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## Stage being set for plaza

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

As plans for a Downtown plaza come closer to completion, Las Cruces city councillors are trying to decide what kind of stage it should have.

Acting as the Downtown Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) board, City Council – with Doña Ana County Commission Chairman Billy Garrett – met Monday, Jan. 12, to review all the options.

City staff presented a rendition of the plaza – to be located in the area where the Bank of the West drive-through windows are now – showed a tree-lined plaza with a water feature on the south end and a permanent, raised 30- by 40-foot stage on the south end, with an arched roof attached to four square pillars.

City Councillor Ceil Levatino said she liked the concept, adding that grass could be added to the northeast corner by water feature in response to a concern raised by Garrett that the concept had only a large paved area and no lawns.

Much of the TIDD discussion  
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Jayson Bawcum buys some plum jam from Earla Kuhn of Kuhn Farm, a local farm that sells at the Downtown Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces. Behind Kuhn is the area being considered for the new plaza Downtown.

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## Governor visits school to unveil her budget

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

Surrounded by students at Doña Ana Elementary School Monday, Jan. 12, Gov. Susana Martinez debuted her proposed budget that puts most revenue increases back into schools.

The proposed \$6.29 billion budget is an increase of \$141 million, with almost half the new money going back to the public schools, Martinez said.

While dropping oil and gas prices raise concerns about

how much “new money” should be counted on, there are other more stable revenue sources showing growth that can be depended on, Martinez said.

As she did in her first term, Martinez said her budget aims to keep the state government from spending more than it takes in, so other departments can expect they will be working with about the same budgets they have had recently, she said.

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## Service dog objection on bus expels veteran

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

A 50-year-old veteran spent part of his holidays in Las Cruces after being kicked off a bus because other passengers objected to the presence of his service dog.

The veteran, who asked that only his first name, James, be used because of likely legal action from the incident, said his removal from the bus was in violation of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), something he tried to explain to the bus driver.

James, an Iraq war veteran, was trying to return to his home in Greenville, S.C., after getting cancer treatment at the VA hospital in Albuquerque. He said he is fighting lymphoma resulting from a leg injury by a bullet laced with depleted uranium in Iraq in 2009.

James said he and his service dog, Buddy, an Australian shepard and border collie mix, boarded the bus Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, after completion of 60-day

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### NEXT WEEK

#### New leadership starts Legislature

The 60-day session begins Tuesday, Jan. 20, with GOP in charge of the House.



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# Doña Ana County ‘Your Partner in Progress’

## Ellins picks Muñoz to lead elections

Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins has announced the selection of Lorrie Muñoz as the new supervisor of the Bureau of Elections. Her first day on the job was Monday, Jan. 12.

Muñoz has been with the Bureau of Elections since 2002, when she was hired as a temporary employee. She became a full-time employee in 2004 and was promoted to elections staff coordinator in 2009.

“We had a strong field of applicants and two very strong finalists for the position,” Ellins said. “At the end of the process and the interviews, Lorrie stood

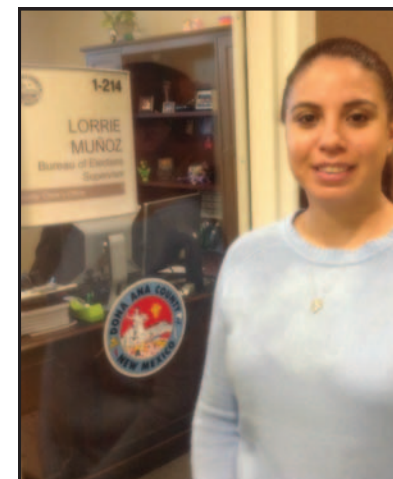
out as the most experienced and able of the field, and I’m delighted she has accepted the position.”

Muñoz has experience with every aspect of the Bureau of Elections, including staff and volunteer training in advance of each election cycle. She also has good working relationships with key individuals within the office of the New Mexico Secretary of State, which oversees elections statewide.

She is familiar with all requirements for the selection of polling places, including accessibility required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“I very much appreciate the confidence of both Clerk Ellins and Chief Deputy Clerk Scott Krahling,” Muñoz said. “I look forward to both the challenges and the responsibilities associated with this position, and I will work with all the candidates and both major political parties to ensure that elections in Doña Ana County continue to be consistently fair and smoothly facilitated.”

Muñoz succeeds Krahling, who was appointed Chief Deputy Clerk after the departure of Mario O. Jimenez III last November.



LORRIE MUÑOZ

### Custom pet tags benefit the shelter, facilitate returns

At the Jan. 8 meeting of the board of directors of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, both Doña Ana County Sheriff Enrique ‘Kiki’ Vigil and Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya pledged to step up efforts by animal-control officers to facilitate returns to owners in the field, thereby reducing intake numbers at the shelter.

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### CLASSROOM OUTREACH

## Carlos the Coyote aims to educate children about illegal dumping in Doña Ana County

Together with a multi-agency illegal dumping partnership, the Doña Ana County Codes Enforcement Division has written and published a children’s book aimed at educating students against illegal dumping

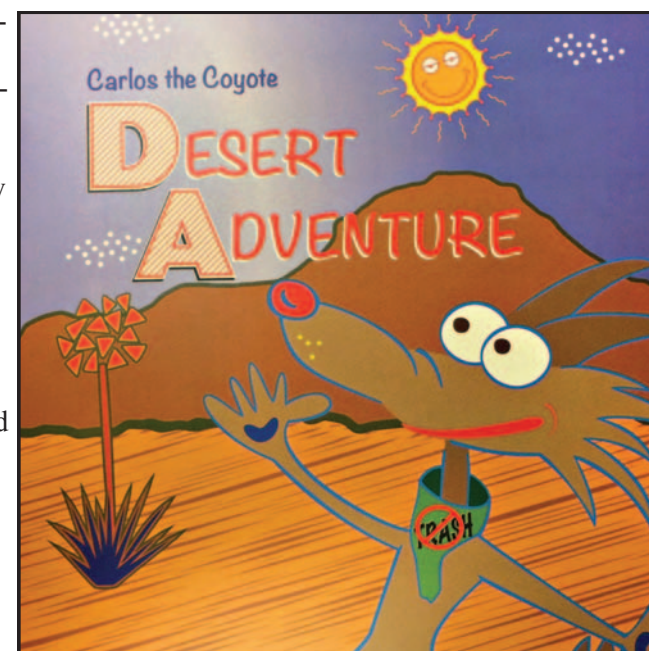
The book, “Desert Adventure,” features a main character, Carlos the Coyote, who teaches children about how to spot illegal dumping and where to report it. The book includes activities and invites readers to take the pledge to put trash in its place and report illegal dumpers and trash sites.

Authored by Doña Ana County Sheriff’s Department Lt. Mary Lou Ward, “Desert Adventure” will be handed out at area schools during anti-dumping presentations and other community outreach events.

Ward said the book will primarily be used in classroom outreach.

Creation of “Desert Adventure” was made possible through grant funding, and Doña Ana County owns the copyright for the main characters.

For more information on how to obtain a copy, call the Doña Ana County Codes Enforcement Division at (575) 525-8846.



Desert Adventures, featuring Carlos the Coyote, is a new children’s book about preventing illegal dumping in Doña Ana County.

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# PLAZA, FROM PAGE A1

revolved around whether there should be a permanent stage and, if there is a permanent stage, how large it should be.

Mark Johnston, director of Parks and Recreation, said every foot of raised stage requires 20 feet of ramp for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, the ramp need only be along the rear of the stage.

Speaking for a group of Downtown business owners, former Mayor Ruben Smith said they want the stage to be a permanent structure and the proper size. During concerts, business owners want the sound to carry all along Downtown's Main Street so patrons can also enjoy the performances, he said.

Smith said a large, permanent stage would help bring more events to Downtown.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he also favors a permanent stage with some kind of portable stage available to expand if needed, and also could be used at other locations in the city.

City Manager Robert Garza said he favored a permanent stage because it would be more cost-effective, based on estimates of long-term operations. A permanent stage, he said, would provide "a full-time venue for full-time activities."

City Councillor Gill Sorg said he favored a permanent stage with shade feature.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said he wasn't totally convinced that a permanent stage is the way to go, but added he was leaning toward starting off with large flat area and using temporary stages until more events prompt the need for a permanent stage.

For the sound to really carry, a wall may be needed, and Smith said he was concerned that a wall greater taller than 3 feet tall could obscure view, considering

the Downtown revitalization effort re-opened Main Street to give greater visibility to the remaining older buildings.

The mayor pro tem agreed the large arch roof concept is minimally intrusive to the view.

Councillor Nathan Small countered that an open area would be too much of "blank canvas" and agreed that a permanent stage would likely be more cost-effective. The design and decoration of the stage could be used to illustrate the city's history and culture, he said.

City Councillor Olga Pedroza said she wanted to see cost comparisons for the different options before making a final decision.

The council as the TIDD will need to make a decision relatively soon, as a final plaza design is needed to close the deal with the Bank of the West for the city to acquire the property.

City Councillor Miguel Silva said the final decision should balance aesthetics with functionality. Silva said he would like to see a stage with both permanent and non-permanent features. A stage would complement Downtown signature events, such as SalsaFest, Country Music Festival and Chile Drop, he said.

The water feature on the north end could be a fountain or a water splash play area for children to enjoy. There also was discussion of having a sundial somewhere on the plaza.

The council also reviewed a variety of street projects to spend \$7.46 million from the portion of TIDD money set aside for road improvements. The projects are all related to the eventual return of two-way traffic to Church and Water streets.

Garza said a special TIDD board meeting will likely be held to vote on the final plaza design.

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A rendering of a permanent stage for the Downtown plaza, shown at a Tax Increment Development District board meeting in Las Cruces City Council chambers Monday, Jan. 12. Although some like the proposed stage design, others would like to see a larger stage.

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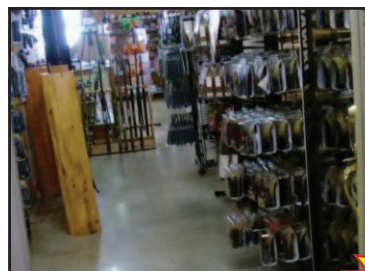
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# Opinions



## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

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# We are Charlie

## Freedom a virtue, violence a vice

Bob Trapp likes to take people on a tour of his offices. If you're on the tour with Trapp, who publishes the Rio Grande Sun in Española, you'll soon notice the rocks. Rocks of varying sizes occupy spots throughout the building.

If you inquire, Trapp will explain the rocks have all come through windows at the newspaper, which probably keeps a local glass company in business.

Over the years, Española has earned a reputation for its crime, and the Sun, one of the best old-school newspapers in the country, never pulls punches about publishing compelling stories about the crimes and the criminals. Some of those criminals don't like that publicity. Hence the rocks.

All newspapers draw ire from the public at one time or another, whether it's publishing stories about gang members or altering the comics lineup. Journalists learn to grow thick skin early in their careers. It's part of the game when your work goes out in front of thousands of people on a regular basis, a target for all eager critics.

