspectives from other areas of New Mexico's government. Currently all members of the State Land Trusts Advisory Board are appointed by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

## MPO advisory board members sought

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPAC) is seeking a community member to serve on its board as a pedestrian community representative.

The position is open to

residents living in central Doña Ana County (Radium Springs to Berino). The ideal candidate will have an interest in pedestrian and health issues and be able to meet with the BPAC on a bi-monthly basis.

The BPAC meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. Interested persons may submit a letter of interest, in-person or electronically to:

Andrew Wray  
Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization  
P.O. Box 20000  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
or awray@las-cruces.org or call 528-3070

## Journalism on the Border panel set

The U.S.-Mexico border is an area rich with culture and stories and the Las Cruces Press Women (LCPW) invites the public to listen to four women who have told stories from both sides.

LCPW will host a panel of four speakers titled, “Journalism on the Border” at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

Join El Paso Times journalist Diana Washington Valdez, New Mexico State University research librarian and Latin American specialist Molly Molloy, New Mexico Fronteras Desk correspondent Mónica Ortiz Uribe and NMSU professor and journalist Lourdes Cárdenas for a discussion on their experiences with border journalism, border politics, and border stories.

LCPW is a professional organization for women and men working in any field of communications. Meetings are open to anyone interested in the topics being presented and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, go to [www.lcpwpresswomen.blogspot.com](http://www.lcpwpresswomen.blogspot.com) or [www.facebook.com/lcpwpresswomen](http://www.facebook.com/lcpwpresswomen).

# League of Women Voters turns 95

The League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces (LWV/GLC) congratulates its parent organization, the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS), on its 95th birthday, celebrated Saturday, Feb. 14.

Founded in 1920 after winning a 72-year struggle for the right to vote for women, the League works to enable all voters to have a voice in our democratic processes at the local, state, and national levels of government.

LWV/GLC has been recognized by Las Cruces City Council and Doña Ana County Commission this past week in honor of the parent organization's 95th anniversary.

Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. For more information about the League, including how to join, visit [www.lwvglc.org](http://www.lwvglc.org). Check out the organization's online newsletter, The VOTER, for details about upcoming events.



New America School teacher Tony Ray congratulates 17-year-old student Laura Martinez for her winning essay that is taking her to Poland to represent the United States in an international mock tribunals event.

# New America School student visits Poland

What did you get for Christmas? Laura Martinez, 17-year-old senior at the New America School-Las Cruces,

got an all-expense paid trip to Krzyzowa, Poland. Martinez was selected as one of eight students on a team

representing the United States in a series of mock tribunals that will be held in Krzyzowa, Poland, this month.

To win a place on the team, Martinez first submitted a 500-word essay about the importance of international justice. As a result of her essay, the New Mexico Human Rights Project (NMHRP), sponsor of the program, selected her as one of 16 semi-finalists. While others were enjoying their December holidays, Martinez was preparing for the final interview in Albuquerque.

"I'm thrilled for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Martinez said. "NMHR offers high school students an amazing opportunity. I'm especially thankful to my mother for her support and to all the faculty and staff at the New America School."

Martinez's teacher, Tony Ray, learned about the contest during the fall term and encouraged his students to participate.

"We have great students at NAS-LC, and I'm very pleased that Laura will have this incredible opportunity to learn and experience the world beyond New Mexico," he said.

The other seven high school students selected for the team are from schools in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

The New America School is located in the heart of Las Cruces and currently serves about 300 students. Established in 2012, the school's mission is to "empower new immigrants, English language learners and the academically underserved with the educational tools and support they need to maximize their potential, succeed, and live the American Dream."

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After losing 119 pounds, Sara sees life in a whole new light.

Before she lost weight, Sara rarely felt good about herself. Even shopping for clothes was a chore instead of a pleasure. So she decided to change her life with the help of weight loss surgery at MountainView Regional Medical Center. In fact, she was our first bariatric surgery patient. "I've lost 119 pounds," said Sara. "It's just awesome! I love to dress up. And my self-esteem is up in the sky." **Find out what weight loss surgery could mean to you. Call 575-521-8860 or visit [MountainViewWeightLoss.com](http://MountainViewWeightLoss.com) to attend a free seminar.**



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# Jan. 29 shooting

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the person or persons responsible for the Jan. 29 shooting that injured a 38-year-old man.

At around 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to Memorial Medical Center, where a man was suffering from a

gunshot wound to his abdomen. Police learned that someone transported the man to the hospital and left before providing information to medical personnel.

Investigators later determined that the shooting occurred near the area of South Esperanza Street and Foster Road.

The man was stabilized at MMC before being

# CrimeStoppers

airlifted to University Medical Center of El Paso. As of Monday, Feb. 2, he remained hospitalized at UMC.

Anyone with information that can help identify the person or persons responsible for this shooting is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by

text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging are operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.



## High court backs verdict

The state Supreme Court has upheld the murder conviction of Eugene Ferri, according to Attorney General Hector Balderas.

In 2013, Ferri was convicted of three counts of first degree murder, along with other felonies,

for a grisly triple homicide in Las Cruces. For his murder convictions, Ferri was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences

Ferri appealed his convictions, but the Supreme Court upheld the first degree murder convictions.

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## CLARINDA 'CHICKIE' G. AVILUCEA

*March 9, 1925 to February 6, 2015*

CLARINDA "CHICKIE" G. AVILUCEA, 89, passed away at 3:45 p.m. in Las Cruces on February 6, 2015.

"The Chickie" was born March 9, 1925 in Torreon, NM - near Mountainair, NM to Eutimio and Delfinia Garcia.

Chickie lived in Las Cruces since 1952 until present time, and was a member of Holy Cross Catholic

Church. Chickie was a member of the Dona Ana Archaeology Society; honorary member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority; Oral History Society; The Las Cruces Community Theatre; The Las Cruces Symphony Association; and the Las Cruces Community Concert Association.

Chickie loved traveling with her husband and family, and enjoyed her yard, flowers, and birds.

To one and all she was a friend who welcomed everyone into her home. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandma who has graced our lives with her love and kindness and will be truly missed by everyone.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Procopio Z. Avilucea, better known as Al; her sons and daughters, Fidel Avilucea and wife Sadie of Las Cruces; Lila Neher (Avilucea) and husband, Ron of Johnstown, Colorado; Gloria Avilucea of Las Cruces; Patsy Martin



(Avilucea) and husband, John of Ovilla, Texas; Robert Avilucea and wife, Laura of Las Cruces; Ida Fingado (Avilucea) and husband, Frank of Albuquerque; Virginia Lattion (Avilucea) and husband, Bud of Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Other survivors include eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Preceding her in death are her parents, Eutimio and Delfinia Garcia; one son, Michael

C. Avilucea, NMSP; and three infant children.

Recitation of Rosary was held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 in Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1327 N. Miranda St. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 in the same church. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where she will be laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers will be Robert Avilucea, Fidel Avilucea, Matthew Avilucea, Lucas Avilucea, Shane Neher and Christopher Gonzalez. Honorary bearers will be Jacob Avilucea, Ron Neher, John Martin, Bud Lattion and Frank Fingado.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. The phone number is 527-2222. To send condolences online log on to [www.bacafuneralchapelsascruces.com](http://www.bacafuneralchapelsascruces.com).

## LUIS 'LOUIE' MARTINEZ SANDOVAL

*September 9, 1966 to February 9, 2015*

On Monday, February 9, 2015 our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, LUIS "LOUIE" MARTINEZ SANDOVAL, 48, of Las Cruces left his dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with his heavenly Father at Memorial Medical Center. He was born September 9, 1966 to Amado and Aurora Martinez Sandoval in Willcox, AZ. Louie as he was fondly known to his family and friends, was employed as a Health Care Provider and was a member of the Catholic Church. Louie had such a loving and nurturing disposition touching lives when people needed it the most. Louie will always be remembered for his love of motorcycles and even more than that his love for his family and friends.

Those left to mourn his passing include a son, Jonathan Sandoval and daughter-in-law, Teresa of Albuquerque; daughters, Jennifer Bustillos and Tabitha Sandoval both of Albuquerque, Jocelyn Bustillos of Las Cruces. Siblings, Armando Carrasco and sister-in-law



Martha of Chandler, AZ, Alejandra Sandoval Carrasco of El Paso, TX, Roberto Sandoval of Albuquerque and Guadalupe Sandoval Gomez of Hatch. Other survivors include his grandchildren, Noah, Jonathan, Cody, Mathias, Rein and Adriana; his godchildren, Coconut and Hondo Bertoldo; his absolute best friend forever, Julie Hellman; his loving compadres, Freddy and Shamay

Bertoldo all of Las Cruces as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

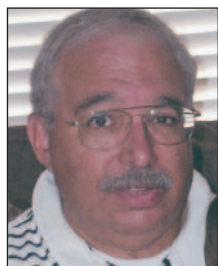
Visitation for Louie was held at 12 PM (Noon), Thursday, February 12, 2015 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Funeral Service was celebrated at 2 PM with Reverend Ray Flores and Pastor Ruben Ortega concelebrating. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of Cremains will be held at a later date.

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## ED LARKIN

*March 1, 1951 to February 9, 2015*

Our dearest beloved husband, son, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend, ED LARKIN, age 63, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Monday, February 9, 2015 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. "Ed", as he was fondly known to family and friends, was born March 1, 1951 in Newport, R.I. to Jonnie Clarence and Joyce



Murial Clark Larkin. Mr. Larkin served his country honorably in the United States Army; retired as Staff Sergeant and was a recipient of numerous medals and campaign ribbons. Ed was a service coordinator at Cutter Gallery, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his loving wife of forty-one years, Jean Marie Olson Larkin of the family home; his mother, Joyce Larkin of New Jersey; two sons, Allen Larkin and wife, Hillery of Phoenix, AZ, Christopher John Larkin and companion Ashley Clapp of Las Vegas, NV; a daughter, Angela Larkin of Las Cruces; two

sisters, Denise Forster and Michele Larkin both of New Jersey. Other survivors include three grandchildren, a daughter-in-law, Maria Johnson, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Ed was preceded in death by his father on August 21, 2013; daughter, Heather Larkin on July 5, 2014; brother, Gregory Larkin on August 2, 2011; and father-in-law, Chancey Olson on April 10, 2011.

Cremation will take place and a Memorial Service is scheduled for 2 PM Friday, February 13, 2015 in Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road with Pastor James Connell officiating. Full military honors will be accorded.

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## ALBERTO G. BRISEÑO

*August 5, 1942 to February 1, 2015*

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts at we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, ALBERTO G. BRISEÑO, 72, of Las Cruces on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born August 5, 1942 in Alamogordo to Margarito J. and Margarita Calles Briseño. Mr. Briseño served his country honorably in the United States Army; retired as a Personnel Sergeant Management Specialist and the recipient of

numerous medals and campaign ribbons. He was a communicant of Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church and a 3rd Degree member of Knights of Columbus.

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## JUAN BARRIOS

*November 25, 1951 to February 3, 2015*

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, brother, uncle and friend, JUAN BARRIOS, age 63, lifelong resident of Las Cruces on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. He was born November 25, 1951 to Luisa Barrios. Juan retired from the Borman Autoplex and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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# SeniorActivities

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Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and first game is at 6:30 p.m. Food and sodas will be available.

For more information, call 526-9139.

Bingo Mania is from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. There is no cost to play.

Free bingo is offered from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Benavidez Center, 1045 McClure Road.

For more information, call 528-3000.

## BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at the Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave. For information, call Judy at 373-9309.

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## DANCESPORT

New Mexico State University's DanceSport team teaches two weekly lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Rentfrow Gym on the NMSU campus, 3165 Williams Ave.

The first class is a beginner class and is free.

The second class costs \$5 and is intermediate. For information, call 646-5704.

## BRIAN J. LOWRIE

*November 3, 1973 to February 1, 2015*

BRIAN J. LOWRIE, 41, of Las Cruces died peacefully on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. He was born November 3, 1973 in Davis, California to Raymond N. and Joyce C. Lowrie. Brian worked as a cook a job he enjoyed.

Cremation will take place and no services

are planned at this time.

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## LILLIAN LOPEZ

*May 10, 1923 to Feb. 2, 2015*

Our dearest beloved mother, LILLIAN R. LOPEZ, age 91, of Salem entered eternal life Monday, February 2, 2015 at the New Mexico Veterans Home Health Care Center in T or C where she had been residing since 1996. Lillian was born May 10, 1923 in El Paso, to John and Rosa Atencio Oliver. She was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Lopez Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to [www.bacafuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacafuneralchapelslascruces.com)



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# FOR THE LOVE OF ART MONTH

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## Tours and performances round out For the Love of Art Month

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

For two weeks, For the Love of Art Month has been in full swing in Las Cruces, but over the coming weekends – Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14-15 and Feb. 21-22 – that trend continues with studio tours, live music and performing arts, film screenings and more.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, galleries and studios throughout the Mesilla Valley will open their doors to the public, giving an unprecedented look at the creative spaces and places of some of Las Cruces' best artists. Ready for the tour? Just look for the blue flags outside any of the following venues.

In the Northern District – North Valley, Del Rey and the East Mesa – Blue Gate Fine Art Gallery, 4901 Chagar Court, will feature the paintings of Flo Hosa Dougherty; El Jardin de Las Cruces Art Gallery, 4010 N. Valley Drive, will feature the santeros and folk art of David Jacquez; photographer and painter Storm Sermay will open her studio at 3382 Solar Ridge St.; and New Dimensions Art Works and Daughter of the Prairie, 4652 Calle de Nueces, will feature the ceramics and fiber art of John and Kris Northcutt.

In the Eastern District, which includes Sonoma Ranch and Dripping

Springs, Jeri Desrochers, Mary Zawacki and Linda Hagen will exhibit their oil paintings and pastels at Desrochers' home studio, located at 3655 Canyon Ridge Arc; and Casa de Puertas, 4020 Yucca Court, will feature the hand-woven art garments and "spirit minder" dolls of Lynn Unangst.

Downtown, in the Central District, John Northcutt will exhibit his sculptural work at New Dimensions Art Works, located at the corner of Piñon and Tornillo streets, and the Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd., will have on display the paintings and wood turning of Linda Lundeen, Penny Duncklee, Patsy Blasdell, Rebecca Courtney and Les Fairchild.

Traveling south, to Mesilla and South Main, Teri Van Huss, Maria Kruse, Alice Ward, Marty Galster, Liz King and Katja Mayfield will be among the artists showing fractals, paintings, photography, cards and mixed-media pieces at Funky Karma Incense and Tea, 3207 S. Main St. In Mesilla, the Tres Manos Weaving studio will feature the work of Teresa Guerra.

West of town in the Picacho Hills area, Art by Rosemary McKeown, 1300 Vista del Monte, will have on display a variety of oil painting, copper art and jewelry; Marilyn Hansen will show her sculptural basketry and metal jewelry at

Marilyn's Reed Weavings and Metal Creations, 6610 Vista del Reino; Greta Burger and Joanna Bradley's glass and gourd work will be featured at Cathouse Glass, 10050 Tuscany Drive; Donna Wood and Cherie Gamboa will show their watercolor, copper art and jewelry at Wood's personal studio, 6884 Alhambra Court; Jan Severson's fiber art work will be on display at 8181 Constitution Road; and finally, Steve Bailey's jewelry and digital paintings will be center stage at Bailey Jewelry Designs, 8160 Constitution Road.

Many of these galleries and studios will be participating in tours the following weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21-22, but to be sure, visit [www.artformsnm.org](http://www.artformsnm.org), where programs and maps are readily available.

While the studio tours are a large part of the continuing For the Love of Art Month programming, there's much more to the month than visual arts, and to that end, there's a host of performing arts events slated for the remainder of February.

From 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Las Cruces Ukulele will bring their old-time ukulele music to the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St.

The next day – Sunday, Feb. 15 – Hard Road Trio will bring its unique blend of roots and bluegrass music for a 2 p.m. performance at St. Paul's

United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

The following week, on Friday, Feb. 20, the exhibit "Chaos Collection" will open at the Frank O'Brien Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., beginning with an open mic from 6 to 8 p.m. that night, and continuing through the end of the month. The Alma d'Arte Charter High School Choir will perform from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. That same day, from noon to 2 p.m., 10+1 Percussion and Dancers will perform as part of the annual Celebration of Dance and Drum, held at Casa de mi Alma Healing Center, 920 N. Alameda Blvd. Closing out the performing arts portion of this monthlong celebration, Sin Fronteras/Writers Without Borders will give a poetry reading from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Film more your style? Also in the month's programming are screenings of films at the historic Fountain Theatre in Mesilla, including the documentary "Antarctica – A Year on Ice" (Feb. 13-19), Belgian drama "Two Days, One Night" (Feb. 20-26) and, rounding out the month, American comedy-drama "Goodbye to All That" (Feb. 27-March 5).

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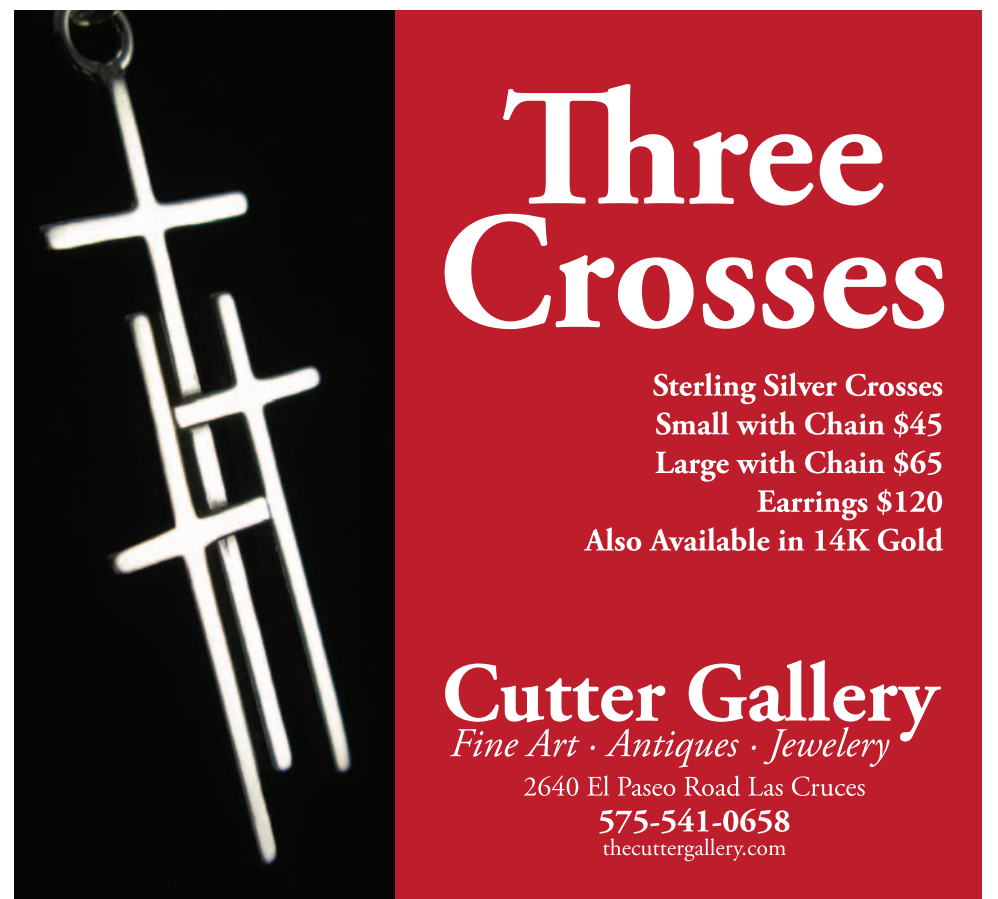
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Renowned singer-songwriter turned science-fiction author Janis Ian returns to the Rio Grande Theatre Friday, Feb. 20, as part of the Doña Ana Arts Council's continuing 2014-15 Performance Series.



# Grider, Ian take Rio Grande stage

In February – joining the citywide celebration that is For the Love of Art Month – the historic Rio Grande Theatre will set the stage for the Doña Ana Arts Council's continuing 2014-15 Performance Series with two exceptional evenings of live music, one marking the homecoming of one of the Mesilla Valley's most promising artists, the other a return to the Rio Grande stage by an internationally known singer-songwriter.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Las Cruces' own Josh Grider will return to his hometown for a one-night-only performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Grider, an AMP Entertainment recording artist, will spend an intimate evening sharing songs and stories from his near 10-year career as a band leader and songwriter in the trenches of the Red Dirt Music Scene – a career that has included five No. 1 songs on the Texas Country Music Charts, five full-length albums and two EPs.

Born and raised in Las Cruces, Grider found his passion for music early, falling in love with the country music records his father played. He participated in band and sang in choir at both Zia Middle School and Las Cruces High School, but his life forever changed when, at age 15, he picked up a guitar and began to write songs.

He continued his study at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he put together his first band, and in 2005, released his first self-titled CD, kicking off a career as a professional country music artist. In the ensuing years, he has lived in Austin, Nashville and New Braunfels, Texas, but he continues to write, record and tour.

Grider is currently part of the AMP record label and publishing company headed by country music veteran and industry mogul Tim DuBois.

Tickets are \$22 (balcony) or \$32.25 (main floor) all fees included. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

The following week, legendary entertainer Janis Ian returns to the Rio Grande Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

Ian, a globally renowned folk songwriter-turned-science fiction writer, returns to Las Cruces after five years with yet another Grammy Award under her belt, a full set list of musical favorites and more humorous stories from her five decades on the road.



Singer-songwriter and Las Cruces "favorite son" Josh Grider will perform at the Rio Grande Theatre on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14.

Playing to a full house on her first visit to the Rio Grande Theater in March 2010, Ian has a long and distinguished career, beginning in 1967 when her first release, "Society's Child," went to number 14 on the Billboard Hot 100. A Grammy Award for her song "At Seventeen" in 1975 cemented her place as an American Folk icon and she has continued recording well into the 21st century.

In 2013, she won her second Grammy Award – one of nine total nominations in eight categories over the years – for Best Spoken Word Album for her autobiographical audio book, "Society's Child," beating out the likes of President Bill Clinton, First Lady Michelle Obama, Rachel Maddow and Ellen DeGeneres.

Through it all, she maintains her inimitable sense of humor and continues to be an outspoken advocate for the importance of art in the lives of young and old alike.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32.25 (balcony) or \$42.50 (main floor) including all fees, and may be purchased via the website at [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com), at the box office, upstairs at the Rio Grande Theatre, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by phone.

For more information on either show or the remainder of the 2014-25 Performance Series, visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com) or call 523-6403.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>FRI FEBRUARY 13</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
Rhythm Roundup Music and Dance for ages 2-5	Branigan Library
<b>FRI FEBRUARY 13</b>	<b>3:00 P.M.</b>
Fantastic Friday Story/Craft Program for ages 7-11	Branigan Library
<b>SAT FEBRUARY 14</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
Josh Grider Concert	Rio Grande Theatre
<b>MON FEBRUARY 16</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
Library Closed for Presidents' Day	Branigan Library
<b>TUE FEBRUARY 17</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
Read to Me stories for ages 3 and up	Branigan Library
<b>TUE FEBRUARY 17</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>
Introduction to Computers: The Basics	Branigan Library
<b>TUE FEBRUARY 17</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>
Teen Game Night	Branigan Library
<b>TUE FEBRUARY 17</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Beginning Crocheting Class	Branigan Library
<b>TUE FEBRUARY 17</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Branigan BookClub	Branigan Library
<b>TUE FEBRUARY 17</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>
Every Other Tuesday: Frank Lovato	Rio Grande Theatre
<b>WED+THU FEBRUARY 18+19</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
Toddler Time stories for ages 1-3	Branigan Library
<b>WED FEBRUARY 18</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
Mother Goose Time Activities for Infants	Branigan Library
<b>WED FEBRUARY 18</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>
Beginning MS Word	Branigan Library
<b>THU FEBRUARY 19</b>	<b>1:00 P.M.</b>
Introduction to Finding Funders	Branigan Library
<b>THU FEBRUARY 19</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Beginning Knitting Class	Branigan Library
<b>FRI FEBRUARY 20</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
Janis Ian Concert	Rio Grande Theatre

## ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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# Las Cruces Collects



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Art lovers, among them County Commissioner Billy Garrett, his wife Cynthia and City Councillor Nathan Small, gather at the Las Cruces Museum of Art for the opening of "Las Cruces Collects" Friday, Feb. 6.



Lynn Wiley talks about some of the most valued pieces in her art collection, authentic Asian prints, with a visitor.



This sculpture, titled "Defense," was taken from the private collection of the Garretts.

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Garrett stands in front of a large sculpture from his collection. The exhibit, "Las Cruces Collects," features works culled from the collections of Garrett and his wife along with Lynn Wiley, John Purcell and the New Mexico State University Art Gallery. The exhibit will remain on display through March 24.

# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**AA STUDIOS** presents "The Flower Collection," featuring the elegant black-and-white photographs of Mary Kerwin. Kerwin has been taking and printing black-and-white photos since 1977, and uses an Olympus OM-1 camera. Her subject matter is rooted in nature and includes flowers, ponds and still lifes. "The Flower Collection" opens with an artist's reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, as part of the North Valley Art Loop, and will remain on display through Feb. 28.

Aa Studios is located at 2645 Doña Ana Road. The gallery is open one week a month, and by appointment through the end of the month. February hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

**BLUE GATE GALLERY** will have a bonanza of brasses, bells, baseball and baskets (wicker), opening with a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. This vintage and nova exhibit and sale continues through March, featuring brasses, commemoratives and IDs attached to horse bridles, some of which are featured in almost century-old guides on-hand for viewing.

Blue Gate Gallery is located at 4901 Chagar Court. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 523-2950.

## ONGOING

**WEST END ART DEPOT** presents "Feral Friday: Expressions of Illegal IV," an exhibit of work conjured and curated by SABA with the intent to brighten the darkest parts of the city with beautiful colors, lots of people and, of course, mind-altering paintings and performances that will help one pause and appreciate the beauty of life. Artists include Cloudface, LETTER91, LIVER, Julian Hunting, SewMetal, Logan Howard, Ernesto Roland, Woar2, Anahy Nuñez, RGUE, Sirnesto, Tomas Clark, Sebastian "Vela" Vasquez, Beni9n, Patience, ASHES, Nadir, Collette Marie and Cameron Vigil. "Feral Friday: Expressions of Illegal IV" will remain on display through the end of the month.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday and by appointment. For more information, call 312-9892 or visit [www.we-ad.org](http://www.we-ad.org).

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** presents "My Masterpiece," featuring works by gallery artists created in the style of renowned artists. Visit the gallery in the month of February, check out the "masterpieces" and the clues provided, and see if you can match the pieces up with the old masters. The winner with the most correct answers will receive a \$50 gift certificate to La Posta Restaurant. "My Masterpiece" will remain on display through Feb. 29.

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

**LULU FINE ART GALLERY** presents "The Aesthetics of Perception: Exploring Feeling and Form," a new exhibit featuring original photography, painting and sculpture works by Yanick D'hooge, Marjorie Moeser, Caroline Ryan Crawford and Amanda Sudimack. The exhibit will remain on display through March.

LuLu Fine Art Gallery is located at 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 523-4747.

**CUTTER GALLERY** presents "Great Moments in Art," an exhibit featuring 20 new works from paper-mache artist Stephen Hansen. The exhibit will remain on display through March.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Regular gallery 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.

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents "Las Cruces Collects," featuring work from the collections of Billy and Cynthia Garrett, Lynn Wiley and John Purcell and the New Mexico State University Art Gallery. The Billy and Cynthia Garrett collection features works in various mediums, including pieces by Las Cruces artists Rosemary McLoughlin, Jeanne Rundell, Stephen Hansen, Joyce Macrorie and multiple works by John Garrett, brother of Billy Garrett. Artist Lynn Wiley and her husband John Purcell share prints accumulated over the course of Wiley's own printmaking and teaching career. Works include prints by notable artists Pat Steir and Elmer Schooley, among others. The University Art Gallery presents two series from its collection, showcasing Mexican photographer Manuel Carillo (1906-1989) and conceptual multimedia artist Ceilia Alvarez Muñoz. "Las Cruces Collects" will remain on display through Saturday, March 29.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

**COTTONWOOD GALLERY**, located inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents "The Wild: Worth Loving," an exhibit championing nature and the out-of-doors by the Ten O'Clock Club, a group of artists committed to thinking or making art just 10 minutes each day, often at 10 a.m., realizing that 10 minutes expands and expands. Members meet on the 10th of each month at 10 a.m. with coffee and paint to discuss making art and their work. "The Wild: Worth Loving" will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND MAIN STREET GALLERY** present "New Mexico Backroads" by Naida Zucker, a distinctive exhibit of original artworks featuring vignettes from small towns and villages throughout the state. The art form is hectography, a hand-printing method using a gelatin sheet as a printing plate and the artist's hands as the printing press to create a background later combined with digital photographic elements. "New Mexico Backroads" will remain on display through the end of the month.