When I was editor of the Alamogordo Daily News, a muscular, leatherclad biker once came into my office to complain about an article we'd run about his arrest. He was angry and said we "could go outside and get dusty." After further discussion, we avoided any ugly scenes and parted amicably. Or at least semi-amicably.

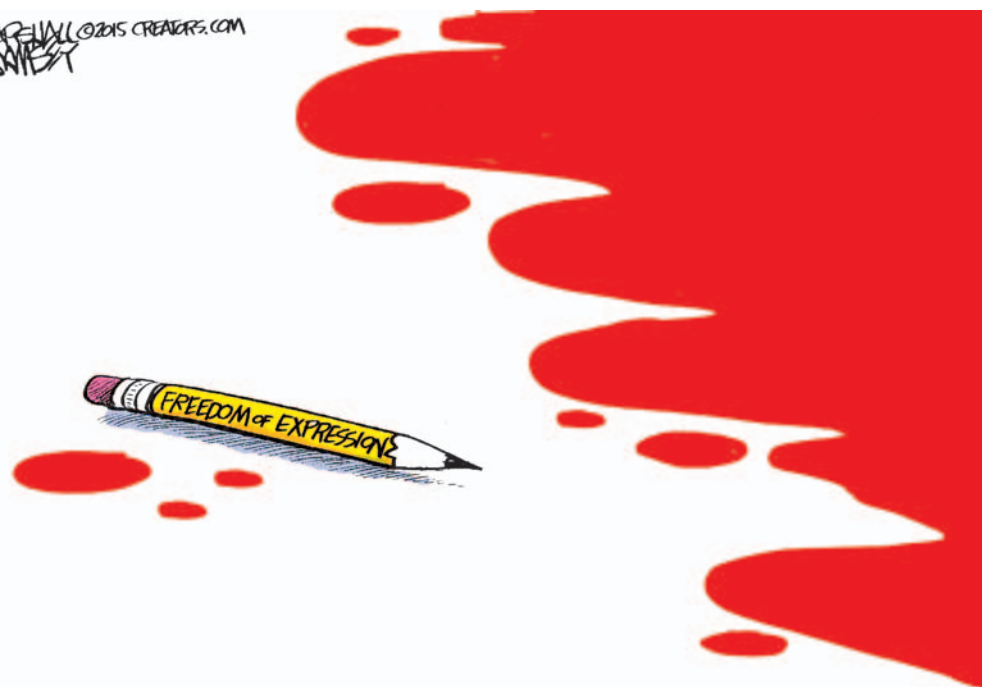
None of those things – dust, rocks, disgruntled readers – compare to the horror that happened last week in Paris, when terrorists gunned down a dozen people, most of them journalists. The attack evidently was perpetrated by radical Islamists, angered by the Paris newspaper Charlie Hebdo's visual portrayals of the prophet Muhammad.

The satirical French newspaper bars no holds when it comes to its cultural criticism, often done through cartoons. Its satire is ecumenical, criticizing nearly every religion. However, none of it justifies murder.

Chief among the tenets of most legitimate religions (including true Islam) are the celebration of peace, the abhorrence of violence. Chief among the tenets of free people everywhere is the acceptance of freedom of speech. That's why, for the past week, a rallying cry has echoed throughout the world: "We are Charlie."

The weekly newspaper typically produced 60,000 copies. This week, with its first edition since the attack, Charlie Hebdo printed 3 million copies. Initial response was so overwhelming they printed another 2 million copies. And, yes, it will feature a cover with a depiction of Muhammad with a tear and saying "Je Suis Charlie," which translates to I am Charlie. The message was clear: We won't back down.

Free speech is frequently unwelcome. We don't like when someone publicly criticizes something we feel strongly about, whether it's our religion, our way of life, or even our favorite football team. Yet free people, particularly Americans, should recognize others' right to make those criticisms. We should recognize each other's individuality and the right to believe differently. We should condemn violence. Yes, we are Charlie.



TODAY, WE ARE ALL PARISIANS

## Letter to the editor

### Terrorize the terrorists

Like everyone, I was horrified by this week's events in Paris. I won't say shocked anymore, as these things have become almost everyday events. As usual, the news was filled with experts telling us what must be done, but won't be. I listened to Col. David Hunt and Lt. Col. Ralph Peters, who are both correct that we are going to have to start killing these people in mass numbers, but I'm afraid that in itself is not enough.

A lesson from our own past at the Moro (ancestors of today's MNLF) uprising in the Philippines in 1911 and Gen. Blackjack Pershing's response to it would be a good place to start. He used pigs' blood. I won't go into detail, but he terrorized the terrorists, the insurgency stopped and for the next 42 years there were no Islamic terrorist attacks

anywhere.

So far what we have done has not worked. We have now been chasing bad guys around three and a half times longer than it took us to win World War II. As long as these throwbacks think they are dying as martyrs and going to heaven, they will never quit. If we are to win, and at some point someone must, then we will have find a way to kill them, by methods and in numbers, that they find both horrific and ultimately unacceptable.

Unfortunately, we as a nation are still unwilling to do the necessary thing, and instead stand by and watch as this administration continues destroying our military and turning the worst of the worst loose from Guantanamo. This is what 50 years of dumb-down education and PC brainwashing has brought us.

Dennis Stone

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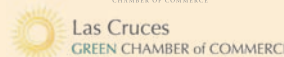
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# False hopes from the last election

**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion



What does New Mexico need the most? We need our national and state economies to thrive. Without jobs and taxes from a vibrant economy, our governments will not have money to spend.

If our national mania to help people was focused on actually helping them, then the health of our economy would be critical. But the national mania to help people is actually a political ploy to gain power. It started with President Lyndon Johnson, who named this corrupt practice the War On Poverty. Fifty years later, even more Americans are mired in poverty while more power is given to elites who control and profit from this politically advantageous program.

The War on Poverty is forever. Elites need people to need government so they vote correctly. P. J. O'Rourke wrote, "You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money." To those looking to make

government bigger, poverty and unemployment are political opportunities.

There are about 320 million people in America. The employed participation rate is the lowest ever recorded. That means millions of Americans are not employed, so the unemployment rate should be higher. Journalists should know the unemployment numbers are bogus but will not report it.

New Mexico is held down by lots of anti-business politics. With New Mexicans suffering from the sour economy, what do most politicians talk about? Increasing the minimum wage, battling businesses for the social justice concept of wealth equality, taking in more taxes and, incredibly, stopping our business community development because of a political agenda called global warming.

Worse, our elected leaders in the Legislature do memorials to the women's basketball team at Nowhere New Mexico High School, designate green chile and lamb milkshakes as a New Mexico treasure, stand up for the Raventon Road once used by Billy the Kid

and other time-wasters as rank-and-file New Mexicans struggle to make ends meet.

The political need to play politics trumps the ability of private businesses to thrive. It is a dagger in the heart of our business sector. We just had an election that supposedly was going to make things better. Disappointment is part of politics, as are false hopes. Voters are conditioned to believe elections cause good change. Often, this is false.

Nationally, what energized the Republicans to take over the U. S. Senate were three things: stopping Obamacare, controlling immigration and improving our economy. I am for these.

Then, after the election was in the books, the Speaker of the House, John Boehner rolled over without a fight and did not contest these issues in the first post-election vote.

The new Congress seems to be in their chairs, but I am not sure they understand what non-elite citizens need: jobs, security, and the freedom to pursue their own happiness.

In New Mexico, for the first time in several generations, the Republicans

control the New Mexico House of Representatives. The change was driven by our rotten statewide economy. Sure, some people are making money, mostly by working for the government, but private businesses are hurting.

Progressive voices in our state say all business is theft and all business owners are rich. They say that, for the social justice

reason, that high-flying businesses need to be brought back to Earth. Surprise: Most private businesses are on the edge of profitability.

These same businesses have to deal daily with interference in their businesses by anti-business government workers who do not realize the only source of money to pay for government are the taxes on profits. The more anti-business government workers impede businesses, the closer to going out

of business forever are these businesses.

Question: if every business in New Mexico closes, what will the state do for money? I guarantee one thing: despite political promises made, some of those cousins hired as a political reward for service to the elites will end up having to be fired.

New Mexico's motto, "Hire The Cousins" could be harmed.

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

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# On civic participation

By **Rose Ann Vasquez**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In everyone's life, there are moments where situations take hold and you feel a sense of powerlessness, where you want someone to listen and understand the frustration of not being heard.

In 2011, I almost lost my home to foreclosure. "Don't let them take your home," were my father's last words to me before he died. I was eight months into dealing with Bank of America, trying to save my home where I had lived 12 years. I purchased my modest house as a single mother to raise my children. It was an investment that meant stability and security.

It would be 10 more months before I secured a resolution. Much to my dismay, the "resolution" was another 30-year mortgage that included excessive late fees through no fault of my own. Bank of America dragged its feet and created a nightmare for me and millions of other families across the United States.

Throughout the process I felt alone and without a voice – powerless. What does it mean to have a voice, to be heard and understood when life is, at times, overbearing?

My voice matters, and your voice matters, too. Everyone has the opportunity to be involved in making our community a better place for all. Our voice matters and it makes a difference when we express our joy, pain and hope for our children. For me, that is what democracy and civic participation means.

As a native Las Crucean raised on a small farm in San Pablo, I want to participate in public life. What is sometimes embarrassing to admit but central to my story is that, after 40 years, I better understand the power of participating in public life and the power of inserting my voice and values. Furthermore, I know that my life's experience should be considered in policymaking.

Recent federal data states that one in four New Mexicans experience poverty, and we are ranked at the bottom in terms of child well-being.

This fact alone should make us want to act toward making progress for our most vulnerable, our children.

The worst thing we can do is nothing. As a mother, daughter and active community member, I am no longer content sitting on the sidelines while others make decisions about my future. Plus, I would not ask anyone to do anything that I first wasn't willing to do myself. It is important that all of us learn what is happening in our community, with our city, county and state governments, including school boards, and actively participate.

What does it mean to participate? For me, it means grassroots

*'Civic participation is CAFé's mission, and I have experienced what it means firsthand. Policy is intentional and it impacts my daily life'*

organizing in my community.

During the time that I almost lost my home, I was invited to participate in public life by Comunidades in Accion y de Fé (CAFé) and its faith community. At one of the worst times of my life, they gave me the most precious gift – hope. An announcement in my church bulletin brought me to CAFé.

I began learning how to use my voice and how to share my story, inviting others to do the same.

As a result, I witnessed the power of the people and the changes we can make when walking in solidarity, such as improving wages for 18,000 hardworking people in Las Cruces by a citizen's ballot initiative and keeping people in their homes by preventing unnecessary foreclosures. Organizing works.

Civic participation is CAFé's mission, and I have experienced what it means firsthand. Policy is intentional and it impacts my daily life, so I can choose to give up my power and do nothing, or I can choose to come to the table and use my voice to participate.

Organizing works because it is also intentional and its power lies in the people, but we have to show up.