Big Picture Digital Image Experts and Main Street 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.

**ART OBSCURA GALLERY** presents "Bioluminology," an exhibit of the surrealist paintings of Cody Jimenez. In this body of work, Jimenez explores his concerns involving our society and its fascination with technology.

When Jimenez had the realization his phone had become a social "crutch," he began to notice the different levels of obsession people had with their own devices. "Bioluminology" will remain on display through the first week of March.

Upstairs, in the Tiny Room Gallery, Art Obscura is hosting the Tiny Collage Show with works no larger than 5 by 7 inches.

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.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "Number, please," an exhibition of quilts from the 2015 Las Colcheros Quilt Guild Challenge. This year's challenge revolves around numbers. We already know that quilters have sharp math skills they put to use in measuring, fitting and stitching a quilt, but the Las Colcheros quilters take this idea a step further in 2015, by incorporating numbers into the titles, designs and repetitions found in the quilt. "Number, please" will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY** presents the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter during For the Love of Art Month throughout February. The show features small works including a wide variety of subjects. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of the month.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 217 N.



**Marjorie Moeser's "Canyon by Moonlight," now on display at Cottonwood Gallery, located inside Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.**

Main St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 405-6063.

**LAS CRUCES RAILROAD MUSEUM** presents "Wheels & Wings: Tracing Our Heritage," an exhibit of interpretive work by the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter showing how both wings and wheels have shaped New Mexico. "Wings & Wheels" will remain on display through Saturday, March 28.

Las Cruces Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information, call 547-4480.

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** presents "Connecting the Dots: 6 Perspectives on Collecting," featuring work chosen by "searcher/collectors" Alex Glowacki, Cassandra Lockwood, Joshua Rose, Jeanne Rundell, Jacklyn St. Aubyn and Unsettled Gallery's director Catherine Brenner.

Artists whose work was selected for the collections include Carey Crane, Craig Cully, Suzi Davidoff, Carlos Estrada Vega, William (Bill) Gambling, Ligia Ford Kaminski, Carol Klimek, Cassandra Lockwood, Katherine Holmes, Steve Kramer, Marjorie Moeser, Jo Rango, Jacklyn St. Aubyn, Rachelle Thiewes, Olin West and Nolan Winkler. "Connecting the Dots" will remain on display through Feb. 25.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit [www.unsettledgallery.com](http://www.unsettledgallery.com) or call 635-2285.

**NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM** presents Cheryl Cathcart's "In a World of Horses," featuring 32 photographs of horses from the U.S. and Europe, capturing the power, beauty and spirit of the animals in New Mexico, Montana, France, Italy and Portugal.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum also presents "Heavy Metal: Vintage Farm Equipment by Richard Ondrovic," photographs emphasizing the complex shapes that make up the machinery on display at the museum. "Heavy Metal" will remain in the museum's arts corridor through April 5.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

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# Events Calendar

## FRI. 2/13

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

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

## SAT. 2/14

**6:30 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.

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**10 a.m. to noon, Family Game Day**, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. What types of games did families enjoy in the years before electronic games were invented? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts Family Game Day on the second Saturday of each month. Develop hand-eye coordination with Jacks and Cup and Ball Toss, stimulate your mind with jigsaw and wooden puzzles or challenge friends to a game of Dominoes. Free. Call 647-4480.

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**1 to 2 p.m. Live music with Las Cruces Ukles**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Las Cruces Ukles is a community group of ukulele enthusiasts who perform beloved tunes from days gone by. Free. Call 541-2154.

**2 p.m. The Magic of Curt Anderson**, University Church of Christ, 1555 E. University Ave. Magician Curt Anderson will present his show as part of a community impact event sponsored by University Church of Christ in Las Cruces. This will be a day of involvement with about 200 teens helping with 20 service projects including those at the Gospel Rescue Mission, La Casa Women's shelter, the animal shelter, Weed N Seed safe House and fire and police stations, providing a meal for around 1,000 people. Free. Call 405-3382.

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**7:30 p.m. Live music with Josh Grider**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council proudly continues the 2014-15 Performance Series with the return of hometown boy Josh Grider. The AMP recording artist will spend an intimate evening sharing songs and stories from his near 10-year career as a band leader and songwriter in the trenches of the Red Dirt Music Scene – a career that has included five number one songs on the Texas Country Music Charts, five full length albums and two EPs. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advance reserved seat tickets \$32.25 main floor or \$22 balcony, or \$37.50 and \$27.25 at the door. Call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**8 to 11 p.m. Live music with David Vidal**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

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

## SUN. 2/15

**6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market**, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

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

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

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

**7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society presents The Muddy Hands Blues Band**, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Cost \$5 members, \$8 non-members and \$1

students with ID.

## MON. 2/16

**9 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Chris Baker and Friends**, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

## TUE. 2/17

**1 to 4 p.m. Oil-painting class**, Cactus Flower Gallery and Consignment Shop, 517 N. Mesquite St. Bring your own supplies; new and advanced painters are welcome. Cost \$7. Call 210-749-1719.

**4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday 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.

**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.

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**6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with Frank Lovato and Grits Wrangler**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents an evening of guitar and poetry with Frank Lovato and Grits Wrangler. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.

**7 p.m. Learn to dance Ballroom, Latin and Swing, Rentfrow Gym**, Stewart and Williams streets on the NMSU campus. Join NMSU DanceSport every Tuesday night. Level one dance is the foxtrot, level two dance is the samba. Level one dances are free, level two dances begin at 8:15 p.m. and are \$5. Call 646-4067 or email [dancesport@nmsu.edu](mailto:dancesport@nmsu.edu).

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

## WED. 2/18

**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).

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

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

**11 a.m. Rail Readers Book Club**, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. New members always welcome. Free. Call 647-4480.

## THU. 2/19

**1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting**, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m. "Connecting the Dots" discussion forum**, Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. J.D. Jarvis will lead a forum on collecting digital art, in conjunction with the exhibit "Connecting the Dots," featuring work chosen by "searcher/collectors" Alex Glowacki, Cassandra Lockwood, Joshua Rose,

Jeanne Rundell, Jacklyn St. Aubyn and Unsettled Gallery's director Catherine Brenner. Free. Call 635-2285.

**7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club**, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. This week, music will be provided by a DJ, Dale Ellis. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7. Call 526-6504.

**7 to 10 p.m. Live music with Vince Alten**, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

**8 to 11 p.m. Live music with The Union Suits**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

**10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Live music with DJ Gene-E-Ous**, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

**FRI. 2/20**

**6 to 9 p.m. Winter Warmer Jazz Supper Club**, Double Eagle Restaurant, 2355 Calle de Guadalupe. Featuring music from the Jim Helder Smooth Jazz Trio, along with special wine prices by the glass and bottle. Cover \$10, reservations suggested. Call 523-6700.

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

**7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance**, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams, will hold a contra dance featuring music from Bayou Seco & The Fiddle Club. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

**7:30 p.m. Live music with Janis Ian**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council proudly continues the 2014-15 Performance Series with a repeat performance by legendary Grammy Award-winner Janis Ian. Playing to a full house on her first visit to the Rio Grande Theater in March 2010, Ian has had a long and distinguished career, beginning in 1967 when her first release, "Society's Child," went to No. 14 on the Billboard Hot 100. A Grammy Award for her song "At Seventeen" in 1975 cemented her place as an American Folk icon and she has continued recording well into the 21st century. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$42.50 main floor or \$32.25 balcony in advance, all fees included, or \$46.75 and \$37.50 at the door. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

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**SAT. 2/21**

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

**11 a.m. Story Time**, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Listen to a Thomas the Tank Engine book and enjoy a

Thomas video while completing a related craft activity. Free. Call 647-4480.

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Retablo workshop by the Borderland Fridas**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. To celebrate the first Spanish Colonial Arts Society's Santero Market coming to Las Cruces, the Borderland Fridas are offering a retablo-making workshop. Participants will be provided with an unfurnished wood retablo base and paints to create their own retablos, and a guest speaker will discuss the importance of the retablo in devotional art along with the history and meaning of this New Mexican cultural art form, followed by a reading of Rudolfo Anaya's "The Santero's Miracle." Free. Call 520-5246 or email [theborderlandfridas@gmail.com](mailto:theborderlandfridas@gmail.com).

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

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**MON. 2/23**

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# AtTheMovies

## 'Jupiter Ascending' a beautiful but baffling mess

Review by **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Eons ago, life was “seeded,” both on Earth and countless other worlds, by the descended families of alien royalty to harvest when that life reaches its “Darwinian state of perfection” as the main ingredient in a youth serum that grants immortality. The matriarch of one such alien house, Abrasax, has recently perished, leaving her three children – Balem, Kalique and Titus – to squabble over their intergalactic inheritance – including Earth, its human residents nearly ripe for harvest. Balem (Eddie Redmayne) is bestowed a massive production facility hidden in the red spot of Jupiter, while brother Titus (Douglas Booth) declares his intentions to put a stop to the serum trade once and for all.

Meanwhile, back on Earth – Chicago, to be exact –housemaid Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis) – named by her astronomer father in the days before he’s murdered in a robbery – lives a servant’s life, cleaning the homes of the rich. During a routine

trip to the women’s clinic to sell her eggs to buy a telescope, Jupiter panics during the procedure and discovers the doctors and nurses are, in fact, shape-shifting grey men and agents of Balem Abrasax sent to kill her, as she is the exact genetic reincarnation of house Abrasax’s late matriarch and, thus, Earth’s rightful inheritor.

Luckily, Jupiter is saved by Caine Wise (Channing Tatum), half-albino half-wolf “splice,” disgraced intergalactic bounty hunter and owner of some sweet hovering rollerblades, who informs her of who she truly is before whisking her on an adventure to claim her rightful place as proprietor of Earth that spans galaxies.

Convoluting enough for you?

So begins – yes, begins – “Jupiter Ascending,” the latest directorial effort from filmmaker siblings Andy and Lana Wachowski (“The Matrix” trilogy, “Speed Racer” and much of the critically maligned “Cloud Atlas”).

Credit where credit’s due: for the Wachowskis, there is no such thing

as a small miss, and nowhere is this more evident than their latest feature. It’s a big, blustery, bizarre and utterly baffling space opera, overstuffed with backstory and narrative strands that go nowhere, bogged down by clunky dialogue and a couple of stone-faced performances from its leads, most damnably from Kunis and Tatum, who are both as flat and hollow as can be.

In it, it seems the Wachowskis have attempted to cram a Star Wars trilogy or two worth of nearly inexplicable universe-building into its overstuffed two-hour running time. At times it feels as if they’re making it up as they go, throwing it all at the wall – human-animal

splices, fairytale mythology, um, hover boots – to see what sticks.

In the end, though, the only thing that sticks is the visuals. Drawing less on the more-familiar tropes of the science fiction genre, the Wachowskis, here, have outdone themselves, crafting intricate and stunningly rendered – by more than 1,600 credited visual artists – worlds beyond our wildest dreams. Pulling inspiration from old-world European architecture, modern glass, Gothic art and even Renaissance imagery, “Jupiter Ascending” sure looks great; it’s a shame that’s all it has going for it.

### JUPITER ASCENDING

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 127 minutes

Starring: Mila Kunis,  
Channing Tatum

Directors: Andy and  
Lana Wachowski



## 'Antarctica' catalogues a year on ice

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

*“The heavens dance. From the bottom of the world, where your eyes might freeze in your face, we see stars pulse against seams of luminous dust, all in slow and dizzying rotation. Then come the lights: Ribbons of green unspool and shimmer and whip across the sky, suggesting angels and ectoplasm, strips of silk somehow imbued with bioluminescence.”*

Alan Scherstuhl, The Village Voice

People often fail to find beauty in land that is deemed or tagged as being worthless (because it has no natural resources for man to exploit). Think of the desert – your own backyard. Portions of it have been turned into a man-made wasteland by the military, which uses it for gunnery ranges and such, or from past attempts at mining because those people only see rocks, untenable land and the scattered plants of the Chihuahuan Desert.

How wrong they are.

If you are looking for something that is truly beautiful in its inimitable way, then you need to see “Antarctica.” It is a tour of the last, mostly unspoiled place on Earth and the people that live and work there.

It will be pokey to some people, but to those who truly want to see the beauty the way I saw it, it will be a wonderment.

In the film, we see everything that Antarctica is: wild, inhospitable, unwilling to support human life. We meet a gaggle of people who live there, doing research or supporting those who do said research, from pilots to the folks who the store at the McMurdo Base – which by the way, once had a beer named after it. There is even a film festival, which I would love to attend one day.

We see the stars – oh, do we see the stars. We see the penguins, but thankfully don’t dwell on them, and we see lost creatures that, for some

reason, head inland instead of seaward, and when that happens, they die. And we are made aware of their awful stench.

There is the snow and ice and brilliant blue skies and the wind, unlike anywhere else on the planet, it seems. There is the equipment the people use and the isolation, often preferred by some, especially those who stay for the winter, which has days and days of little or no sunlight. And then the summer crews come in, those who have wintered bemoan their arrival.

There are the things that these people miss as they work to understand life at the bottom of the world. Mostly it amounts to fresh

produce and other such things. Sometimes there is romance, but mostly, there is the snow and the wind and the unlimited boundaries

that reveal no cars, malls, Subway stores or crime.

Director Anthony Powell spent nine years making “Antarctica,” and it is infinite in its detail. If there is one complaint I have, it would be that he used too much time lapse photography to

seemingly speed things up. This is not a place where things ever speed up because, well, they just can’t.

Except that wind.

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# AtTheMovies


## Picking the Flicks

Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.