Our stories, our life's experience, and our vision for a community where there is opportunity for everyone matters.

Micah 6:8 requires us to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." Doing justice is more than loving justice and requires us to act. A wise clergy once told me, "Be an actor, not one who is acted upon." It is a win-win when ordinary people, like me, are invited to participate in the decisions that impact our daily lives.

It makes good sense to include all our voices in policymaking, so I invite you to make yours heard this year and beyond.

*Rose Ann Vasquez, who works for Comunidades in Accion y de Fé, is a graduate of New Mexico State University. She was first in her family to attend college, reaching her aspiration of earning a master's degree. She is a mother and grandmother whose children also attend or have graduated from Las Cruces public schools.*

## BaxterBlack

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



### The manly arts

People ask where I got my mittens, my saddle blanket, my wild rag, my dog's muffler, my colorful selection of pot holders that hang in my tackroom. I always change the subject, but the time has come to confess.

So there I was, in the wilds of the high desert on a cow camp in the early fall, riding three young horses and checking' cows, water tanks and fence. Pretty tough livin' out here. My clothes didn't get washed much. My razor broke. I tried to wash up at the spring every week or two and brushed my teeth with bakin' soda and salt. I didn't have a toothbrush, of course, so I never got that tough gristle completely out. I tried to cut my own hair. Thank goodness I didn't have a mirror.

A man gets lonesome sometimes. I tried not to think about it. I pondered a lot.

I had deep discussions with my dogs but they begin to doze off when I questioned the wisdom of Napoleon invading Italy in 1796 or the value of Latin as a second language.

While trying to fix a hole in the baseboard to keep the pack rats out, I pulled a board loose. There behind it, where it must have dropped years ago, was a book. It was still somewhat readable. The pages were yellowing around the edges and water stains faded out much of the print.

It was such a surprise.

Remember, you must put yourself in my position at the time. I had not seen another human being for weeks, cell phones didn't work there and there was no mail delivery. I didn't have a radio. Things became mundane. Your emotional graph rarely moves off

neutral unless you're getting bucked off or snakebit. Then out of nowhere, I found this book. I pondered if there was some profound meaning that I, a solitary cowboy, was the one to find it. Was it just circumstance? Would it lead me to greater knowledge and peace of mind? Would I become famous or rich?

The owner must have been a learned man.

He may have studied it daily, maybe memorized certain chapters; it could have changed his life. Words and phrases could be discerned; "purl, binding, blocking, slipover, ribbed cap, moss..." instructions like "cast on, yarn over, K 2 tog, rest the needle in your lap, p.s.s.o, crochet, garter and if you do slip a stitch, you can work backwards. ..."

The illustrations were illegible. They could have been drawings of someone doing surgery, or sword fighting, or preparing spaghetti, or counting to 11 on one hand. I held them to the window, I looked at them upside down, I tried to iron one page with a hot pocket knife, all to no avail.

I conjured the possibilities: A manual for deckhands on a schooner? A wiring diagram for home appliances? Parasitology Vol. 1: Strongyles? Then a card fell out. It said, "The Manly Art of Knitting, © 1972."

I fell upon it like a hyena on a carcass! And even today, though I can't remember anybody's name, where I left the car keys or who is the Secretary of State, I can still knit and purl with the best of them!

So there, I feel better getting it out in the open.

*Baxter Black can be contacted through his website, [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com).*

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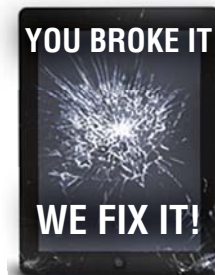
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# Former lawmaker: Coyotes are more than target practice

By **Nate Cote**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

All of us benefit from healthy ecosystems and the priceless services they provide: clean water and air, forest regeneration, natural pest control, seed distribution, nutrient recycling and healthy soils. A growing body of scientific research reveals just how important carnivores are to maintaining the health of these natural systems.



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Take coyotes, for example. Besides entertaining us with their nocturnal singing, these wild members of the dog family help to control prey populations by consuming prodigious quantities of rodents, including some that carry human diseases such as Hantavirus and plague.

Unfortunately, not everybody appreciates coyotes. They are completely unprotected under New Mexico's wildlife laws and, in fact, are often the target of organized killing contests in which participants compete for prizes based on who can kill the most or the largest animals.

In 2013, I sponsored a bill that would have made coyote-killing contests illegal in our state. The entire idea of killing members of our wildlife population as if they are some kind of living video game has no grounding in the responsible stewardship of our lands and wildlife.

It is also a violation of a key tenet of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation adhered to by ethical hunters, which states that wildlife should only be killed for a legitimate purpose. Most New Mexicans would surely agree that using animals for live target practice in order to win prizes is not a legitimate use.

Wildlife killing contests serve no legitimate management purpose. Killing random coyotes just for fun, prizes and entertainment doesn't eradicate them, it doesn't help other game species in any sustained way and it doesn't "protect" livestock. It does alter both their pack structure and the natural ecosystem balance that keeps populations of coyotes and rodents in check.

Many studies have shown that when coyotes are removed from their natural habitat en masse they tend to breed in larger numbers to sustain their

population, but that takes time. As a result, younger coyotes tend to be less sophisticated in the ways of hunting and may end up eating a family pet. When allowed to attain natural population densities and pack structure, coyotes consume large quantities of rodents and rabbits; therefore, a reduced number of natural predators such as the coyote allow these components of the food chain to multiply unrestrained, and the biodiversity of our beautiful landscape plummets. Science is catching up to hysteria about coyotes, and we now know that these animals are family-oriented, with pairs staying together for life and, as they mature, developing sophisticated hunting techniques.

Wildlife killing contests are held in many states, but recent information suggests that more such events are held in New Mexico than in most other states. Since 2012, such contests began to garner attention in local, national and international media, and now our state is definitively associated with the repulsive practice. It is time for our state's leaders to address this black eye on New Mexico's reputation and reassert our shared values in

'Wildlife killing contests serve no legitimate management purpose.'

opposition to ghastly celebrations of killing.

Coyote-killing contests are the modern equivalent of the reckless 19th century slaughter of the American bison and just as indefensible in our current society. New Mexicans demand responsible, ethical and scientific management of our wildlife and public lands.

To continue to allow the killing of limitless numbers of coyotes, especially now and especially for fun and profit, is not only a betrayal to conservation, but also a betrayal of our humanity.

*Nathan "Nate" Cote is the former state representative for House District 53. During his time in the Legislature, Cote introduced a bill to ban coyote sport killing contests. Recently, dozens of coyote carcasses discarded by a killing contest were discovered in the desert outside of Las Cruces.*

# Rule change offers protection from wolf releases by activists

By **Chad Smith**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State Game Commission, at their meeting held in Española on Nov. 13, 2014, took action that hunters, hikers and ranchers are applauding, since it ensures state control over the reintroduction process for the Mexican Gray Wolf population.

The commission unanimously approved an amendment to the rule detailing the holding and releasing of a carnivore. The new section states: "The state game commission must review any permit application for the possession or use of any carnivore that is held, possessed or released on private property for the purpose of recovery, reintroduction, conditioning, establishment or reestablishment in New Mexico."

Why is this an important layer of protection for our state's hunters, hikers, bikers and ranchers? Because it

makes it illegal for pro-wolf activists to release privately held wolves in our state. Imagine the consequences if you were in the Lincoln National Forest outside of Ruidoso and were not aware of the possibility of wolves, and thus were not vigilant. Your inattention could be fatal.

But who would expect a wolf in that area, 200 miles from Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, the boundaries of which are currently centered in the Apache-Sitgreaves and Gila National Forests? Pro-wolf activists are not only expecting it, they are advocating for it.

At a United States Fish and Wildlife Service meeting held Aug. 13, 2014, in Truth or Consequences, changes were proposed to the current Mexican Gray Wolf re-introduction plan that would change both the habitat and current management guidelines. The designated habitat of the wolf would expand dramatically, so that wolves

"found" in the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (MWEPA) would not be relocated, but would be allowed to stay. The MWEPA consists of 60 percent of the state, stretching south from Interstate 40 and across from the California-Arizona line to the New Mexico-Texas line. Not only are wandering wolves in this zone allowed to remain, but at the request of a land-owner, adult wolves can be released on private land. There is no minimum-sized land holdings required for the agreement, and the release can occur without the consent of the land-holder's neighbors.

So, if your pro-wolf neighbor has an acre, and could connect with a wolf breeder, you could have had a wolfpack at your back door. Fortunately, the game commission saw the danger in this scenario and took action to preclude this possibility. There was significant protest against the measure

'Imagine the consequences if you were in the Lincoln National Forest outside of Ruidoso and were not aware of the possibility of wolves.'

from a loud, angry, pro-wolf crowd, but the game commission stood up for the safety of all New Mexicans and for this, we are thankful.

*Chad Smith is the CEO of New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, an 18,000-member organization comprised of farmers and ranchers and those interested in private property rights and a local food supply. NMF&LB is the state's largest, private agricultural organization and was founded in 1917.*

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# DACC seeks bond approval to raise more than \$20 million

## Officials emphasize passage won't increase tax burden

Bulletin Staff Report

The Doña Ana Community College (DACC) advisory board has approved a countywide bond issue to benefit college and high school students in Doña Ana County.

The bond election will be Tuesday, Feb. 3. The

bond issue will not raise taxes on county residents by keeping in place the current levy as former bonds are retired, said DACC spokesman Eddie Binder.

The DACC bond will raise more than \$20 million for needed capital and operating funds.

The capital funding

will be used to address safety and technology issues. For example, crumbling infrastructure in the 40-year-old Central Campus Main Building will be corrected.

Other capital funding will purchase new technology and equipment to prepare employees to enter the workforce.

A portion of the bond funding will be used to expand the DACC Gadsden education center to complement efforts for an early college high school.

The operating funds will address several key strategic areas for DACC, according to a DACC press release. It will help

DACC with costs associated with the number of students taking dual-credit classes or enrolling in early college high schools in Doña Ana County.

Dual-credit and early college high school students require wrap-around services to ensure success and the college

does not receive direct funding for the students attending those classes.

Several DACC learning centers have experienced growth and a portion of this funding will be utilized for student support services at the locations.

In addition, certificate programs are in high demand at several of DACC's outlying centers, so operating funds will ensure that DACC can meet the needs of students at the centers, Binder said.

"DACC is committed to enhancing and building the workforce of Doña Ana County by graduating students who demonstrate superior skills in utilizing cutting-edge technologies, engaging in ethical practices and showing leadership potential," DACC's press release on the bond issue stated.

"The community college enables a diverse community of learners to master and enhance workplace skills. The county's future workforce receives training in a safe learning environment, mastering the equipment they will use in their future jobs."