**Jupiter Ascending**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Jupiter Jones, a janitor, learns of her out-of-this world destiny from an interplanetary warrior, Caine Wise.  
**Starring:** Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum  
**Directors:** Andy and Lana Wachowski



**American Sniper**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** The story of Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle, a legend on the battlefield who struggles to leave the war behind him when he returns home to his family.  
**Starring:** Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller  
**Director:** Clint Eastwood



**The Loft**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** Five married men share a secret penthouse, but when the dead body of an unknown woman turns up, one of them must be guilty.  
**Starring:** James Marsden, Rhona Mitra  
**Director:** Erik Van Looy




**Seventh Son**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Thomas Ward, a seventh son of a seventh son, adventures and apprentices under the Spook, facing off against Mother Malkin.  
**Starring:** Ben Barnes, Julianne Moore  
**Director:** Sergei Bodrov



**The Wedding Ringer**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** To impress his in-laws, a shy groom enlists a best-man-for-hire.  
**Starring:** Kevin Hart, Josh Gad  
**Director:** Jeremy Garelick



**Project Almanac**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A brilliant teenager and his peers discover blueprints to construct a time machine, putting lives at risk in the process.  
**Starring:** Amy Landecker, Sofia Black-D'Elia  
**Director:** Dean Israelite




**The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water**  
 Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** SpongeBob enters the real world on an adventure to rescue a stolen recipe from a pirate.  
**Director:** Paul Tibbitt



**Taken 3**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** After being accused of a murder he didn't commit, former government operative Bryan Mills uses his particular set of skills to clear his name and find the killer.  
**Starring:** Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace  
**Director:** Olivier Megaton



**Black or White**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A widower is drawn into a custody battle over the granddaughter he raised her entire life with the family of her absent father.  
**Starring:** Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer  
**Director:** Mike Binder



**Strange Magic**  
 Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** Goblins, orcs, fairies and imps head on a misadventure following a battle over a powerful potion.  
**Starring:** Evan Rachel Wood, Elijah Kelley (voices)  
**Director:** Gary Rydstrom




**Whiplash**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A talented young jazz drummer enlists in a cutthroat music conservatory, where meets a mentor who stops at nothing to help him realize his true potential.  
**Starring:** Miles Teller, J.K. Simmons  
**Director:** Damien Chazelle



**A Nightmare in Las Cruces**  
 Not Rated  
**Plot Overview:** A documentary centered on the still-unsolved 25-year old massacre at Las Cruces Bowl that left seven innocent people dead.  
**Director:** Charlie Minn



**Fifty Shades of Grey**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** The life of Anastasia Steele changes forever when she makes the acquaintance of Christian Grey, a handsome but troubled billionaire.  
**Starring:** Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan  
**Director:** Sam Taylor-Johnson



**OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 13**

**Kingsman: The Secret Service**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A street tough is recruited by a spy organization for training just as a tech genius becomes a threat to the entire world.  
**Starring:** Colin Firth, Taron Egerton  
**Director:** Matthew Vaughn



**OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 13**

## New on DVD Tuesday, Feb. 17

**Birdman**  
 Rated: R  
 Genre: Drama, comedy  
**Starring:** Michael Keaton, Naomi Watts  
**Director:** Alejandro Gonzalez Iñárritu

**The Interview**  
 Rated: R  
 Genre: Comedy  
**Starring:** James Franco, Seth Rogen  
**Directors:** Evan Goldberg, Seth Rogen

**Dumb and Dumber To**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Genre: Comedy  
**Starring:** Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels  
**Directors:** Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly

**St. Vincent**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Genre: Comedy  
**Starring:** Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy  
**Director:** Theodore Melfi

## Top-grossing Feb. 6-8

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|---|---|
| <b>1</b> <b>The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water</b> (Week No. 1) <b>\$55,365,012</b> | <b>6</b> <b>Paddington</b> (Week No. 4) <b>\$5,220,940</b>          |
| <b>2</b> <b>American Sniper</b> (Week No. 7) <b>\$23,289,113</b>                          | <b>7</b> <b>The Wedding Ringer</b> (Week No. 4) <b>\$4,719,532</b>  |
| <b>3</b> <b>Jupiter Ascending</b> (Week No. 1) <b>\$18,372,372</b>                        | <b>8</b> <b>The Imitation Game</b> (Week No. 11) <b>\$4,687,391</b> |
| <b>4</b> <b>Seventh Son</b> (Week No. 1) <b>\$7,217,640</b>                               | <b>9</b> <b>Black or White</b> (Week No. 2) <b>\$4,537,267</b>      |
| <b>5</b> <b>Project Almanac</b> (Week No. 2) <b>\$5,232,672</b>                           | <b>10</b> <b>The Boy Next Door</b> (Week No. 3) <b>\$4,111,835</b>  |

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## International festival scheduled for March

New Mexico State University's Office of International and Border Programs and various groups from the city will host the International Festival 2015 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

The festival offers the NMSU campus and local community an opportunity to experience different cultures from across the globe. Currently, NMSU has more than 1,300 international students from 75 countries.

The festival will include international foods, cultural displays with native art, textiles, artifacts, photographs, music, dancing and games.

Participating international students will be dressed in their native fashions.

"This event continues to snowball," Cornell Menking, NMSU associate provost for international and border programs, said.

"Our hope is that this event becomes truly co-sponsored by the community and the university.

"This year we have a very enthusiastic committee comprised of all sorts of community members," he said. "We are committed to having more food and more participation from a variety of international people in the community.

"It will be in a bigger section of the convention center and everything will be scaled up from last year."

For more information, call the international student and scholar services office at 646-2017; see the flyer at <http://ibp.nmsu.edu/files/2015/01/International-Festival-one-pager2.pdf>.

## Career exploration conference for girls



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Girls Can! is a one-day conference scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon March 14 at Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut Ave. The event is for sixth-grade girls who want to explore possible careers in a variety of industries. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, the workshop's presenters are all Las Cruces area career women, many of whom went to school in Doña Ana County. They will speak about their jobs and participate in related activities designed to start the students thinking about their future. Some of the 17 workshops include the areas: veterinarian; computer science; legal profession; cosmetology; physical therapy; theater; architecture; dentistry; electricity; biology; Border Patrol; nursing, aerospace; costume design. There will also be a workshop for parents designed to help them support their children. The cost is \$5 and includes a Girls Can! T-shirt and breakfast. Registration deadline for Girls Can! is Wednesday, Feb. 18. For more information, call 524-2601 or send an email to [anniemac\\_37@Q.com](mailto:anniemac_37@Q.com). Information and a copy of the event's brochure with registration form can be found online at [www.lascruces-nm.aauw.net](http://www.lascruces-nm.aauw.net).

## Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

### BEGINNER

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

### CHALLENGER

8								4
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3	1			7			8	9
		5				2		
7								1

### EXPERT

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

3	1	8	9	7	6	4	2	5
4	7	6	3	2	5	8	1	9
2	9	5	4	1	8	7	6	3
5	6	4	8	3	9	1	7	2
1	3	9	2	4	7	5	8	6
7	8	2	6	5	1	9	3	4
6	2	1	5	8	4	3	9	7
9	4	7	1	6	3	2	5	8
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8	2	7	1	5	9	6	4	3
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9	3	1	7	4	6	8	5	2
7	8	4	9	6	1	3	2	5
2	6	9	5	3	4	1	7	8
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## CONCERT TO BENEFIT MINISTRY

The Allen Family will be in concert at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S Locust St., at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. A love offering will be received to help support Allen Ministries. For information about their ministry projects and the family itself, visit [www.allenministry.com](http://www.allenministry.com).

## INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION

Beginner classes in meditation are offered from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday evenings through March 24 in the Great Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S Solano Drive.

Classes are offered on a dana (voluntary donation) basis. For more information, contact Diane at [diane.schneider09@gmail.com](mailto:diane.schneider09@gmail.com).

## BOOK STUDY

New, open, spiritual book study meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every other Wednesday at the Bahai Interfaith Information Center, 525 E. Lohman Ave. The current book is "Founders of Faith," by H. Rosen.

For more information, call 805-7340 or 522-0467.

## MORNING PRAYER AT HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family American Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, presents the Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer at 10 a.m., as well as Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in the Saint Francis Chapel. Services are open to all. For more information, call 644-5025.

## CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING

The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., offers "A Course In Miracles" open book study from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays; Prayer Treatment by local New Thought ministers, practitioners and teachers from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays; and pastoral care by Rev. Bonnie Smith by appointment at 635-8081. For more information, call 523-4847.

## SALT & LIGHT PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, has begun its yearly Salt & Light after-school community program. The program is open to community

children in grades K through 12 and takes place on Wednesday evenings. Designed to offer a kid-friendly atmosphere, activities for the program include snacks, recreation, Bible classes, music, worship and dinner. The cost is \$50 per child, or \$100 for families. Some scholarships are available. For more information, call 526-5559.

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Calling all men. A Christian men's luncheon meets at noon every Tuesday at I-HOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Open discussions. Bring a friend. For more information, call 635-7262.

## PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., offers two weekly prayer groups. Centering Prayer meets at 9 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes and offers a chance for silent prayer and personal reflection with God. Women Gather for Prayer meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays. For more information, call the church office at 522-7119.

## SILENT MEDITATION

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., offers a 20-minute period of silent meditation after a brief reading at 9 a.m. Saturday mornings. A "sacred word" is selected and is returned to during times of distraction. All faiths are welcome. For more information, call 647-5684 or 522-7119.

## DISCOVER THE FAITH

Have questions about what being a Christian means? Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway, offers adult Bible study classes at 10 a.m. every Saturday. Regular worship schedule is 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday and a Spanish language service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-0465.

## COURSE IN MIRACLES

The Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, presents a complete self-study spiritual thought system called "A Course In Miracles," from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Presented by instructor Edward Alvarez, the class is a three-volume curriculum consisting of a text, workbook for students and manual for teachers, teaching that

the way to universal love and peace is by undoing guilt through forgiveness of others. There is no charge for the program and all levels of students and spiritual seekers are welcome.

For more information, call 993-4903.

## SATURDAY VESPERS

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, located at the Kendrick Chapel at 518 N. Alameda Blvd., invites visitors and inquirers to Vespers at 5 p.m. Saturdays. This evening service of prayer and praise is a good introduction to the Biblical foundation and spirituality of Eastern Orthodox Christianity and includes a sermon, occasionally with discussion afterward.

For more information, visit <http://stanthonylc.org>.

## MODERN BUDDHISM CLASSES OFFERED

The Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, offers Modern Buddhism meditation classes, sponsored by the Kadampa Meditation Center, in the R.S. Great Room from 10 to 11:30 a.m., the first and third Saturday of each month. The topic of the class is "The Wisdom of Fearlessness," which uses the teachings of Buddha to acquire tools to free ourselves from fear and, ultimately, all painful, limiting states of mind. Open to the public. A \$10 donation is suggested. For more information, call 496-4271.

## MEN'S CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Catholic men are invited to attend a men's Catholic fellowship breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at the San Albino Parish Hall on the Mesilla Plaza. The monthly gathering is an opportunity for men to fellowship with other Catholic men and renew themselves spiritually. The fellowship is sponsored by the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in collaboration with other Mesilla Valley Catholic parishes. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. For more information, call 524-8563.

## OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies and General Spiritual Group hold group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon the first Sunday of each month. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. For more information and location, call 405-2089.

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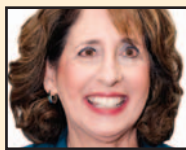
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## PERKs of Education



**Rorie Measure**  
*The Reading Solution*

One of the real pleasures of writing this column is learning what others are doing to promote opportunity and educational advancement.

Parents Engaged in Readiness for Kindergarten (PERK) have created a countywide early childhood education plan. PERK is a coalition of 10 early childhood services, supported by a grant from the Daniel's Fund, providing home visits, child care education, pre-K opportunities and family literacy programs.

Parents are their children's first and most important teachers. This is especially important in Doña Ana County, where 60 percent of children arrive at kindergarten with no preschool experience.

The PERK plan focuses on coordinating resources to make sure parents have the knowledge to guide their children to success in school.

PERK uses the First Teacher curriculum developed by the Children's Reading Alliance. Parents learn how to create a home environment that supports the pleasures of learning. They receive information on child development, gain practical experience with age-appropriate teaching tools, develop skills that promote school success and interact with other parents to practice games that support brain development.

Participant comments are collected and analyzed after each session. One parent wrote, "I feel like I've been shaken awake. I'm seeing my role change and it feels like I can work smarter with my child. This program changed our lifestyle."

Frank Lopez, director of Ngage New Mexico, said, "This is a unique and significant undertaking. The lessons learned in PERK over the course of the next few months will assist in the development of a plan on a much larger scale."

Enrollment is now open for First Teacher classes in Hatch, which will begin in March.

*Children's Reading Alliance is part of the Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County. Reading Solution is written by Rorie Measure to promote literacy and celebrate grassroots action.*

## Covarrubias Zero to Three Fellow

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Beginnings shape what follows. The national nonprofit Zero to Three's mission is to ensure that babies and toddlers all have a strong start in life, and its academy of fellows has spent more than 30 years pursuing that goal.

Abel Covarrubias, CEO of Aprendamos Intervention Team, has been selected as one of the distinguished number. Covarrubias said his passion for helping infants, children and families in Doña Ana County drove him to apply for the fellowship, though he did not expect to be chosen.

The extensive application process includes submitting a project focusing on a need to be addressed in the fellowship's community. Out of 170 applicants, only 20 were chosen for interviews before the group was whittled down to 10 professionals and policymakers.

"I was very humbled and honored to be in a room with practitioners who are totally passionate about infants and toddlers and families," Covarrubias said.

During the first week of February, the fellows met for the first time outside of Washington, D.C., at a lush 80-acre retreat belonging to the United States Postal Service. Covarrubias said they participated in team-building exercises to get to know each other, and spent days in seminars about social justice and adaptive leadership.

The process was intensive – Covarrubias said the meetings started at 8 a.m. and they would last until 8:30 p.m. However, he said the process was well thought-out and allowed them to be engaged with one another in an environment of learning, communication, networking and problem-solving.



**COVARRUBIAS**



PHOTO BY ZERO TO THREE

The 2015 Zero to Three Academy of Fellows gathered in Potomac, Md. for the first time last week to meet, introduce their projects, listen to guest speakers and use their diverse professional backgrounds to collaborate on the developmental needs of infants and children within their respective communities.

ing.

During the week, the fellows each gave a 30-minute presentation of the individual projects that fueled each application to the fellowship.

Covarrubias' project centers around the question: How do we develop a common language around infant mental health (social, emotional development)?

"Infant mental health is – you can call it social development, social wellbeing of children – we know that foundation is so instrumental the attachment and bonding with families or caregivers," said Covarrubias.

"If we can establish a common framework or understanding around this term, how do we increase that understanding across systems – meaning early childhood as well as the business sector?"

Through this project, Covarrubias hopes to develop within Doña Ana County a model that can be applied elsewhere throughout the state or the country.

The feedback Covarrubias received helped him in two ways.

"I think they provided a lot of great feedback and they reinforced a lot of thoughts and ideas that I had, but then it

also made me reflect on other situations regarding who are other catalysts in our community that I can engage with to help bring them into my circle so we can move this initiative forward," he said.

Covarrubias emphasized that the Zero to Three program views these projects as an evolving process. The fellows are not expected to have their work completed by the end of the 18-month fellowship, so the program will monitor the fellows as they work on their project for the three years following, providing help and support as they implement their work.

Though the fellowship provides mentoring, support and connections to people who can help Covarrubias' project grow, he said the community is key to its success.

"Something that I truly believe in – I'm applying for this fellowship, I'm doing it to represent my community, but my goal is to include not only Aprendamos, but include the entire community in this whole process," said Covarrubias.

"So in essence, the whole community is going through this fellowship together. ... My goal is to increase awareness about the fellowship and con-

nect those individuals so that we're all in it together."

Some of the work has already begun, uniting agencies Aprendamos, Healthy Start and Ngage. These agencies are bringing in their strengths to develop an early childhood system of care to help reduce duplication of services.

"There's a circle of influence already working together, but I'd like to get the community and business sector also involved so they have a understanding of the importance of the social emotional development and wellbeing of infants," Covarrubias said.

Infant mental health helps not only the individual child and the family unit, but has long-term benefits for the larger community these smaller units comprise.

"I think it is more of a long-term investment. I think a lot of times when we are looking at implementing a system that we can see, that's short-term outcome. This is really long-term," Covarrubias said.

"I think the importance of working together as a community to create systemic change is very vital."

Marissa Bond can be reached at 680-1845 or [marissa@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:marissa@lascrucesbulletin.com).

# Healthy Happenings



## FREE WELL-BEING WORKSHOPS

Well Being Wednesday will be held at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Well Being Room at the Good Samaritan Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The March 4 workshop will host a Walgreens pharmacist, who will discuss medications and how they react to each other. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their medications so that the pharmacist can see if they are working together appropriately.

Experience the Benefits of Laughter workshop on April 1 will be given by Well Being Coordinator Pam Rodgers. Finally, learn the proper techniques for using a walker, to be discussed by physical therapist Shane Sheehan on May 6.

For more information, call 556-2179 or email

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## FREE NUTRITION SEMINAR & COOKING DEMO

A free seminar and cooking demo on primal dressings is scheduled for noon on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

Reservations not needed. First come, first seated. Free samples.

For more information, call 522-1711.

## EAT MORE VEGGIES, LIVE WELL

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, Doña Ana Community College will be offering a course on vegetable-based nutrition with instructor Marie Mathewson in Room 221 at the DACC East Mesa Campus, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Informational booklet included. Ages 18 and up. There is a fee for this class.

To sign up or for more information, email [commed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@dacc.nmsu.edu) or call 527-7527.

## SMART RECOVERY

Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive, hosts this free weekly addiction recovery class every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. Learn to maintain motivation, cope with urges, manage thoughts and behaviors and live a balanced life. For more information, call 528-5053.

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Certified yoga instructor Olivia Solomon offers all levels yoga classes at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 E. Boutz Road, kitty-corner from Las Cruces High School. Cost: \$3 with punch card (\$24) or \$4 drop-ins. Bring a yoga mat and any props needed.

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## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133 or Michael at 382-5200.

Respite care available during meeting. For more

information, call Tony or Michael at 382-5200.

## BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St.

Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Southern New Mexico Bereaved Parents Support Group meets 2:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 410 Foster Road, in the Grief Center. Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited.

For more information, please call Anna Cook at

## Pet Briefs

### Pitbull mix Pet of the Week

Sienna is a very happy, out-going girl who loves to go on walks and play fetch – she'll even bring the ball back to you 70 percent of the time. Sienna is also quite the girly-girl; she loves to be pampered and loved, so give her a good paw rub and belly scratch and she will love you forever.



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Sienna has been at the shelter – located at 3551 Bataan Memorial West – for 11 months. The shelter can be reached at 382-0018.

### Happy Tails Pet Adoption

Adopt a sweetheart at this Valentine's Day

Happy Tails pet adoption from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave.

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico features many wonderful rescue animals seeking a loving home from HSSNM's

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For more information, call 523-8020 or email [mail@hssnm.org](mailto:mail@hssnm.org).

### Shelter seeks dog walkers

Large breed and small breed dog walkers are needed at Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley.

Complimentary training will be available.

Call Jan Wright at 382-0018 or send an email to [jwright@las-cruces.org](mailto:jwright@las-cruces.org).

Applications for vol-

unteers may be picked up at 3551 Bataan Memorial West daily, or online at [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org).

### Shelter asks for donations

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is in need of dog

crates and treats as well as collars, leashes, towels and igloos.

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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.

### HIDE-AND-SEEK

#### ENGLISH

BOUNDARIES  
GAME  
PLACE  
RULES  
QUIETLY  
TO DISCOVER  
TO FIND  
TO LAUGH  
TO HAVE FUN  
TO HIDE  
TO INTERACT  
TO SEEK

#### SPANISH

LÍMITES  
JUEGO  
LUGAR  
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ENCONTRAR  
REÍR  
DIVERTIRSE  
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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 "Medium" like perception
  - 4 Travel helper
  - 7 Board or living?
  - 9 Nothing to write home about
  - 10 Goes with doom
  - 12 Military uniform color
  - 13 Arcade area, often
  - 15 Crowd noise
  - 16 Relaxed: \_\_\_ back
  - 18 Worrier
  - 22 Major invasion time
  - 24 Big Bird has a big one
  - 25 Wedding agreement
  - 26 Vitality
  - 28 Lived
  - 29 Passionate
  - 30 Electrician's repeat
  - 32 Secret plan
  - 33 Thin
  - 34 Cool
  - 35 Will Ferrell character
  - 38 Joke
  - 39 Romaine lettuce
  - 40 A gazelle
  - 41 Middle of the alphabet letters
  - 42 Needle
  - 43 Supreme being
  - 44 Soak
  - 45 Some
  - 46 Understand
  - 48 Underage drinker
  - 50 Wheat husk
  - 51 Invent
  - 54 Cat cry
  - 55 Flagellate
  - 56 Night light?
  - 57 Animal foot
  - 58 Origin
  - 59 Sea motion
  - 61 Armed helicopter
  - 63 Over the rim shot
  - 65 Electric sea creature
  - 66 \_\_\_ Ready
  - 68 Sleeping problem
  - 71 Dough raiser
  - 74 Boat parking lot
  - 75 Right to sell if debtor defaults
  - 76 Chest for coins at a mint
  - 77 Mosquito protection
- DOWN**
- 2 Spanish sun
  - 3 A deck
  - 4 Kiwi kin
  - 5 Inquire
  - 6 Luau fare
  - 8 Labor
  - 9 Scram!
  - 11 Ancient drink made from honey and alcohol and water
  - 12 Crazy person
  - 14 Contract clause
  - 15 Highland hillside
  - 17 Legendary NASCAR driver, first name
  - 18 Titanic's nemesis
  - 19 Displaced turf
  - 20 Prepare for publication
  - 21 "Maggie May" singer, Stewart
  - 23 Swerves off course
  - 24 Crooked
  - 27 Neighing softly
  - 28 High winds, little rain
  - 29 Imp follower
  - 31 Apparel
  - 32 Troublesome
  - 34 Scandinavian goddess of fate
  - 35 Provoke
  - 36 Window-shop
  - 37 Craze
  - 39 "The Good Shepherd" group
  - 46 Adult
  - 47 Sensitive
  - 48 Debatable
  - 49 Violent commotion
  - 50 Boyfriend
  - 51 Horse hoof sound
  - 52 Cancel
  - 53 Give
  - 54 Auto efficiency measurement
  - 55 Prevent
  - 58 "Cheers" actress, Perlman
  - 60 A deadly sin
  - 62 Permeate
  - 64 Boat part
  - 67 "\_\_\_ Man" Dustin Hoffman character
  - 68 Programming language
  - 69 Type of wood
  - 70 Disapprove
  - 72 Poker play
  - 73 Demolition compound

### CHICAGO TO CANTON

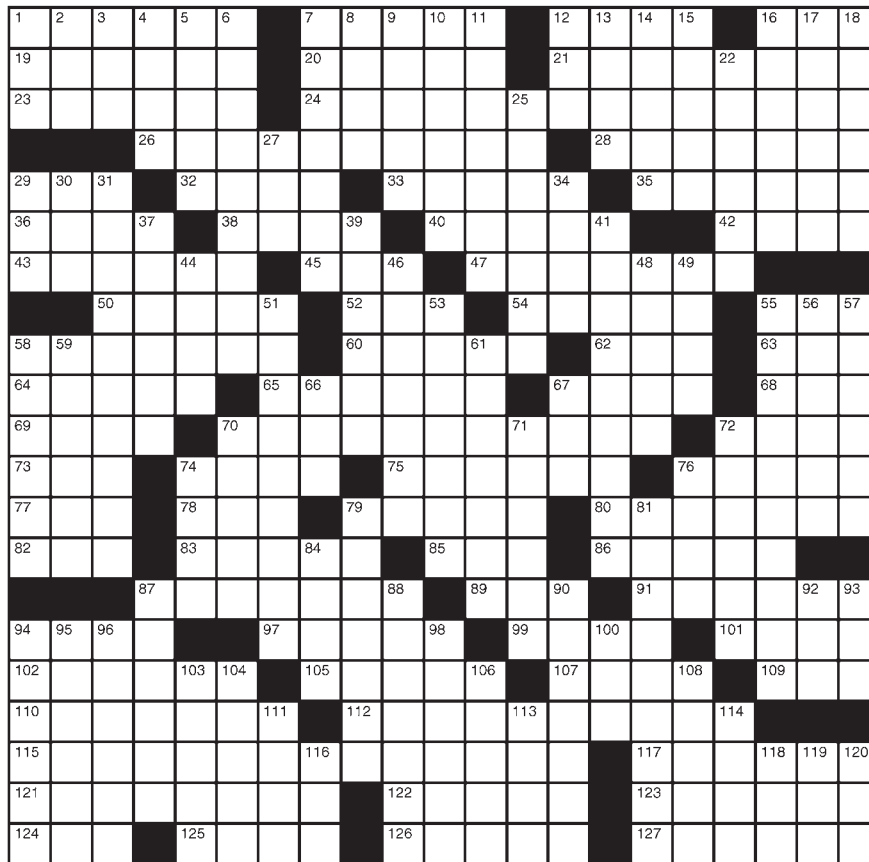
#### ACROSS

- 1 With 127A, Bear in Canton since 1993
- 7 Handle capably
- 12 Droop
- 16 Ernie of the PGA
- 19 Take for granted
- 20 Nine: pref.
- 21 Type of navigation system
- 23 Make additional cuts
- 24 Bear in Canton since 1963
- 26 Host of a '70s variety series
- 28 Brand name on cakes
- 29 Listening device
- 32 Inside: pref.
- 33 Of bristles
- 35 Hermits
- 36 Quickly!
- 38 Long, thin fish
- 40 Chicken caller
- 42 Vesicle
- 43 Called (archaic)
- 45 Extinct bird of New Zealand
- 47 Any individual
- 50 \_\_\_ salts
- 52 C&W fan's channel
- 54 Soup scoop
- 55 When it's light out
- 58 "The Thieving Magpie" composer
- 60 Pink color
- 62 Wedge-shaped piece
- 63 Non-network station
- 64 Diarist Nin
- 65 Wailed
- 67 End of a buck?
- 68 \_\_\_-Magnon
- 69 Charles II's lover Nell
- 70 Bear in Canton since 1963
- 72 Related (to)
- 73 Go, in Glasgow
- 74 Pops
- 75 Intervene
- 76 Kind of cigar or sandwich
- 77 Goof
- 78 Lilly or Wallach
- 79 Main Street structure
- 80 Small sphere
- 82 Deg. with teeth
- 83 Taiwan Strait Islands
- 85 RPM part

- 86 Israeli seaport
- 87 Gambling
- 89 Grad. deg.
- 91 Russian drinks
- 94 Slangy negative
- 97 Robert and Alan
- 99 Yen
- 101 Continental cash
- 102 Sports venues
- 105 Flags
- 107 Jedi teacher
- 109 Half of B.S.
- 110 Mid-ocean
- 112 Work by Horace
- 115 Bear in Canton since 1998
- 117 Whole lot
- 121 Partly
- 122 Roofing material
- 123 Cosmopolitan
- 124 Confirmed
- 125 Blue-green color
- 126 Mighty mount
- 127 See 1A

#### DOWN

- 1 Simple card game
- 2 Peer Gynt's mother
- 3 D-Day craft
- 4 Greensward
- 5 French writer Zola
- 6 "Bronco Buster" sculptor
- 7 Destructive caterpillar
- 8 Calvary inscription
- 9 Tautomeric compounds
- 10 Filmed, slangily
- 11 Badlands states
- 12 Take first place
- 13 Claire and Balin
- 14 Authorized by law
- 15 Cornwall town
- 16 Anthony of "Hawaiian Eye"
- 17 NBA team
- 18 Crafty to the max
- 22 Hypnotic state
- 25 Streaking
- 27 School org.
- 29 Hound sound
- 30 Trojans of sports
- 31 Bear in Canton since



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### Word Salsa

NÓZARBUQUEGUCLOA  
OPIAJERAPUONVOA  
IAJSJAUBHSVRMCR  
CROZARORAEOD  
SSIKOKTYOYUIZÓUE  
OHEADIEMOCTONSV  
NETNATVOLIIYNOEO  
OAROMROAMENQZQL  
IDICIAALQCBSUATP  
TEOTNEIIMITNESIU  
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**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
Drilling for a bit of oil is a bit boring. Drilling for gas is a gas.



## Fund to aid transition to NMSU

By Alta LeCompte  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Receiving an honorary degree from Doña Ana Community College in 2014 didn't inflate Dolores Connor's ego. Instead, it challenged her to find a meaningful way to share her good fortune.

"I was at first surprised, then humbled," Connor said.

She decided to start a scholarship fund for students to attend the community college, an opportunity that had eluded her.

She shared the idea with her husband of 22 years, Bill Connor.

"I said, 'Wait a minute – let's not forget NMSU,'" said Bill Connor who holds an MBA from the university and is a former president of the NMSU Alumni Association.

Together they developed a unique concept for a scholarship that would go to students completing their business studies at DACC and then going on for a business degree at New Mexico State University.