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# NMSU honors faculty at 2015 spring convocation

New Mexico State University honored its faculty at the 2015 spring convocation ceremony Tuesday, Jan. 13, at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Every fall and spring, convocation is held to honor excellence on campus.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Provost Dan Howard noted, "To be successful, everyone associated with a university – faculty, staff and students – must be committed to the mission of the university and no one appreciates the good work of the staff, or the dedication of the students of New Mexico State University more than the president and me. Yet, the heart of a land-grant university is its teaching, research and service mission and it is the faculty that leads this effort. The faculty is a special part of every university and it is a great honor for me as provost, and Garrey Carruthers as president, to work with them to advance the university."

A Regents Professorship, the highest honor a

faculty member can achieve at NMSU, was awarded to H. Prentice Baptiste, College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction; and to Michele K. Nishiguchi, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology.

The NMSU Board of Regents established the Regents Professorship in 2001. It recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions to the university's mission and honors contributions in areas of education, research, extension education and public service.

Baptiste, a Distinguished Achievement Professor, is nationally respected for his work in diversity in education. He is the current president-elect of the National Association of Multicultural Education, which he helped found in 1990.

As the former dean of the College of Education, beginning in 1997, to currently serving as tenured full professor of curriculum and instruction, Baptiste's

leadership has been instrumental in attracting, supporting and retaining diverse faculty and students.

Nishiguchi has spent her NMSU career since 1999 achieving excellence in teaching, advising and mentoring. She is a prolific scientist with national and international collaborations. Her research charts new directions in her field of biology and she has become an international leader in her discipline associated with studying evolution and marine symbiosis, and in efforts to increase diversity in science.

Since joining NMSU, Nishiguchi has received the Faculty Outstanding Achievement Award in Teaching, Scholarship and Services from the College of Arts and Sciences in 2009, and the Dennis W. Darnall Faculty Achievement Award from NMSU in 2012.

A panel of Regents Professors evaluates faculty-submitted nominations from throughout the university, and the committee meets to determine the awards. The recognition is accompanied by a \$12,500 annual stipend.

Eleven faculty members were honored with the Donald C. Roush Excellence in Teaching Award. The accolade is named after Roush, a former NMSU executive vice president, in recognition of his 35 years of advocating for teaching improvement in New Mexico.

The Roush recipients are Ian Ray, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Timothy F. Wright, College of Arts and Sciences; Manal Hamzeh Al Smadi, College of Arts and Sciences; Larry Tunnell, College of Business; Hsiu-Lan Cheng, College of Education; Laura E. Boucheron, College of Engineering; John E. Scarbrough, College of Health and Social Services; Rita Eisele, NMSU Alamogordo; Michelle Hansen, NMSU Carlsbad; Douglas A. Layer, NMSU Doña Ana; and William Serban, NMSU Grants.

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## Armed robbery suspect sought

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At around 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, a man walked into the Keva Juice store at 1001 E. University Ave., displayed a handgun and demanded money from a cashier.

The man left the store with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Witnesses described the man as possibly in his 30s, 5-feet-8-inches tall and approximately 200 pounds. He was said to have a mustache and was wearing a dark-colored hoodie, dark baggy jeans and white shoes.

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspect 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.

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## Coming up

### CASF meets

Cruces Atmospheric Sciences Forum (CASF) meets 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Pepe's Mexican Food Restaurant, 1405 W. Picacho Ave. The meeting will center on how convection affects climate.

CASF members believe that there is nothing unusual about the current

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# LookingBack

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Zak Hansen**  
Reflections

### 100yearsago

#### 1915

• The Las Cruces Citizen admitted its role in the continuing drama between Hiram Hadley and Frank French with a piece titled "An Apology. Good Night Nurse! "Tough" is Right!" The Citizen "is always ready and glad to make amends" after misquoting Professor Hadley as having said "The Germans will dictate the terms of peace." In actuality, Hadley's statement was, "It will not surprise me if the Germans dictate the terms of peace." "Professor Hadley further says that he does not make any predictions as to the outcome of the war," the article read, closing, "We are neutral but oh you Germans!"

• "Las Cruces is a law-and-order town," opined an editorial in the Citizen. "Our citizens are law-abiding, as the records of our courts show. There are but few disturbances of any kind in Las Cruces, and it is seldom necessary for our officers to make arrests, for we have few violators of the law. While El Paso and other cities are daily reporting thieving, housebreaking, robbery and violence of every description, Las Cruces moves on in the even tenor of her way; and her citizens obey the law, and keep the peace. Las Cruces is a good town."

### 75yearsago

#### 1940

• "Joe Lapoint, assistant editor and manager of the Las Cruces Citizen, attended the meeting of the NMPA in Albuquerque this past weekend," the Citizen reported. "Airplane rides, given by Clyde Tingley, chairman of the City Commission, and 'burro' rides given by the governor, provided much entertainment for the visiting newspapermen."

• The Citizen reported "an announcement of wide interest," the upcoming marriage of Miss Toshiko Yabumoto and Carl Nakayama, a union that would bring together "two of the oldest Japanese families in New Mexico."

### 50yearsago

#### 1965

• The Las Cruces Citizen reported "an all-time record of enrollment" in the Las Cruces Public Schools of 13,711 pupils. "At present, our first grade enrollment is 1,735 pupils, but we will graduate only about 710 pupils from our high school in May," said Earl Nunn, superintendent of schools. In 2014, LCPS enrollment topped 25,000.

• New Mexico State University received its first firehouse, the Citizen reported. "Until the recent erection of the station the university operator was depended upon to jangle telephone and two way radios across campus to get firemen to an emergency," the article said. The new facility



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**The Rio Grande Hotel, circa 1890.**

featured a "large garage-type apparatus room where two trucks are constantly ready to respond within seconds to fire calls," as well as living quarters for the 24-hour fire marshal, Jay Sheehan, and his wife, and a dormitory facility for part-time student firefighters.

### 25yearsago

#### 1990

• The Las Cruces Bulletin reported the Las Cruces Public Schools was planning an additional check for asbestos in their soon-to-be-home inside the former JC Penney building in Loretto Towne Center.

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# Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo

Kari Harrelson holds belay ropes for Eriene Justice, 4, as he climbs to the top of an inflated mountain in the Las Cruces Convention Center on Sunday, Jan. 11, the final day of the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo.

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Bryan and Jackie Ortiz, 6 and 9, check out the features of an all-terrain vehicle with Emmanuel Tovar.



Sophia Reyes, 2, gets putting assistance from her father, Armando, at the Red Hawk Golf Course booth.



Bev Courtney tells Angel Ortiz about the concealed handgun permit training she provides as a certified instructor.



Jeremy Lane with New Mexico Game and Fish teaches Annabel Hejmanowski, 8, how to shoot an arrow at a target.

# Human trafficking march



Esperanza Saiz



Jacki Beacham, Marianne Bowers, Rosa Silva, Virginia Martinez and Kristie Garcia



As part of January being National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Paso Del Norte Center of Hope held a March For Freedom Saturday, Jan. 10, at Albert Johnson Park.



Saiz, Jasmine Cuevas, Maria Evaro, Daniela Rodriguez, Isela Anchondo, Sylvia Aldaz-Osborn and Eytan Salinger

# Pipeline protest



Protesters braved the cold Tuesday, Jan. 13, in front of the federal courthouse in Las Cruces to protest approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline project, which is expected to be passed by Congress but also faces a likely veto by President Barack Obama

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cancer treatment. Because of his leg injury, the 2-year-old service dog helps him with balance, as well as helping him with his post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD), he said.

“He keeps me calm without having to take medication,” James said. “He can sense my frustration and will come close to and put his paw on my shoulder.”

James said he was sitting by himself in the handicapped seating behind the driver with Buddy quietly lying at his feet. Two women objected to the dog, saying the dog’s presence frightened them, he said.

The driver ordered him to leave the bus in Doña Ana, he said, and wouldn’t listen to his explanation that fear of dogs – or even being allergic to dogs – doesn’t serve as reason under ADA law for not allowing a service dog on a bus.

“The driver said, ‘I don’t care about that,’” James said. “He wouldn’t even hear it.”

After spending his available cash on a motel room, James was assisted by members of American Legion Post 10 for additional shelter and a new bus ticket. He continued his journey back home Dec. 19, 2014.

Buddy is certified service dog, costing \$40,000. James said he went through 24 months of training with Buddy. Although he was willing to show his dog’s paperwork, James said ADA law doesn’t even require that.

Numerous online ADA compliance guides affirm what James said about ADA and service dogs.

ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA, regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

Under ADA law, it should have been the objecting women removed, not him, James said.

Regardless of what legal action is taken, the bus driver in this incident is in need of sensitivity training and ADA compliance education, James said.

“The service dogs are here to help us,” James said. “That’s their sole purpose.”

James said Buddy has helped him through the difficulties of cancer treatment and readjustment to society in more ways than he can count.

“I love him to death,” James said of Buddy. “He’s the best thing to have ever happened to me. ... He’s my best friend.”

“Us combat veterans have strong relationships because we were always watching each other’s back. It’s hard for us to form those same kind of relationships when we return. ... My relationship with Buddy is like what we had in combat. He’s watching my back.”

Todd G. Dickson may be reached at 680-1983 or [todd@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:todd@lascrucesbulletin.com).



Buddy, a service dog, lies at the foot of his master, James, an Iraq war veteran, as he waits for the bus at the Shorty’s convenience store in Doña Ana on Dec. 19. When they were traveling on the bus Dec. 15, 2014, from Albuquerque to South Carolina, two women objected and the bus driver ordered the man and his dog to leave in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Buddy is a 2-year-old Australian shepard and border collie mix who helps with his master’s balance and post-traumatic stress syndrome.

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# Coming up

## MLK Day closures

Most City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Also observing the holiday are Las Cruces Public Schools, New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College, state and federal government, the U.S. Postal Service and most banks.

Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

Saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints will be conducted in the field.

## MLK Day events

The local chapter of the NAACP is sponsoring two events related to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

First is the annual MLK March at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18. Participants will meet in front of Las Cruces City Hall at 700 N. Main St.

At 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will be held at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

## MLK Day free entry

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 19, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands.

This is the first in a series of four "fee free" days in 2015. The others will be Presidents' Day weekend (Feb. 14-16), National Public Lands Day (Sept. 26), and Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

Site-specific standard amenity and individual day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the specified dates. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals, and group day use, will remain in effect.

For more information about activities on BLM-managed public lands across the state, visit [www.blm.gov/nm/recreation](http://www.blm.gov/nm/recreation).

## School Board candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces will host a public forum from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, for candidates vying for positions in the election for Las Cruces public school board, Districts 4 and 5.

The forum will be in the Board Room of the Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) administration building, at 505 S. Main St. in the Loretto Town Center.

Spanish translation will be provided.

There are six candidates for the two positions: four in District 4 and two in District 5.

The forum will be broadcast live on CLC-TV, Comcast Channel 20 and on LCPS's YouTube Channel.

## Dowsing class

A dowsing class will be offered from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

Jeanne Gehringer of the American Society of Dowsers will talk about "Using Dowsing to Positively Effect Your New

Year's Resolutions."

There will be a fee for the class.