"We want something to get them past the initial commitment," Dolores Connor said.

"The concept is how to make it easier for students to make the journey from K-12 to community college to university."

### Bridge scholarship gains traction

The first Connor Success Scholarship recipient will be announced this spring by the colleges, and already additional targeted scholarships to bridge the transition from community college to university are in the offing.

Dolores Connor said when the couple talks about the new scholarship, people often ask how they can write a check. As a result, the fund, which was established at the beginning of the year already has six donors who have contributed from \$50 to \$500 each.

In addition, she said, more



Family, friends and colleagues congratulate Doña Ana Community College honorary degree recipient Dolores Connor at a reception May 8, 2014. Connor holds her diploma with her family: parents-in-law Carl and Bea Connor, sister-in-law and brother Ana and Albert Lucero, father Arturo Lucero and husband Bill Connor.

such bridge scholarships are being planned by the two institutions that came together to make the Connor Fund possible.

Kristi Martin, development director at DACC, helped the Connors work through the process of creating the fund and is now collaborating with other prospective donors to start similar scholarships for students with other academic interests.

"We see this as an opportunity to tie to the whole education system we have here in Doña Ana County, and a good way to highlight the work done at DACC and NMSU," said Bill Connor. "We both see the value in both institutions."

He said during his chairmanship of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce board the regional initiative that evolved into early college high schools began, while Dolores has served on dual enrollment committees.

As Las Cruces mayor pro

tem, Dolores Connor established a mentoring program for high school students.

"We believe there is a potential there for anyone if they have some support. Ultimately they need some kind of support, whether financial or mentoring. A support system helps you get through the scary parts," she said.

The Connors also understand the financial situations many students face.

A father at 19, Bill Connor worked full time at night while attending NMSU full time during the day to earn a bachelor's degree. He went back to school in 1997, receiving his master's in 2000.

### Learning by doing

Setting high goals and working hard to reach them were values both Connors were raised with, and values with which they raised their own kids.

"She started working early," he said.

Dolores Connor has the distinction of being Las Cruces' first paper girl, starting

in sixth grade and continuing until her high school graduation.

"I learned about managing money and about responsibility – showing up every day," she said.

She continued her career as a teacher's aide in a migrant education program and went on to work at the now-defunct Mutual Building & Loan, starting as a teller and ending her 18-year tenure as vice president of operations.

Bill Connor started his career working weekends and summers at a 7/11. He is now manager of customer contact for El Paso Electric.

They raised their kids with the expectation of working summers.

The kids also helped with Bill and Dolores' business venture, C. Taylor & Co., which sold 50 kinds of coffee and as well as kitchen gadgets.

"The kids learned to meet people and look them eye," she said.

## BRIEFS

### 2015 State of the City and County update planned

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host the State of the City and County membership update luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Las Cruces City Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith, will speak on the state of the city and County Manager, Julia T. Brown will give an update on the county.

Cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for non-members, with an additional \$5 fee for payment at the door. To register, visit [www.lascruces.org](http://www.lascruces.org) or call 524-1968.

### Las Cruces graduate from Young Leaders program

Terra Winter, director of development for the College of Agriculture, Consumer & Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University and Ed Stahl, management and program analyst at White Sands Missile Range, are among the 29 statewide young professionals who recently graduated from the eighth Leadership New Mexico Connect New Mexico "The Next Generation of Leadership" Program.

Open to 25- to 40-year-old leaders, the program is designed to offer them the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills, learn how New Mexico systems and structures work and explore critical issues facing the state.

Participants represent the various geographic regions and communities, from the public, private, government and nonprofit sectors. The program encourages participants to cultivate new ideas and introduces participants to recognized leaders who provide insight into a wide range of issues and topics.

### Housing permits hit 10-year low

Building activity for the city remains slow, with the 2014 end-of-year report reflecting decreases in most construction categories, Assistant City Manager Brian Denmark reported to City Council and the community.

Commercial activity, however, remains active, keeping growth relatively positive, he said.

At the end 2014, 5,970 permits were

**FUND,** FROM PAGE B17

“We were the Williams Sonoma of Las Cruces,” he said. “I was the free help – I knew more about those gadgets than any man should,” admitting he took the gadgets home to play with.

Connor said Dolores ran while he continued his day job with El Paso Electric Co.

**Donors challenge students**

When the Connors talk about the new scholarship fund, they also talk about their children, Kristin Connor Kimmelman, an

attorney and former Fulbright Scholar; Jacob Rodriguez, a multi-media computer programmer; and Samantha Connor, a civil engineer.

The couple looks forward to helping other young people who are still in school to realize their dreams with the help of Dolores and William Connor Success Current Use Scholarship.

Recipients will receive tuition assistance for an equivalent of nine credit hours their final semester at DACC and four credit hours their first semester at NMSU, the time frame covered by the scholarship.

Standards are high: Recipients must maintain a have a cumulative 3.5 GPA.

The NMSU-Las Cruces College of Business Scholarship Committee, which may include additional members from DACC, will select the recipients.

For more information about contributing to the Success Scholarship Fund, contact Martin at 528-7059 or kmartin@dacc.nmsu.edu. Checks should be made out to the New Mexico State University Foundation.

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**BRIEFS,** FROM PAGE 17

issued by the City, totaling \$108 million in construction evaluation.

Only 293 building permits were issued for single family, site-built homes and townhomes. This is the lowest number of permits for housing in years.

The peak was in 2006 at 1,535 permits, and the average number of permits over the past five years at 424 permits per year. This is significant because the major growth period for housing was between 2005 and 2009, Denmark said.

“The last five years have been relatively slow, but as reflected in the end of the year report, this past year was significantly slower than the past five years,” he said.

“The bright spot is commercial activity, with 25 permits issued with a construction value of \$21 million. This figure is close to the last 10 year average of 32 commercial permits a year and continues to help drive growth. Permitted in 2014 were three hotels, CVS Pharmacy Downtown, Wing Daddy’s on Telshor Boulevard, a call center expansion, Border International Truck Sales & Repair on Amador Avenue and Motel Boulevard and several office and retail businesses, such as Denny’s on the East Mesa and Jimmy John’s on Lohman Avenue.”

**Bi-partisan bill would increase JTIP funding**

House Speaker Don Tripp joined Democrats Rep. Kenny Martinez and Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen in sponsoring legislation that would provide \$12 million for the Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP). JTIP helps companies cover the cost of training or hiring new employees, paying as much as 75 percent of a trainee’s wages for up to six months.

It has created more than 40,000 jobs since 1972, the bill’s sponsors said. “It is good to see both political parties willing to work together on legislation that will put more New Mexicans to work,” Papen said.

JTIP has helped attract companies such as Canon Information Technologies and DHF Technical Products to New Mexico, Tripp said.

It has also helped local businesses expand.

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**Edward Jones**  
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

# Cotton Hall of Fame inducts cotton industry, NMSU alum

By Angela Simental  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Everyone calls Morgan Nelson “Mr. Cotton.”

The 1941 New Mexico State University alum is a legend in the New Mexico cotton business, and in January, was inducted into the newly formed Cotton Research and Promotion Program Hall of Fame in St. Petersburg, Florida, during the group’s annual meeting.

Nelson, along with his father and NMSU professor G.N. Stroman, worked on developing the Acala 1517 variety, which put New Mexico’s cotton industry on the map.

“I remember when they developed the 1517 cotton. It made such a difference in the market,” Nelson said. “I really think the most exciting thing was going to lobby in Washington, D.C. We had to convince the farmers that it was to their advantage.”

“I was, and I am most proud of New Mexico growers because we stood together and supported agricultural research.”

He was honored Jan. 9 for his leadership in the industry and was inducted into the newly formed Cotton Research and Promotion Program Hall of Fame.

“I grew up on the farm and we grew cotton, so it was a transition from my

father to me,” Nelson said. “We started growing cotton here in the Pecos Valley in 1923, when I was about 4 years old.”

However, an NMSU student in mechanical engineering, he hoped not to return to the farm.

After college, he joined the Air Force and served in World War II and the Korean conflict.

“I joined the Air Force in July before World War II began with the idea of staying for a year, but 26 years later, I retired as a colonel,” he said.

His roots called and Nelson returned to the cotton farm, joining several boards including the Cotton Incorporated, with the goal of continuing research to benefit of cotton growers.

“When you grow cotton, you are not competing in a local market, you are competing globally,” he said.

In 1993, Nelson received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from NMSU, and he and his wife established an endowed scholarship.

Nelson is an avid supporter of agricultural research and teaching. He is currently chair of the New Mexico Cotton Incorporated State Support Committee, which meets to approve research projects that will benefit New Mexico cotton growers.

He also served 12 years in the New Mexico Legislature.



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**Morgan Nelson in his backyard. The 1941 NMSU alum was inducted into the newly formed Cotton Research and Promotion Program Hall of Fame.**

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# Collaboration works to ignite a better community

What do art, leadership and youth have in common?

A better community, starting with Ignite for FUN. Ignite for FUN is an after school program made possible through a collaborative community effort.

The Court Youth Center, PLACE MATTERS and Ocotillo Institute for Social Justice combined their efforts in 2014 to offer the after school program to high school aged students as a way to focus on leadership, health, civic engagement and issues important to youth in their schools and communities.

The unique approach concentrates on art as the essence of teens' growth.

"This program is unique because of the collaborative efforts," Cindy Corona, the executive director of the Ocotillo Institute for Social Justice, said of Ignite for FUN (For Unity Now), a Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico initiative supported by a Paso Del Norte Health Foundation grant.

"Ultimately, we want to see our youth in a healthy and equal environment. It is important for us to look at how we are going to engage them so we are addressing their needs."

Court Youth Center is a "creative economy project," with a focus on entrepreneurial arts in education and career and economic development training for youth ages 14 to 24 years.

Youth are encouraged to integrate visual art production, public art murals, film and digital media and culinary arts in career development. PLACE MATTERS, an initiative of the CFSNM, looks at the root causes of health inequities and empowers the community to overcome the disparities by becoming involved in the community. The Ocotillo Institute for Social Justice, also an initiative of the CFSNM, works to advance the quality of life in Doña Ana County through shared information, collaboration, capacity building and leadership.

Ignite for FUN participants meet once a week from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at Gadsden High School in Anthony and Thursdays in Las Cruces at the WIA Building, 340 N. Raymond St.

Participants create group art projects while developing leadership skills through a specialized curricu-



Area youth participate in the Ignite for FUN after school program in Las Cruces and Anthony. The program combines art and leadership.

lum produced by the Court Youth Center.

The organizers hope the free program, scheduled through June 2014, will allow community youth to build their resumes, explore new opportunities and learn the importance of community service.

For more information of Ignite for FUN, contact Cindy Corona, Ocotillo Institute executive director, at 521-4794 or cindy@cfsnm.org.

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# Sharp oil price drop takes economists by surprise



**Chris Erickson**  
State of the Economy

We have experienced a 60 percent decline in the most important price for the New Mexico economy, the price of a barrel of oil, and almost no one saw it coming. Economists, in particular, missed the recent fall in oil prices just as we missed the previous run up.

The inability to foresee energy price movements has serious implications for planning.

Here in New Mexico, low oil prices mean job loss, falling consumer spending and tight state budgets. Energy taxes, for example, account for about 20 percent of state tax revenues.

Predicting oil prices is notoriously tough to do. Indeed, one of the first papers I published, 30 years ago, was on the difficulty of predicting oil prices.

What was true then remains true today. It is just dang hard to guess what oil will do.

Day-to-day changes appear random, responding to the vagaries of Middle East politics, the U.S. economy and Chinese growth forecasts, among myriad other factors. Prices can vary widely, changing as much as 5 percent from one day to the next.

Economic theory tells us the price should reflect incremental cost, which is the cost of producing an additional barrel of oil.

When the price of oil exceeds incremental cost, producers can make profit by producing more, driving prices down. When the price is less than incremental cost, oil firms are losing money on marginal production and should cut back.

Thus, even if daily prices are hard to forecast, forecasting incremental cost should make it possible to forecast long-term price trends.

Sounds good. But it's easier said than done, as incremental cost can vary substantially in the short run. High oil demand can drive up the price of inputs such as drilling rigs and worker wages, causing extraction costs to rise dramatically; a fall in oil demand has the opposite effect.

Add to this the long run depletion of oil reserves, which forces oil companies to search for more and more expensive sources. We are forced to drill deeper, move off shore and exploit difficult geological formation.

Meanwhile, technological advances reduce extraction costs, making possible the exploitation of reserves that would have been technologically unavailable a few decades ago.

Fracking, which dramatically reduced the cost of extracting so-called tight oil from shale and sand oils, is one example. In fact, many people point to the fracking revolution as the source of the supply increase that has

led to the dramatic price decline we have been seeing.

Another variable is strategic behavior by the major oil producers. In the 1980s, for example, Iran and Iraq dramatically increased oil production, driving down prices, to finance their mutual war. More recently, Saudi Arabia has been accused of deliberately suppressing the price of oil to undermine the burgeoning U.S. fracking production.

In some sense, it's not surprising that oil prices are so hard to predict. After all, it is precisely because understanding oil markets is so difficult that we rely on market prices, rather than economists, in the first place.

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## Save the Date

### THU. 2/19

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. State of the City and County luncheon**, The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E University Ave. For more information, call 524-1968.

**2 to 4 p.m. What It Takes to Be an Entrepreneur workshop**, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. Room 101 E. For more information, contact Pavla at 527-7676 or sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

### FRI. 2/20

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico meeting** at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Mike Cheney, the chair of the New Mexico State University Board of Regents, will speak. For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868 or email terry@imac.us.com.

### THU. 2/26

**2 to 4 p.m. Business Plan Outline workshop**, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. Room 101 E. For more information, contact Pavla at 527-7676 or sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

### FRI. 2/27

**Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet**, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call the chamber at 524-8900.

### TUE. 3/3

**9 to 11 a.m. Gross Receipts Tax Overview workshop**, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. Room 101 E. For more information, contact Pavla at 527-7676 or sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

### THU. 3/12

**2 to 4 p.m. Basics of Record Keeping workshop**, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. Room 101 E. For more information, contact Pavla at 527-7676 or sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

### TUE. 3/17

**2 to 4 p.m. How to Start Your Business workshop**, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. Room 101 E. For more information, contact Pavla at 527-7676 or sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

### THU. 3/26

**2 to 4 p.m. How to Market Your Business workshop**, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. Room 101 E. For more information, contact Pavla at 527-7676 or sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

### SAT. 3/28

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Las Cruces Volunteer Fair**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. For more information about the event or to reserve a free table, contact Alejandra Pulido at alejandra@uwswnm.org or call 524-7561.

## Building Las Cruces



Interior renovations have begun to transform the vacant building at 875 W. Amador Ave. into a tortilla factory for Franco Whole Foods of California. Pictured are Gabriel Nerios and Juan Morales of C.D. Mechanical of Las Cruces installing a portion of the extensive drainage system the factory will require.

LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

## State names Positive Energy Solar top installer

When the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) crunched the numbers from solar tax credit data spanning 2009-14, officials found more than \$30 million was invested in residential rooftop solar in 2014 alone, and Positive Energy Solar installed the lion's share of those systems.

"It's clear from custom-

er demand that New Mexicans want clean, affordable energy," said Regina Wheeler, Positive Energy Solar CEO. "What's not clear is whether or not the state will continue to support this growing industry. The tax credits that helped support this boom in renewable energy are set to expire in 2016."

The data set analyzed by EMNRD show that

since 2008, more than \$134 million was invested by private homeowners and businesses who elected to install rooftop solar arrays that totaled

24MW. Doña Ana County led the state with 1.54 systems per 1,000 capita, and Santa Fe County followed with 0.87 systems per capita.



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# NMSU, Wells Fargo to present forecast

By Amanda Bradford  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

While the falling price of oil means more money in the pockets of New Mexico's consumers, it also means less oil and gas revenue in the coffers of the state's government.

Meanwhile the state continues to lag behind the rest of the nation in job growth and recovery from the recession that began in late 2007. So what can we expect from New Mexico's economy over the coming year?

Economists from New Mexico State University and Wells Fargo Bank will discuss the state and national forecast during the fourth annual Economic Outlook Conference 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Eugenio Aleman, a director and senior economist at Wells Fargo, who will speak at conference, said the U.S. economy saw a weak start to 2014, but it accelerated considerably during the second half of the year, and he expects strong growth to continue nationally.

"Last year, employment growth was the strongest since 1999, and the unemployment rate dropped to 5.6, which is within the range which economists consider to be full employment," Aleman said. "How-

ever, the labor market needs to continue to heal as long-term unemployment remains extremely high. We expect the U.S. economy to post the strongest growth in 2015 of the current recovery, at 3.1 percent."

He said the Federal Reserve may start to normalize monetary policy around mid-year by increasing the interest rate – but that decision will depend on the data and could be delayed if the economy weakens.

Jim Peach, NMSU regents professor of economics, will explore the reasons why an optimistic national forecast hasn't translated into economic growth here in New Mexico.

"Generally speaking, when the U.S. economy does well, so does the New Mexico economy," Peach said.

"But in terms of employment and other economic indicators, New Mexico has not yet recovered from the effects of the national recession that began in December 2007."

Peach will examine prospects for the New Mexico economy in the next few years and how the recent decline in the price of oil and other commodities will affect the state.

He also will look at other factors influencing economic growth in New Mexico, such as slower population growth, the aging of the population and the

role of federal government spending.

The Economic Outlook Conference was conceived as a way to help area residents and business professionals gain a better understanding of the region's economic climate.

The NMSU College of Business hosts the conference in partnership with Wells Fargo Bank, the state's largest bank by deposits, with locations in 52 New Mexico communities.

"The Las Cruces business community will benefit greatly from the findings and insight of these experts," said Yolanda Garcia, Wells Fargo Southwestern New Mexico Area president.

"Dr. Aleman specializes in forecasting economic trends in communities along the U.S.-Mexican border, whereas Dr. Peach brings decades of experience analyzing local and state-wide data.

"Together, the two will bring uniquely relevant conversations to Las Cruces."

The free conference kicks off with a reception at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 19, followed by the economists' presentations from 10 to 11:30 a.m., all at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Event registration is available online at <http://business.nmsu.edu/events> or by phone at 521-6849.



Craig Painter, the new state 4-H agent at New Mexico State University, was chosen to focus on agriculture and natural resources.

## New 4-H agent at NMSU to focus on ag, resources

Chosen to head the Agriculture and Natural Resources agent position for the State 4-H office in the Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University, Craig Painter arrives with 16 years of experience as a county agent from San Juan County.

"I have enjoyed working as a youth agriculture educator," Painter said. "I hope to continue to provide quality statewide events as well as be a resource for county agents and volunteer leaders."

Painter spent 19 years in Aztec, N.M., of which three years were spent working as a vocational agriculture teacher. He trained various teams for state and national competitions.

He served as the agriculture teacher in Corona, N.M., for two years and taught at Bartow High School in Florida prior to that.

"Craig has a great deal of knowledge and experience to draw from to benefit New Mexico 4-H," Interim Department Head of 4-H Youth and Development Rick Richardson said. "I believe with Craig's dedication that he will initiate some positive changes."

Painter received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 1987 and his master's in agriculture extension education from NMSU in 2002.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
vs. **UTAH VALLEY**  
**7PM**  
**80'S NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
vs. **GRAND CANYON**  
**2PM**  
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## Legal Notice

### COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT

No. JQ-2014-46  
Judge Macias

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of S.A., M.A.A., I.A.A., and K.G., Children, And Concerning Elizabeth Astorga, Santos Avila Morado, and Tony Gonzalez, Respondents.

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Santos Avila Morado, Respondent.

If you need help reading this document, the court will appoint an interpreter for you at no charge and you can call 575.523.8200.

Si usted necesita ayuda para leer este documento, el tribunal le nombrará un intérprete sin costo y usted puede llamar al 575.523.8200.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused M.A.A. & I.A.A., children, and seeks legal custody of the children.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is:

Annamarie DeLovato  
P.O. Box 2135  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88004  
Tel. (575) 373-6400

**THIS PROCEEDING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the

State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Clerk of the District Court  
by /s/ Angelique M. Huerta

Date: 2/5/15

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 15-0012

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM MORGAN COCHRAN, JR. a/k/a WILLIAM MORGAN COCHRAN DECEASED

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **BILL KLEMENT, JR.** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: January 30, 2015.

BILL KLEMENT, JR.  
P.O. Box 1782  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88004-1782

Prepared by:  
ALAN D. GLUTH  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri,  
Suite A  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 2015



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will accept BIDS for the following project in the office of the Director of Purchasing.

**BID Invitation: 201501011-EH Tejada**

### Building - Room 102 Renovation for Food Production Facility

**BID Due Date & Time: 03/17/2015 @ 2:00PM (local time)**

**Non Mandatory Pre-BID conference: 03/03/2015 @ 1:30 PM in the Facilities and Services Large Conference Room, 1530 Wells Street Las Cruces, NM**

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://scquest.ionwave.net/nmsu> to obtain a copy of this BID electronically and be registered for future BID for this commodity.

Dates: 02/13, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 12, 2014, McCilli Farms LTD Partnership, 500 W O'Hara Rd., Anthony, NM 88021 & AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company, 4333 Edgewood Rd., Cedar Rapids, IA 52499, filed application numbered LRG-1208-POD4, File No. LRG-1208 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1208, located on land owned by the applicant within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , of Projected Sec. 05, T26S, R3E NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°41'11.827"N, 106°39'16.69"W, WGS84 and drilling replacement well LRG-1208-POD4 with a 18" casing approximately 350' in depth, to be located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Projected Sec. 5 & Projected Sec 8, T26S, R3E, NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°41'11.576"N, 106°39'16.901"W, WGS84 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow underground water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana, NM, combined with surface water from EBID for the irrigation of 84.15 acres of land owned by the applicant located within said Projected Sec. 5 & Projected Sec 8, T26S, R3E as described by Subfile No. LRS-28-012-0031 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Well LRG-1208-POD4 can be found South of Las Cruces at the physical address of 1280 W Berino Rd., Anthony, NM, approximately 1.705' northeast of intersection of Three Saints Rd. & W Berino Rd. Existing well LRG-1208 shall be properly plugged."

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 17, 2014, Kevin L. Davis, HC 31 Box 45 Rincon, NM 87940, filed application numbered LRG-10791 POD7 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-10791 POD7 to a depth of 80 feet with a 8-inch casing to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 2 West NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°39'47.386"N, 107°53'731"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, to replace existing well LRG-10791 POD4 located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 2 West and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°39'44.23"N, 106°54'16"W (WGS84) on land owned by Kevin L. Davis for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 7.23 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township

19S, Range 2 West, as described by Subfile No.: LRR-28-009-0023-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-10791 POD7 will be located approximately 1.4 miles southwest of Rincon, NM and may be found approximately 1,584 feet east of the intersection of County Road E8 and McGinnis Loop Rincon, NM. Existing well LRG-10791 POD4 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: 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 16, 2015, Gehrig Lee & Tina B. Esslinger, PO Box 333 La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-01297 POD6, OSE File No. LRG-01297-F, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-01297 POD6 to a depth of 300 feet with a 10-inch casing, in a location within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 25S, Range 02E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°7'50.383"N and 106°42'49.832"W (WGS84),

on land owned by Gehrig Lee & Tina B. Esslinger, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-01297 and well LRG-01297-S, located on land owned by David P. & Marion H. Salopek & J.L. Esslinger Trust located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 25S, Range 02E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°8'1.113"N, 106°42'54.411"W and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 25S, Range 02E and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°8'2.963"N, 106°43'8.737" (WGS84) for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 18.96 acres of land, owned by Gehrig Lee & Tina B. Esslinger, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 25S, Range 02E as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-008-0007 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-01297 POD6 will be located north west of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 0.4 miles north of the intersection of S. Highway 28 and Evaro Drive, La Mesa, NM. Existing wells LRG-01297 and LRG-01297-S will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the

State Engineer, 575-524-6160, if no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 8, 2015, Joaquin C. & Mary Lou Hernandez, 10420 N. Valley Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-7-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-7-E for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-7, located on land owned by Alfredo N. Vega within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 24, T21S, R01W, NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°27'47.874"N, 106°53'51.796"W, WGS84 and drilling a replacement well with a 6 inch casing to a depth of approximately 100 feet to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 24 and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°27'40.388"N, 106°53'43.871"W, WGS84 on land owned by the applicants 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, NM, combined with surface water from EBID, for the irrigation of 1.89 acres of land owned by the applicants located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 24 as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-002-0130 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Well LRG-7-POD6 can be found northwest of Las Cruces, NM approximately 946 feet southeast from the intersection of Cactus Patch Rd. and N. Valley Dr. Existing well LRG-7 will be retained for other rights. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 8, 2015, Orchards XII Contact: Al Kientz, 722 Engler Road Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-11840 POD2, OSE File No. LRG-11840-1, 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 drilling proposed well LRG-11840 POD2 to a depth of 200 feet with a 10-inch casing, in a location within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 35, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°20'52.685"N and 106°48'25.928"W (WGS84), on land owned by Orchards XII, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-11840

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in



### PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage [las-cruces.org](http://las-cruces.org). All sales are final.

For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or [auction@las-cruces.org](mailto:auction@las-cruces.org)

Dates 1/2-12/25/15

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(LRN08-0127), located on land owned by Orchards XII located within the NW¼ SE¼ SE¼ of projected Section 35, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at intersect at 32°20'49.469"N and 106°48'23.781"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 9.83 acres of land, owned by Orchards allocated within the SE¼ of Section 35, Township 22S, Range 01E as described in Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-008-0295 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-11840 POD2 will be located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 1,280 feet northwest of the intersection of Engler Rd and Dochar Ct. Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-11840 (LRN08-0127) 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: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 26, 2014, Jose Luis & Martha P. Corona; 13807 Monies Rd La Mesa, NM 88044 filed application numbered LRG-15891 POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-15891-1 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 drilling replacement well LRG-15891 POD1 to a depth of 140 feet with 10 inch casing to be located within the NW¼ SE¼ of Section 30, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°6'7.375"N, 106°40'19.002"W on land owned by the applicants, to replace existing wells L R G - 0 6 4 1 0 and LRG-06410-S located within the SW¼ NE¼ and NW¼ SE¼ of said Section 30 and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°6'16.378"N, 106°40'30.269"W and 32°6'28.435"N, 106°40'30.941"W on land owned by Willa Esslinger Farms LLC and Artemio S. and America G. Gonzalez Trust for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 3.26 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE¼ of said Section 30, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-010-0120 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-15891 POD1 will be located 2.4 miles southeast of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 1,258 feet southwest of the intersection of Dawson Rd and Montes Rd La Mesa, NM. Existing wells LRG-06410 and LRG-06410-S are retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected: The written protest must be filed, in triplicate,

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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: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

**Notice is hereby given** that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

**To be held at:**  
**HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE**  
**2190 Holiday Ave.**  
**Las Cruces, NM, 88005**  
**575-525-9056**

**On Saturday February 28, 2015 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. Registration Begins @ 9:30am. \$25.00 cleaning deposit per each unit purchased in Valley: 38, 54 Holiday: A20, B44, C08, C10, D06, D21, D54, E14, H24, I37, J24, J26, L02, L03, L22, N08, O18**

**Unit 38**  
**Laura Morena**  
3500 Foothills Rd  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit consists of: Furniture, Household misc.

**Unit 54**  
**Jill Sutherland**  
1036 N Alameda Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
Unit Consists of: furniture, household misc, boxes

**Unit A20**  
**Jessica G Hernandez**  
1955 E Colorado St Apt 18  
Las Cruces Nm 88001  
Unit Consists of: mattresses, Christmas decor, boxes

**Unit B44**  
**Christine Pickering**  
675 Colorado  
Las Cruces NM88001  
Unit Consists of: Shelves, bed, toys, clothes

**Unit C08**  
**Melissa Martinez**  
9105 Joyce  
Las Cruces NM 88011  
Unit Consists of: Furniture, TV, misc.

**Unit C10**  
**Joel R Galvan**  
2476 Sunridge  
Las Cruces NM 88012  
Unit Consists of: assorted furniture, assorted good

**Unit D06**  
**Vicente A Aguilar**

1159 La Fonda Dr  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit consists of: art supplies, boxes, totes

**Unit D21**  
**Nancy Hernandez**  
5839 Dry Harbor Ct  
Las Cruces NM 88012  
Unit consists of: grill, fridge, misc.

**Unit D54**  
**Frances Garcia**  
9075 S Esperanza St  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit consists of: sofa set, bed, microwave, misc.