For information, contact Gehringer at 522-4667 or [mjeanne@zianet.com](mailto:mjeanne@zianet.com).

## Press Women meet

The Las Cruces Press Women's meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, in the Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village's Activity Center downstairs meeting room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The speaker is David Morgan, public information officer for the New Mexico Department of Health and New Mexico State University journalism instructor.

His topic is "Why Do They Do That? Understanding Bias in the News."

The meeting is free and open to anyone interested in the topic.

Go to [lcpreswomen.blogspot.com](http://lcpreswomen.blogspot.com) for more information.

## Friends of Branigan Library

The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library will be hosting its annual meeting 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in the Roadrunner Room at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

The meeting is open to the public, and all members of the friends are invited. It will include election of officers, annual reports and a special presentation of a gift to support the work of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

The short meeting will be followed by entertainment by the Las Cruces Ukes, a community group of ukulele enthusiasts who perform beloved songs of years gone by.

The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is a nonprofit organization that supports the work of the library. Established in 1976, it has donated more than \$250,000 to library programs, and membership consists of more than 100 members.

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

## Asombro annual membership meeting

The Asombro Institute for Science Education's annual meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 19, at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park with a social time at 10 a.m. and the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The Asombro Institute holds an annual meeting so the public can learn about the accomplishments of the year gone by and plans for the upcoming year. Elections of new board members will be held.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located north of Las Cruces. From Interstate 25 in Las Cruces, head east on U.S. Highway 70 and take the Mesa Grande Road exit (at Oñate High School). Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane onto the frontage road. Turn right (north) on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.4 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan

Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead.

The Nature Park is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

The Asombro Institute for Science Education is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing scientific literacy by fostering an understanding of the Chihuahuan Desert. The Asombro Institute for Science Education provides hands-on science education programs for more than 17,000 area students each year.

For more information, call 524-3334 or visit [www.asombro.org](http://www.asombro.org).

## Federated Republican Women

The Federated Republican Women, Doña Ana County, monthly meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village, Buena Vida Circle.

The program includes a buffet luncheon and reservations are required no later than Friday, Jan. 19.

For more information, call 527-5574.

## Doña Ana Photography Club

Professional photographer Mel Stone will talk about creating a "Rodeo School" photo portfolio at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, for the Doña Ana Photography Club at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

Stone will discuss how he came to create the photo portfolio "Rodeo School." While looking for more horses to photograph, he chanced upon the area where the New Mexico State University rodeo team practices.

The photo series was accepted as an exhibition at the Branigan Cultural Center, several pieces were juried into the El Paso International Eye of the Camera show, and some of the pieces will be exhibited at the El Paso Airport in early 2016 as part of the "Window on Art" series.

For more information, visit [www.daphotoclub.org](http://www.daphotoclub.org).

## Minnesota Club

The Minnesota Club meets at noon Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Golden Corral, 601 S. Telshor Blvd.

## Roe v Wade commemoration

A commemoration of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe v Wade will be held at noon Thursday, Jan. 22, at Albert Johnson Park, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Confirmed speakers include Michael Mandel, Rev. Nancy Anderson, Rabbi Larry Karol and Rainy Estrada representing Aggies for Feminism.

For more information, contact Jan Thompson at 680-2680.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### MESILLA VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

**AMBER ORTIZ**  
is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She is on the Lady Son Blazer's swimming team. Ortiz placed third in her favorite event: 100 breaststroke at the Hobbs Invitational. She has also cut four seconds in the 100 breaststroke so far this season and has placed in the 50 and 100 freestyle events this season. Ortiz is the team captain and has been on the MVCS varsity team for five years. She is disciplined, hardworking, organized and a team leader. Ortiz is a reporter for FFA (Future Farmers of America) and competed in the Floriculture Career Development Event and placed fourth in New Mexico. She is a member of the National Honor Society, with a 3.80 GPA, and Students Leading by Service. Ortiz shows and breeds rabbits, enjoys photography and swims with LCAT. Her future plans are to attend college in the fall and major in Agricultural Business & Animal Science.

**DALTON RICE**  
is a 17-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays post position on the Son Blazer's basketball team. Rice has averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds per game over the past four games. He is humble, joyful and hardworking. Rice always has a smile on his face, even when he is sometimes struggling. He is a great person who brings great joy to everyone he is around. Rice is a devoted student, with a 3.75 GPA, and outside of the classroom and basketball, he loves super heroes.

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## Aggies flex muscles to open WAC

New Mexico State University's men's basketball team took down Missouri-Kansas City 63-45 to open Western Athletic Conference play at home, Saturday, Jan. 10.

In their last 49 contests played in the Pan American Center, the Aggies are 45-4.

"We were ready and had the right mind set," said head coach Marvin Menzies. "It's a new season and both teams came in here with a 0-0 record. We know the importance of conference play and it showed – especially with our defensive effort in the first half."

The Aggies (9-9 overall, 1-0 WAC) took on Bakersfield Thursday, Jan. 15, in California. The game was not completed by press time.

NMSU plays at Seattle Saturday, Jan. 17.

Against Kansas City, the Aggies came out strong and never looked back. An acrobatic dunk from senior DK Eldridge with just over a minute remaining propelled the Aggies into intermission with a 33-14 lead.

NMSU held UMKC to a 5-of-22 shooting effort from the field during the first 20 minutes.

It was more of the same in the second half as the Aggies controlled tempo and kept the 'Roos off balance.

At 15:41 the Aggies defense forced a turnover, which turned into an easy layup for freshman Pascal Siakam, and the Aggies led 41-22 with 15 minutes remaining in the second stanza.

"We played with energy and it showed," Siakam said. "We know that defense is important and we need to continue to work hard and get better. It was great to open conference play with a win, but it's just the first of many games to come."

Senior Remi Barry scored a game-high 15 points on 5-of-10 shooting field. He also grabbed seven rebounds.

## Mayfield girls win 3rd straight

By **Lewis Harry**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mayfield High School Lady Trojans basketball team has made themselves the early favorite entering the 3-6A district play.

The Lady Trojans possess a 10-4 record following their 55-43 win against former district opponent Alamogordo at home on Tuesday, Jan 13.

Mayfield applied its full-court press defense early, leading to key turnovers in the first half.

The starting five for the Lady Trojans combined for 20 points in the first half.

Junior guard Laramie Tesillo led all starters with eight points. Senior guard Alicia Marcus provided valuable contributions off the bench scoring a handful of points before running into foul trouble late in the fourth quarter. Tesillo led the starting five and finished the game with eight points.

Even with a healthy Mayfield lead, the Tigers never went away. Fueled by a late game surge from forward Kristyn Archuleta, the Tigers were able to climb within nine points, but never came any closer. Archuleta spent a hefty portion of the night at the foul line and proved to be efficient, only missing twice from the charity stripe.

The Tigers, doing most of their damage from the paint, fell victim to too many turnovers during critical moments of the game.

The Tigers controlled the ball better in the second half, cutting down on turnovers and getting better looks at the basket, but were unable to put together a significant stop on defense.

Trojan head coach George Maya, who recently accumulated win No. 400 in his 20-year career, believes that his team is moving in the right direction with every game, though the Trojans were a bit careless on the defensive end against Alamogordo.

"Not very good tonight," Maya said. "We didn't have the energy that we usually have, we were slow. You have to give Alamogordo credit, they played really hard and they always do, their coach does a great job with them."

Mayfield struggled crashing the boards during the second half of the game, allowing numerous second chance opportunities and offensive rebounds for Alamogordo.



Mayfield High School girls basketball coach George Maya speaks to the media after a game last year in the NMAA postseason tournament. Maya recently won his 400th game.

Despite four losses on the season, three of those games decided by two points or less, Maya has his team practicing to execute what needs to get done.

"Defending for sure," Maya said. Defending is going to be one of our biggest challenges.

"We played really good defensively one time and then the next game not very well. It's just a lack of energy and a lack of intensity."

The Lady Trojans are on a three-game winning streak as they approach the district schedule. Crosstown rival Las Cruces High is

right on Mayfield's heels, only one game behind the green and gold.

The Lady Trojans must continue to build on their current momentum and improve their defense.

"Defensively we have gotten better on the press, but then as we take two steps forward we seem to take one back, and we can't do that. If you do that, you're going to get beat up pretty bad," Maya said.

Mayfield will host the La Cueva Bears at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and then travel east to face Alamogordo once more before returning home to host Gadsden to tip off district play.

## NMSU soccer to host identification camp Jan. 25

The New Mexico State soccer team is hosting an identification camp at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Soccer Athletic Complex. The camp is open to all high school females

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## Ag women kick off league play with win

The New Mexico State women's basketball team continued its hot streak after opening Western Athletic Conference play with a 60-48 road win against Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The Aggies (8-6, 1-0 WAC) have won eight of their last nine games after beginning the season 0-5.

NMSU now takes on the Seattle Redhawks at home at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

The Aggies played Bakersfield on Thursday, Jan. 15, but the final result was not available by press time.

Seattle is 4-12 overall and 1-0 in WAC play.

Aggie head coach Mark Trakh said he was pleased to start off conference play with a road victory

"(It was) a road win in a place that's tough to win," Trakh said.

"I thought we did a good job, but we still got to work on some things."

Offensively NM State finished 44.2 percent (23-52) from the field, defensively a full-court press defense helped the Aggies force 22 turnovers. NM State turned those 22 turnovers into 21 points.

The Aggie defense also only allowed the 'Roos to hit on four of their 17 shots from 3-point land.

The win, the 40th for Trakh at the helm of the NM State program, was also aided by a big day from Brianna Freeman inside the paint.

The sophomore forward marked a career-high 22 points after going 10-of-13 from the field while also leading the squad with seven rebounds.

Freeman, who came into the game ranked third in the WAC in field-goal percentage (.526), only helped her cause after shooting .769 on Saturday afternoon.

Junior point guard Shanice Davis also finished in double-figures after sinking 14 points.

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# Pondering the imponderable golf questions



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

Just a few decades ago, cult author Douglas Adams wrote "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," in which he promised the answer to the "ultimate question about life, the universe and everything."

I would've added golf to the list.

It's really all about the question "why." About 12 years ago, Budweiser aired their TV ads featuring "Why ask why?"

For years, I have been pondering many of golf's imponderables, and have only come up with educated guesses. Here are some of them.

Why do so many avid golfers avoid taking golf lessons, despite the obvious fact that they need them?

Whenever I ask that question of some very avid golfers, I get stupid, incomprehensible, lame excuses, such as "I can't afford lessons," or "I don't have time."

These are the same golfers who will fork out \$500 for a new driver and \$3,000 for a golfing trip to Cabo. Go figure.

I've come to the conclusion that men, in particular, have the same mindset about golf lessons as they do about psychotherapy for depression or substance abuse: They'd rather not embarrass themselves or be bothered.

Why can't we stop the overseas-based purveyors of fake golf clubs that are knockoff and lookalike reproductions of first line clubs such as TaylorMade, Ping and Callaway?