**Unit E 14**  
**Rosemary De Luna**  
794 Shannon St  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit consists of: household items

**Unit H24**  
**Kayleena Laselute**  
765 Williams Lane  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit Consists of: clothing, misc boxes, household misc.

**Unit I37**  
**Anthony Zajac**  
1700 W Hadley Dr  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
Unit consists of: composite bow, boxes, misc.

**Unit J24**  
**Charlie Morales**  
511 Oasis Ave.  
Las Cruces NM88001  
Unit consists of: furniture, boxes household misc.

**Unit J26**  
**Nicholas Perez**  
230 Three Crosses  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
Unit Consists of: furniture, boxes household misc.

**Unit L02**  
**Cindy Torres**  
127 S Mesquite  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit consists of: large speaker, misc boxes

**Unit L03**  
**Felicia Mendoza**  
1315 E Nevada  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit consists of: steam vacuum, x-mas tree, misc boxes

**Unit L22:**  
**Alex B Gonzales**  
1882 Embassy  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
Unit Consists of: baby items and pieces of furniture

**Unit N08**  
**Roxann Pacheco**  
1316 Browlee  
Las Cruces Nm 88005  
Unit consists of: vacuum, mirror, cabinet, chest of drawers

**Unit O18**  
**Charlie Camunee**  
PO BOX 155  
La Mesa NM 88044  
Unit consists of: clothes, furniture, tools, misc.

Inventory was taken from outside the units only, units may consist of more misc. items than listed. CONTENTS WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BID-

DER TO COVER UNPAID CHARGES FOR RENT AND ASSOCIATED FEES. Increments of \$5 or more only.

**CASH SALES ONLY**  
If you purchase a unit there will be a \$25/unit refundable cleaning deposit in addition to your bid amount. Please bring your own brooms and locks to secure any purchased units. (locks are also for sale at the office) Registration will be from 9:30AM-10:00AM in the office. If you are not registered you will not be able to bid.

Dates: 02/13, 2/20, 2015

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE**

**TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES, CLAIMANTS:UR TITLE LOANS, TMX FINANCE OF TX, AND LAS CRUCES USA TITLE LOANS, 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 Month of MARCH 2015, the event location, 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

**VIN # DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER**

1FTYR14C7YPA04004  
2000 RED FORD P/K  
FERNANADO MORENO

1GNEK13T81J178365  
2001 TAN CHEV. SUV  
DANIEL BUSTAMANTE

3B3E547C2VT609433  
1997 GREEN DODGE  
NEON  
BOBBY WASHINGTON

1FMCU03112KD65585  
2002 BLACK FORD SUV  
RAUL ACOSTA

1B7HF16Y4SS329781  
1995 WHITE DODGE  
RAM  
RAQUEL DOMINGUEZ

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: 02/13, 02/20, 2015

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

No. CV-2014-01629  
Judge: Kugler

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

vs.

**ROBERTO L. GARCIA, AND 1998 FORD WINDSTAR, GREEN; VIN: 2FMZA5141WBD96042; NEW MEXICO PLATE NO. LYD 287, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent**  
**Roberto L. Garcia:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1998 Ford Windstar, Green; VIN: 2FMZA5141WBD96042; New Mexico License Plate No. LYD 287.

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: William R. Babington Jr.  
William R. Babington Jr.  
City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
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Attorney for Petitioner

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 23 day of December, 2014.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By:/s/Maria Zamora  
DEPUTY - Maria Zamora

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

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

No. 307-PB2014-00120

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HORTENSIA PEREZ a/k/a HORTENSIA E. PEREZ, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that ALFREDO PEREZ has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of HORTENSIA PEREZ aka HORTENSIA E. PEREZ, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Lauren D. Serrano of SCOTTHULSE PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, Fax: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, located at located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 4 day of February, 2015.

SCOTTHULSE PC  
201 North Church Street,  
Suite 201  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88001  
(575) 522-0765  
(575) 522-0006 Facsimile

By:/s/ Lauren D. Serrano  
LAUREN D. SERRANO  
Attorneys for Personal Representative

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02011

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LISA J. CANO, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF LISA J. CANO, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LISA J. CANO, Deceased, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 25, 2015, 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 5855 Organ Peak Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOTS NUMBERED 33 OF VISTA DE LA MONTANA UNIT III PHASE 1, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VISTA DE LA MONTANA UNIT III PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 24, 2010 IN PLAT BOOK 23, FOLIO 58-59.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 21, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$159,083.08 and the same bears interest at 3.750% per annum from November 29, 2014, 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.



# LEGAL NOTICES

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Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
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Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 02/13,  
02/20, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02630

**U.S. BANK, N.A., as Trustee on Behalf of Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-1, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MAX LOYA, if living, if deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MAX LOYA, DECEASED; DELLA LOYA, if living, if deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF DELLA LOYA, DECEASED; GREEN TREE FIN SERV CORP; DOÑA ANA COUNTY TREASURER; and THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 4, 2015, 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 4245 Independence Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 12, Block 2, INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 11, 1995, as Plat No. 2712, in Book 18 Pages 330 and 331 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: VIN# PH173150AB.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause

on January 27, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$93,571.98 and the same bears interest at 7.250% per annum from February 1, 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  
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Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20,  
02/27, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-01266

**CAM VII TRUST,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**IRENE NUNEZ aka IRENE VARELA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 11, 2015, 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 9624 Paetz Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 4 IN BLOCK NUMBERED R OF BUTTERFIELD PARK, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID BUTTERFIELD PARK, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 18, 1962 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 72,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 2007 Clayton DW, VIN No. CSS008693TXAB, title to which has been deactivated with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of New Mexico.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 30, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$125,301.46 and the same bears interest at 5.840% per annum from November 27, 2014, 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

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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 month right of redemption.

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
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(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 02/27,  
03/06, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01624

**BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROBERT D. SANDERS SR., ELIZABETH J. SANDERS and BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE  
ON FORECLOSURE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 6764 Camino Blanco, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17, CAMINO BLANCO, PICACHO HILLS, 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 25, 1986, IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 222-223 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 a.m. on March 11, 2015**, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, 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.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on January 28,

2015, in the principal sum of \$183,808.36, plus interest due on the Note through October 1, 2014, in the amount of \$12,445.42, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.250% per annum (\$31.47 per diem) until paid, plus late charges of \$828.75, plus escrow advances due in the amount of \$3,677.65, plus MI Premium of \$269.24, plus a payoff fee of \$25.00, Plus unapplied funds of (\$15.09), plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$680.00, and costs in the amount of \$653.10, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.250% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ John A. Darden, III  
John A. Darden, III  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578  
(575) 541-6655

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20,  
02/27, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-00686

**WASHINGTON FEDERAL (formerly known as First Federal Bank), a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,**

v.

**G&N VENTURES, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company; et. al., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE  
ON FORECLOSURE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7975 Calle Picasso, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3B, LUCERO DORA-

DO DEL CAMINO REAL, 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 OCTOBER 19, 1990, IN BOOK 16, PAGES(S) 349 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015**, in front of the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho Ave., 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 Washington Federal.

Washington Federal was awarded a Judgment in their judicial foreclosure action on January 8, 2015, in the principal sum of \$183,130.82, for accrued and unpaid interest, reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable expenses incurred by Washington Federal through January 6, 2015, plus accrued and unpaid interest accruing thereafter at the rate of \$20.56 per diem, plus reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable expenses incurred by Washington Federal through the date of the foreclosure sale, i.e. March 18, 2015.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ John A. Darden, III  
John A. Darden, III  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578  
(575) 541-6655

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 02/27,  
03/06, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01289

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MARLENE SANCHEZ, Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4980 Kyler Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012 and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED J OF RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 23, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 164-165, RATIFICATION OF PLAT FILED OF RECORD ON APRIL 18, 2007, RECORDED IN BOOK 806, PAGE (S) 1267, DOCUMENT NUMBER 0713698, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY NEW MEXICO. A.P.N. : 02-34244

The sale is to begin at **10:30 a.m. on February 18, 2015**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, 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.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on January 13, 2015, in the principal sum of \$130,284.10, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 1, 2014, in the amount of \$14,114.20 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$23.20 per diem, plus late charges of \$597.72, plus the balance due on the Mortgage's required escrow for property taxes and insurance of \$2,420.51, plus a balance due of \$1,046.20 for the FHMA monthly premium due on the subject HUD guaranteed loan, plus fees currently assessed of \$161.16, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$950.00 and costs through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$497.37, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.500% per annum from date of the

entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ John A. Darden, III  
John A. Darden, III.,  
Special Master  
c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C.  
5120 San Francisco  
Road NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109  
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 02/6,  
02/13, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-201402173  
Judge Mary Rosner

**KIMBERLY C. FLORES, as PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERTA L. COLEMAN, and KIMBERLY C. FLORES, individually, Plaintiff,**

v.

**HAROLD D. WHITT, III and AMY SISNEROS, and any unknown heirs of MARY JANE WHITT, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF SUIT**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff**

I, Norman E. Osborne, Court Executive Officer of the Third Judicial District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, hereby issue this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process by publication on any and all unknown heirs of Mary Jane Whitt. The Plaintiff, Defendants, and the civil cause number are set out above.

The general object of this action is to quiet and set at rest title to the lands described herein against any claims adverse to Plaintiff. The property affected by this pending action is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:



cross set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.28 deg. 12' 00"W., 49.77 feet to a 12" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract being identical to the Northwest corner of Lot 21, Block D, Sierra Vista Subdivision, filed September 28, 1951, in Book 7, Page 17, Doña Ana County records;

Thence along the North line of said Lot 21, Block D, N.65 deg. 57'40"E., 126.17 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.1825 acre of land more or less.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on September 24, 2014, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$159,502.02 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from August 30, 2014, 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 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: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01911

**BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA**

**as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**VICENTE RIVERA, SR. aka VICENTE Z. RIVERA aka VICENTE Z. RIVERA, SR., Martha S. Rivera, husband and wife, and STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAX AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3245 Trucha Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate in Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, N.M.P.M., of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, in the Village of Picacho, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the northwest corner of the tract herein described, WHENCE the northwest corner of the aforementioned Sec. 9 bears N 07 degrees 45 minutes 19 seconds W, 1574.08 feet;

**THENCE** from the point of beginning S 42 degrees 45 minutes 47 seconds E, 120.37 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

**THENCE** S 22 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds W, 410.93 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron pipe;

**THENCE** N 35 degrees 12 minutes 06 seconds W, 132.59 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

**THENCE** N 22 degrees 30 minutes 48 seconds E, 390.45 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 1.02 acres, more or less.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on March 6, 2015**, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, 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.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded an in rem Judgment on January 2, 2015, in the principal sum of \$299,430.83, plus interest due on the Note through December 1, 2014, in the amount of \$9,981.00, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.00% per annum until paid, plus late charges of \$428.16, plus escrow advances in the amount of

\$1,506.72, plus payoff fee of \$25.00, plus appraisal fee in the amount of \$445.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through November 20, 2014, in the amount of \$950.00 and costs through November 20, 2014, in the amount of \$648.51, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.00% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani Special Master c/o 5120 San Francisco Road NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 (505) 858-3303

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT**

No. JQ-2014-30 Judge Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of J.L., V.L, N.I. and E.I., Children, And Concerning Alicia Ibarra, Gabriel Lopez Cervantes, Nicolas Martinez and Ivan Quintero, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**TO: Gabriel Lopez Cervantes, Respondent**

If you need help reading this document, the court will appoint an interpreter for you at no charge and you can call 575.523.8200.

Si usted necesita ayuda para leer este documento, el tribunal le nombrará un intérprete sin costo y usted puede llamar al 575.523.8200.

**YOU ARE HEREBY** that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused J.L., a child, and seeks legal custody of the child.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the

District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Armamarie DeLovato P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004 tel. (575) 373-6400

**THIS PROCEEDING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Date: 2/2/15

Clerk of the District Court Angelique M. Huerta Deputy

Dates: 2/06, 2/13, 2/20, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT**

No. JQ-2014-16 Judge Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of R.R., I.R, I.M. and R.M., Children, and Concerning Paulette Duenez, Jorge Rosales, Pedro Meraz and Rogelio Marquez, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**TO: Jorge Rosales and Pedro Meraz, Respondents.**

If you need help reading this document, the court will appoint an interpreter for you at no charge and you can call 575.523.8200.

Si usted necesita ayuda para leer este documento, el tribunal le nombrará un intérprete sin costo y usted puede llamar al 575.523.8200.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused R.R., I.R, I.M. and R.M., children, and seeks legal custody of the children.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the

The name, address and telephone number of the

Attorney for the Petitioner is: Annamarie DeLovato P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004 tel. (575) 373-6400

**THIS PROCEEDING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Date: 1/15/15

Clerk of the District Court by /s/ Noemi Ramirez Deputy

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 15-0018

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Melvin P. Jenkins Sr. Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: 1-29-15

/s/ Melvin P. Jenkins Jr. Melvin P. Jenkins Jr 1901 A Bolden St. Camden, SC 29020 803-272-5788

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02063

**MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**QUIRINO A. VEJAR AND JANE DOE VEJAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE; EVANGELINA VEJAR AKA EVANGELINA M. VEJAR AND JOHN DOE VEJAR, WIFE AND HUSBAND; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND**

**DEWISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Quirino A. Vejar and Jane Doe Vejar:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff MGC MORTGAGE, INC 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 5820 Sanderling Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 6 OF DESERT SHADOW SUBDIVISION - PHASE I, 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 AUGUST 21, 1998 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19 AT PAGES 143-144, 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.

MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By: /s/ Joshua A. Spencer Jeannette M. Whittaker Joshua A. Spencer 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (855) 809-3977 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

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Market Manager Andy Whatley of Adams Radio Group, Ginny Whatley and Troy Tudor of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce smile and take a deep breath before cutting the chamber ribbon at the ribbon cutting Thursday, Jan. 29.



Adams Radio marketing consultant Tanya Varela points out historic photos in the corridor to Wanda Bowman of Ashley Furniture HomeStore.



Antonio "PHAT Tony" Naranjo of HOT 103 mid days, Jackie Wilkinson, host on The Big Show with Hot 103 Jim Wilkinson and Kesha Shoemate, an intern from Las Cruces High School, waits for the next tour group to crowd into the studio.



Ernesto Garcia, program director of 98.7, gives a tour of the renovated offices and studios for the chamber's Business After Hours guests.



Greg Case, corporate engineer, explains the engineering room.



Lensi Shakra reads the Greater Chamber proclamation.



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