But that's kinda like wondering why the inflow of drugs isn't stopped by the Feds.

The world market is so vast and complicated that many countries don't honor or respect patents and rights held by companies in the U.S.

Some club manufacturers have actually taken foreign cheaters to court, but the expense may become prohibitive.

The Feds aren't concerned enough about golf club makers to issue a challenge to China. They're more concerned about protecting Sony Pictures.

Why don't we have a First Tee in Las Cruces?

I was reminded of this question by all the First Tee ads during pro

*'For years, I have been pondering many of golf's imponderables, and have come up with only educated guesses.'*

tournament golf programming on television. Several years ago I was invited to join the organizing committee for the formation of a First Tee initiative here in Las Cruces. Everyone was excited and sub-committees were formed and fundraising proceeded. Then things seemed to evaporate as quickly as the interest began.

I have my own hunch about what happened, but it is only a suspicion. Still, no prospect of a First Tee here.

Why don't golf courses equip 10 percent of their golf cart fleet with protective, warm, enclosed covers for the cold weather season?

The airlines offer an "upgrade" on seats; golf courses ought to do the same for carts, making it a win-win situation.

Why don't so many folks who really need to get in shape work out at the gym? I guess maybe we're lazy in this land of plenty.

The average-sized American is actually obese by former lean standards, which is probably associated to some extent with high fat and high calorie fast food that by all accounts is more-or-less cheap.

In ancient China, being fat was looked upon as high status, representing the wherewithal to afford food aplenty, since many of the poor peasants lived on the verge of starvation.

Champion golfers in the future won't look like Craig Stadler or John Daly or Laura Davies.

They'll look like Steve Stricker, Gary Woodland and Tiger Woods.

Incidentally, the answer to the "Hitchhikers" ultimate question is "42."

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

## Oñate grad valuable addition to University of North Dakota



**Barbara Boxleitner**  
Keeping up

Though not fully healthy, Terrel de Rouen has remained a valuable player for the University of North Dakota men's basketball team.

The Oñate High School graduate is a junior transfer from New Mexico State University, where he played two years before sitting out the 2013-14 season.

"He's getting back into the rhythm of playing every day," North Dakota head coach Brian Jones said.

The guard has been playing through injuries, most recently a lower back ailment.

"The biggest challenge is to try to get healthy," said de Rouen, who estimated that he is about 80 percent healthy.

He noted that some of his injuries have been after-effects of surgery to repair his anterior cruciate ligament. He has experienced issues with his ankle on the same leg, hips and lower back, and regularly maintains treatment.

"That whole leg has been a little weak," he said. "We're managing." The 6-foot-2 de Rouen began the

week playing in – and starting – 14 of 15 games (5-10). He averaged 9.1 points, fourth on the squad, and was the team's top scorer in four games, including a career-high 17 against University of Montana. He was tied for second on the team in assists.

"His strengths are the energy and the toughness that he brings," Jones said. "He's a bulldog out there. He's just relentless. He does a really good job of running our team."

North Dakota runs primarily an up-tempo offense, de Rouen said, so he has the veteran presence to lead the charge.

"I've been a point guard my whole life," he said. "I'm really good at knowing my teammates and when and where to get them the ball."

He has been a spark defensively, as well.

"I usually take (guard) the best scorer," de Rouen said.

"He's usually the best playmaker."

An aggressive defender, he is second on the team and fifth in the Big Sky Conference in steals. He led all players with four steals against Sacramento State. "He's just brought a toughness, a mindset that's been contagious," Jones said.

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



University of North Dakota guard Terrel de Rouen looks for an open teammate. de Rouen is a graduate of Oñate High school and a junior transfer from NMSU.

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# Neighbors We've Lost

## JAMES WILLIAMS UREÑO

*June 18, 1964 to December 16, 2014*

JAMES WILLIAM UREÑO, 50, died December 16, 2014, in Kingsville Texas. He was born June 18, 1964, in Kermit, Texas.

He was a retired heavy wheel diesel mechanic and a U.S. Army Desert Storm veteran. He was preceded in death by his mother Lamonn S Ureño.

Survivors include his father, Frank B Ureño, siblings, Lisa Hicks, Ben Bradford, Luci Ureño, and Lanee Lujan. Children Joshua, Julia, & Justina Ureño, wife Cindy, her children Domingo,

Clara, Bianca, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services were held in Kingsville TX, December 19 and 20, at Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home, burial at Santa Gertrudis Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.



## CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" M. GARCIA

*December 27, 1968 to January 5, 2015*

CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" M. GARCIA, age 46, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Monday, January 5, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. "Chris", as he was known to family and friends was born December 27, 1968 to Manuel and Tillie Mata Garcia.

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## MARIANO E. PANDO

*June 2, 1926 to January 8, 2015*

On Thursday, January 8, 2015 our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend MARIANO E. PANDO, 88, entered eternal life at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. He was born June 2, 1926 in Grand Falls, Texas to Jose de Jesus and Salome Evaro Pando. Mariano retired from Big Chief Stone as a heavy equipment operator.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Irene Bustamante Pando of the family home; five sons, Roberto Z. Pando of Wichita, KS, Arturo Z. Pando of Los Lunas, Octavio Z. Pando of Hemet, CA, Mariano B. Jr. and Roberto B. Pando; three daughters, Mague Z., Bertha Alicia and Irene Z. Pando all of Las Cruces; a sister, Leonardita E. Garcia of Chihuahua City, Mexico. Other survivors include nineteen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his

parents; two sisters, Ana Maria Trio Pando and Concepcion Evaro Gonzalez; two brothers, Florencio and Tomas Evaro Pando.

Visitation for Mr. Pando was held Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Funeral Service followed. Concluding Service and Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho where he will be laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers will be Mariano Jr., Roberto B. and Octavio Pando, Leopoldo Gonzalez, Robert Armendariz and Pavel Espinosa

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## RICHARD CHAVEZ DURAN

*August 17, 1944 to January 7, 2015*

Our dear beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, RICHARD CHAVEZ DURAN, age 70, of Doña Ana entered eternal life Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born August 17, 1944 in Lamar, Colorado; served his country honorably in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Richard retired as a

driver for Frito Lay and was a member of the First Assembly of God.

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

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## DEATH NOTICES

### OLIVER

Martine Rafael Oliver, 56, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, January 8, 2015 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory 527-2222.

### SMITH

Aubrey T. Smith, age 75 of Las Cruces, entered eternal life January 5, 2015. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222.

### WILKINSON

Mary L. Wilkinson, 86, of Las Cruces died Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at the Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

The Las Cruces Bulletin will publish paid obituaries, which may include up to two photographs. Brief death notices are published at no charge. Memorials and remembrances are also available. For more information, call the Las Cruces Bulletin, 524-8061, or email [obits@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:obits@lascrucesbulletin.com).

# SeniorActivities



## BINGO

Bingo will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave.

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.

Players have a chance to win a prize and have fun with friends and neighbors.

For more information, call 528-3000.

## TRAVELERS CLUB

Alaska Cruise, May 29-June 9, \$3,400 and up.

Chicago, June 19-29, 2015, \$1,018 double.

Nashville Show Trip, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, \$886 double.

Costa Rica, Oct. 24-Nov. 1, \$2,399 double.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920.

## 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 more information, call Judy at 373-9309 or Ann at 522-7240.

## AEROBICS

Move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity.

Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for those 60 or older.

## 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 more information,

call 646-5704.

## YOGA CLASSES

Yoga encourages proper body alignment and brings balance, strength and calmness.

Classes are from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for those 60 or older.

## CHAIR EXERCISES

Chair exercises led by Lisa Ortega are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members.

A \$1 donation is suggested.

## CALL FOR LOCAL SENIOR ARTISTS

An artist is needed to paint a mural for the Eastside Community Center, located at 310 N. Tornillo St.

The work medium is paint and the surface is the exterior of the Tornillo side of the building. Submit résumés by Saturday, Jan. 31, to Lori Crumet

at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## BOARD GAMES

Board games such as Scrabble, dominoes, Mexican train, Uno, Skip-Bo, cribbage and 1 to 13/Five Crown are held from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays at Sage Cafe, 6121 Reynolds Drive.

For more information, call 528-3035.

## SHUFFLE BOARD

Shuffle board tournaments are held every Sunday at VFW Post 10124, 709 S. Valley Drive.

Open to all VFW members and their sponsored guests. For more information, call 525-5761.

## AQUATICS FITNESS

Aquatics fitness class combines cardio with strength building and is for all ages and fitness levels. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Classes are at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for those 60 or older.

## ENHANCE FITNESS

Enhance Fitness classes are offered from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Eastside

Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

Participants must be age 60 or older and members of Senior Programs. The class is free.

### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Munson Senior Center  
528-3000

AARP  
636-5877

Henry Benavidez Community Center  
541-5185

Eastside Community Center  
528-3012

Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center  
541-2455

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541-2451

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528-3012

Doña Ana County Senior Olympics  
386-2050

Dial-A-Ride Senior Transportation  
541-2777

In-Home Services  
541-2451

## American Legion to hold open house

Veterans in Las Cruces and surrounding areas are invited to an upcoming special service session at Joe Quesenberry American Legion Post 10, 1855 E. Madrid Ave.

National and state teams from the American Legion will be in town, along with members of local American Legion posts to kick off this community and veteran service campaign.

Local area veterans, to include members currently serving on active duty, are invited to Post 10 to learn more about the American Legion and veteran benefits. Membership and veteran information will be available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 29-30, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31.

Veterans service officers will also be available for all area veterans with claims or other veteran-related questions all three days.

In keeping with the 95-year tradition of

the American Legion, the rejuvenated American Legion posts in this area will focus on community service and assistance to veterans. The scope and nature of the post's community service will be determined by its members and inputs from local civic and community officials.

"Service! That's what The American Legion is all about," said Paul Espinoza, commander of the American Legion for the Department (state) of New Mexico. "We exist to help each and every veteran, their families and the communities they live in."

"The greater Las Cruces area and surrounding counties are an ideal place to strengthen partnerships between the veterans and their community. The people here care about their community and practice good citizenship every day. Now, wartime veterans have a special place in which they can make a difference."

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# BUDGET, FROM PAGE A1

“This budget targets and prioritizes helping our kids learn, ensuring that our children and families are safe, and creating a diverse economy and additional jobs throughout New Mexico,” Martinez said. “Since taking office and working with the Legislature to resolve the state’s largest structural deficit, we’ve taken a responsible approach to spending that prioritizes available dollars on reform in education and improving economic growth. I am confident that we will once again be able to come to agreement with the Legislature on a responsible budget that continues to prioritize these critical goals and keep moving New Mexico forward.”

Martinez’s budget provides \$68 million in new funding to support the needs of public school classrooms and students. In addition to covering basic school services, such as higher utilities and enrollment growth, the additional funding also includes raising the minimum starting teacher salary from \$32,000 a year to \$34,000 a year. The increase would give \$100 debit cards to each teacher for the purpose of purchasing supplies in their classrooms, and starting a teacher mentoring program to help turn around low-performing schools – initiatives that cost a total of roughly \$11.5 million.

Additional education reform proposals designed to help struggling students and schools succeed include continued funding of the New Mexico Reads to Lead initiative and various initiatives designed to intervene in, and turn around, schools rated as a “D” or “F” under the state’s school grading system.

Her budget would provide \$1.5 million in stipends to help recruit and retain teachers in hard-to-staff subjects and areas, such as bilingual special education and math and science teachers.

Martinez said she wants \$43.2 million in funding for Pre-K and K-3 Plus, an increase of \$2.7 million over last year’s funding. Martinez said Pre-K and K-3 Plus is now a permanent, well-utilized intervention program that allows more than 18,000 struggling students to receive additional summer instruction and help each year.

Her budget would spend \$25 million on textbooks and instructional materials, aim to combat truancy in middle and high schools and expand the successful “Breakfast After the Bell” initiative into middle schools and high schools throughout the state.

Other features of Martinez’s budget include:

- \$8.2 million in funding to expand the use of child advocacy centers throughout New Mexico, increase the use of family support workers in the effort to prevent child abuse, increase rates for shelter services and safe house interviews and hire additional social workers, investigators, child abuse reporting staff and other key personnel at the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD). In addition, CYFD will be completing an IT system that, pursuant to a governor’s directive, will allow law enforcement officers to access a family’s CYFD case history when they are dispatched to a child abuse incident. \$1 million in funding would also be allocated through the Higher Education Department to establish a loan repayment program for state government social workers and related positions, whereby they can receive assistance with the payment of student loans in return for service to the state.
- \$10 million to implement the second phase of a plan to increase the compensation of commissioned officers at the Department of Public Safety, offer new officer training academies and recruit/retain more emergency dispatchers and forensic scientists.
- \$1.5 million in new funding for the Department of Tourism to increase the impact of the successful New Mexico True advertising campaign.
- \$33.8 million in funding for Medicaid, including additional support for the delivery of behavioral health services in New Mexico.

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



Gov. Susana Martinez visits with Doña Ana Elementary School students Monday, Jan. 12, as she makes her way to the school’s library to announce her proposed budget. Martinez chose to release her budget at a school because she proposes to increase school spending by \$68 million.

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# In the news

## Garza contract extended

Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza completed his fourth year as city manager on Jan. 1, and received another "excellent" rating from the City Council for his performance as the city's chief executive officer.

Garza undergoes two annual City

Council reviews. January reviews consist solely of the terms of his employment contract. July reviews are strictly performance-based.

Since his last performance review on July 28, 2014, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said Garza's performance continues to be outstanding.

"Robert's performance exceeds



GARZA

expectations," Miyagishima said. "He consistently produces excellent results in the administration of the city organization, everything from carrying out City Council policy, to ensuring a positive work environment for city staff, and improving services, programs and activities for the public."

As a result of today's contract review, Garza will receive a 4-percent pay increase, bringing his annual salary to \$179,826.82:

- 2 percent cost-of-living increase
- 2 percent performance-based increase

City Council will ratify the changes to Garza's contract at its Tuesday, Feb. 3, meeting. Garza's employment contract was extended three years, from Dec. 31, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2019.

The city manager is the sole employee of the City Council. All other city employees report to the city manager. Currently, Garza oversees 1,321 full-time employees and an adopted fiscal year 2014-2015 budget of \$272.7 million. He became city manager on Jan. 1, 2011.

relationships between Bigs and Littles have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. Youth in the program perform better in school, are able to get along better with their families and are less likely to use drugs or alcohol.

The relationship doesn't just benefit children.

"By far, my favorite part of the program is hanging out with my Little," said Doña Ana/Grant County regional board president Lucas Peerman, a Big for two years. "We have a blast together, whether we're shooting hoops, going for a hike, or watching funny videos on YouTube. I now have the brother I always wished for growing up as an only child and seeing the positive influence I'm making in his life is icing on the cake."

Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region can now pool resources and ideas to develop more meaningful relationships.

"By pairing our agencies we'll be able to pair more Bigs and Littles, changing more lives for the better forever. It's a win-win for all," Maril said.

## New Mexico Big Brothers Big Sisters merge

Two nonprofit organizations dedicated to ensuring that New Mexico youth achieve success in life are now more capable than ever in meeting their goals.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico will merge in this month to become Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region.

It's a new name, but the impact remains: starting incredible one-to-one relationships built on trust and friendship that can blossom into a future of unlimited potential

The two organizations, which have a combined 71 years of experience, currently serve nearly 1,100 local youngsters and their families by pairing adult mentors ("Bigs") with at-risk children ("Little") ages 5 through 18.

As the two organizations merge, they will share a single strategy in order to best serve the state's youth in 17 counties.

"We believe this will benefit kids from both the northern and southwestern parts of the state," said Mountain Region CEO Andrea Fisher Maril. "By centralizing financial and administrative services we'll be able to match more kids in life-changing relationships with caring, committed, carefully screened mentors."

Doña Ana/Grant County Regional Director Dawn Starostka will be looking to strengthen and continue community relationships in the southwestern part of state, while overseeing the organization that before the merger was named Nonprofit Agency of the Month by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce in October 2014.

"We're holding an open house on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m., with a joint chamber ribbon cutting at 4:30 pm at our new office, 221 W. Griggs Ave., to celebrate the merger," Starostka said. "We would love to have donors, friends of our mission and anyone else who's interested come celebrate with us."

Research has shown positive

## Hoffman to chair March of Dimes

Pioneer Bank President Kiel Hoffman will be the March of Dimes of Southern New Mexico chair for 2015.

March for Babies is the largest annual fundraising event for the local March of Dimes organization.

Nearly 4 million babies are born in the United States each year, and the March of Dimes has helped each and every one through 76 years of research, education, vaccines and breakthroughs.

Hoffman will play an integral role in raising awareness and funds to advance the scientific research and educational programs at the core of the March of Dimes effort to find causes and preventions for pre-term birth and birth defects. He will spearhead an executive leadership team that consists of the following Las Cruces community leaders:

- Bill Allen, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Leslie Cervantes, chief of staff for Las Cruces Public Schools
- Marci Dickerson, CEO of the Dickerson Group
- Jeff Flores, owner and CEO of MECA Therapies
- Heather Allen Gandy, vice president of marketing for Allen Theaters
- Savonne Griffin, community marketing for FirstLight Federal Credit Union
- Chris Hakes, vice president of operations for Hakes Brothers
- Doug Jones, manager of Walgreen's
- Javier Morales, vice president of Caliches Frozen Custard
- Denten Park, CEO of MountainView Regional Medical Center
- Laura Pierce, CAO of Memorial Medical Center

A community-wide kickoff breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Las Cruces Convention Center and the March for Babies walk is set for April 25 at Albert Johnson Park, 200 E. Picacho Ave. To register as a team or individual, visit [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org).

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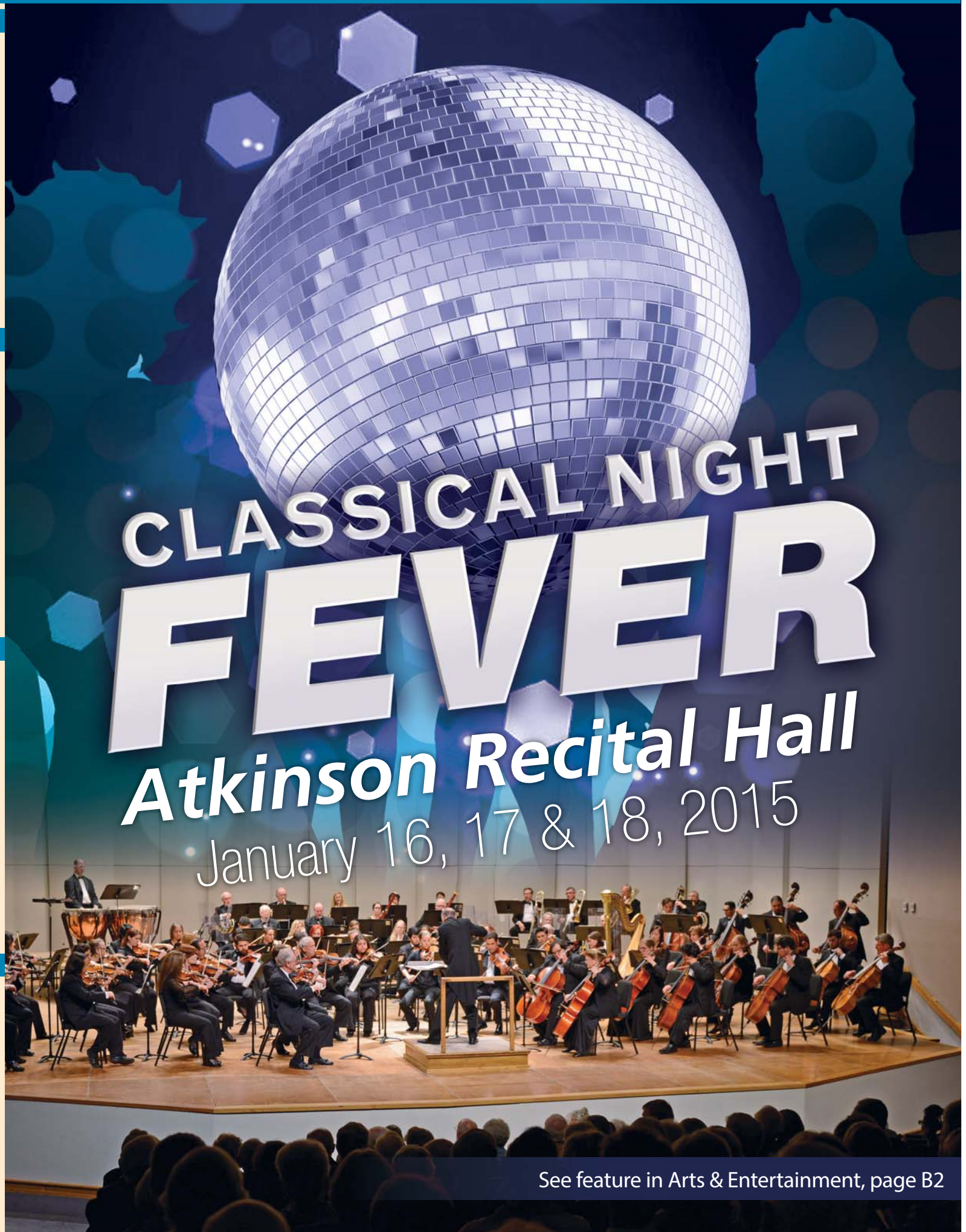
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra catches disco fever

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When you think of the symphony, what do you think of first: Ascots, or afros? Beethoven, or bell-bottoms? Wagner, or the Village People? Mozart or “Macho Man”?

The answer may surprise you.

Each year, the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Lonnie Klein, holds six performances highlighting the classical greats – Mozart, Brahms, Tchaikovsky and the like. Once a year, however, the orchestra breaks out, trading centuries-old classics for something a little more contemporary for their annual pops concert.

This time around, Klein and his 68-piece orchestra, joined by the Motor Booty Affair, will work their way through more than 20 beloved tunes from the disco era when Classical Night Fever takes the stage of Atkinson Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus for three performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18.

According to Klein, disco and classical are a better fit than one might think.

“A lot of those great disco tunes of the 1970s – Donna Summer, Barry White, the BeeGees – all had an orchestra backing them,” he said.

“Lately, a lot of groups are coming up now and wanting to play with a symphony orchestra,” Klein said. “There are a lot of retro bands coming out playing music of their favorite bands with an orchestra – Led Zeppelin with an orchestra, The Beatles with an orchestra, Queen with an orchestra, ABBA with an orchestra – and when I saw this show in the trade papers, I thought, “You know, we haven’t done that kind of show. This would be a great fit for a pops show for Las Cruces.”

The Village People’s “YMCA,” the BeeGees’ “Stayin’ Alive,” ABBA’s “Dancing Queen,” KC & the Sunshine Band’s “That’s the Way I Like It” and many more are on the roster for the evening, but it’s not just radio hits that made their way to the program.

“We’ll also be playing a lot of the television and film themes of the ’70s, too,” Klein said. “Superman,’ ‘Star Wars,’ ‘Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,’ ‘The Waltons,’ ‘MASH,’ ‘Welcome Back Kotter’ – we’ll be covering all those great tunes people know.”

The appeal of Classical Night Fever isn’t limited to those who grew up with these tunes on their stereos, Klein said, and he encourages everyone to come out, symphony fans or not.

“This music has really stood the test of time, and now it’s cross-generational,” he said. “This is a great show for people who wouldn’t normally come to the symphony. You don’t need to dress up – this isn’t hoity-toity symphony. We’re asking everyone to break out their best 1970s disco costume and come out expecting a party. We want to see dancing in the aisles of Atkinson Recital Hall.”

Performances of Classical Night Fever are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. Tickets are \$35 to \$55 and are available from the symphony office by calling 646-3709. For more information, visit [www.lascrucessymphony.com](http://www.lascrucessymphony.com).

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The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Lonnie Klein, right, and joined by the band Motor Booty Affair, will present an evening of 1970s disco hits with three performances of Classical Night Fever Friday through Sunday, Jan. 16-18, at Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus.



### THE DETAILS

**WHAT:** Classical Night Fever

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17; 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

**WHERE:** Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive

**TICKETS:** \$35 to \$55

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# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING SOON

**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, Rachele Thiewes, Olin West and Nolan Winkler. "Connecting the Dots" opens with an artists' reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 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.

## ONGOING

**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 February. Upstairs, in the Tiny Room Gallery, Art Obscura is hosting the Tiny Collage Show, featuring works no larger than 5 by 7 inches, also running through February.

Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

**CUTTER GALLERY** presents "Wallworks - A Contemporary Collection of a Lifetime of Work," an exhibit of the versatile life's work of artist Wall Batterton. "Wallworks" will remain on display through the end of the month.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. 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.

**MESQUITE ART GALLERY** presents original paintings, sculpture and other reasonably priced art by select local and national artists, as well as photography from gallery owner Mel Stone.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

**WEST END ART DEPOT** presents "(RE)COLLECTIONS," an interactive public writing and community memory exhibit. This exhibit promotes audience participation and opens up the innovative composition space that might occur between and beyond institutional and social boundaries. Fill in your wishes on



Paul Flippen's "The Birds and the Bees" remains on display at the Branigan Cultural Center through the end of January.

the "Before I Die" wall, collect and shelve your memories with hands-on media and collaborate with others on a public collage. Discover the collective voice of the vibrant Las Cruces community. "(RE)COLLECTIONS" 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).

**MAS ART** presents the work of Georjeanna J. Feltha for the month of January. Feltha said her work is about a sense of continuity and the development of self; the essence of sharing experiences both personal and universal. Feltha fashions fiber, handmade paper, clay and a variety of found objects into sculpture, collage, multimedia paintings, clothing and home furnishing using techniques borrowed from her African, American Indian and Caucasian ancestry. Feltha's work will be on display through the end of the month.

Mas Art is located at 126 S. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-9113.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "The Birds and the Bees," an exhibit of the work of artist Paul Flippen inspired by the birth of his son, exploring the complications of love, pleasure and the act of creation - literal and metaphorical, biological and artistic. "The Birds and the Bees" will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY** presents David Canales as its featured artist for the month of January. Canales is a member of the Academy of American Poets, but is displaying a different side of his creativity, showing his linoleum block prints on handmade papers, photography and collage jewelry. Canales' work will remain through the end of the month.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 217 N. Main St. Gallery hours are by appointment only. For more information, call 405-6063.

**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" is currently on display. "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.

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** features Rayma Claessen and Merideth Loring as its featured artists for the month of January. Claessen is noted for her landscape paintings, and Loring combines her lifelong love of fabric and needlecraft with her vision of developing objects and materials reborn into new forms.

In addition, the 31 member artists of the gallery continue to offer paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused-glass art jewelry, woodturning, stained glass, mixed media, photography, natural quality gemstone jewelry and more.

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 or visit [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents "UU Bee Welcome," a quilting bee that has met for more than five years and provides opportunities for quilters of all skill levels and techniques to gather for one to six hours weekly.

The UU Bee members support, inspire, conspire, teach, learn and have way too much fun in their shared passion for this ancient art and craft. This show features a variety of original quilts and related pieces including clothing, home wares and sculpture. "UU Bee Welcome" will remain on display through Sunday, Jan. 25.

A Grand Closing Event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 25 featuring refreshments and demonstrations.

Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRI JANUARY 16 10:30 A.M.**  
Rhythm Roundup Music and Dance for ages 2-5

**Branigan Library**

**FRI JANUARY 16 3:00 P.M.**  
Fantastic Friday Story/Craft Program for ages 7-11

**Branigan Library**

**SAT JANUARY 17 2:00 P.M.**  
Native American Flute: Myth, History & Craft

**Branigan Library**

**SAT JANUARY 17 7:30 P.M.**  
Play Me - a Neil Diamond Tribute

**Rio Grande Theatre**

**MON JANUARY 19 3:00 P.M.**  
Fantastic Friday Story/Craft Program for ages 7-11

**Branigan Library**

**TUE JANUARY 20 10:30 A.M.**  
Read to Me stories for ages 3 and up

**Branigan Library**

**TUE JANUARY 20 4:00 P.M.**  
Teen Game Night

**Branigan Library**

**TUE JANUARY 20 5:30 P.M.**  
Beginning Crocheting Class

**Branigan Library**

**TUE JANUARY 20 6:30 P.M.**  
Every other Tuesday: Justin Thompson and Friends

**Rio Grande Theatre**

**WED+THU JANUARY 21+22 10:00 A.M.**  
Toddler Time stories for ages 1-3

**Branigan Library**

**WED JANUARY 21 11:00 A.M.**  
Mother Goose Time Activities for Infants

**Branigan Library**

**THU JANUARY 22 2:00 P.M.**  
Beginning Knitting Class

**Branigan Library**

### 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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New Mexico Theatre Arts students Lila Lecuyer and Nicole Bartlett look over swingin' '60s outfits in the costume shop of the American Southwest Theatre Company. ASTC will host a retro fashion show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the NMSU Center for the Arts.

## ASTC hosts 1960s fashion show

The American Southwest Theatre Company will hold a retro fashion show beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts, located at the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street on the NMSU campus.

Tickets are \$15 and are available in advance at the NMSU Theatre Arts Department box office, which is open noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in the NMSU Center for the Arts. Tickets will also be available at the door. Seats are general admission.

"ASTC will present a 1960s fashion show featuring clothes from the NMSU Theatre Arts costume shop," said ASTC Board of Trustees member and event coordinator Deborah Storm. "Theatre Arts students will model the clothes and rock to the music of the 'Swingin' '60s.' There will also be a live musical performance directed by NMSU Theatre Arts Assistant Professor Megan McQueen, who is well known to Las Cruces audiences," she said.

You can also sponsor a "Beat" (segment) of the show for \$100. Sponsors will receive two reserved seats to the fashion show, their names in the Theatre Arts Department playbill for the remainder of the 2014-15 season as fashion show sponsors and a call out from the emcee during the fashion show. Beats still available to sponsor are "The Pink Panther" and "James Bond." Beats that have already found sponsors include "Early '60s Girl Group" and "Late '60s Girl Group." To purchase a sponsorship, call 646-4517.

The entire show – including the audience – will be on the stage at the Center for the Arts, so seating will be limited, Storm said.

The American Southwest Theatre Company is a nonprofit organization that benefits the NMSU Theatre Arts Department.

To purchase tickets, call 646-4515. For more information, visit [www.nmsutheatre.com/fashion15.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/fashion15.php) and [www.facebook.com/events/871683502875718/](http://www.facebook.com/events/871683502875718/).

## Bridal showcase set for Jan. 25

A lot of preparation and planning goes in to the perfect wedding, and those slated to walk down the aisle need look no further than the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, more than 40 exhibitors will fill the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., with everything one might need to make their big day perfect.

Caterers, photographers, event planners, fitness coaches, travel agents, bakers, florists, stylists, cosmeticians, DJs and even insurance agents – the help you need every step of the way in planning your big day is under one roof at the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase.

While those walking the aisle are the target audience, the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase is filled with resources vital to anyone planning a special event large or small – birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, quinceañeras and baby showers included.

Tickets to the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase are \$5 in advance, available at Renee's Bridal, 855 Spruce Ave., Enchanted Occasions Event Rentals, 1333 E. Amador Ave., or online at [www.lascrucesbridalshowcase.com/tickets](http://www.lascrucesbridalshowcase.com/tickets). Tickets at the door are \$7. Free admission will be given to anyone who donates a gently used prom dress to the Cinderella Prom Dress Project.

Brides and quinceañera celebrants will be able to register at the door for drawings for special prizes throughout the day, and will receive a bridal bag and the "How to Wed Guide."

For more information, call Helping Hands Event Planning at 522-1232 or visit [www.lascrucesbridalshowcase.com](http://www.lascrucesbridalshowcase.com).

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# Creation, selfies and chaos at Las Cruces museums

By **Barbara Chamberlin**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Museums offer a diverse collection of exhibits, special events, workshops and classes in January.

The Branigan Cultural Center has opened a new exhibit inspired by the birth of the artist Paul Flippen's son and explores the complications of love, pleasure, and the act of creation. "The Birds and The Bees" is a series of paintings of pollinating birds and bees that suggestively interact with abstractions of antique marriage certificates.

The painted elements are then layered over digital transfers of the chemical synthesis of progesterone, which is necessary for the healthy development of a baby, yet is also found in various forms of birth control. These images are further layered over manipulated lace patterns found on Internet photographs of lingerie and wedding dresses.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, is "Museum Selfie Day." Each of the four museums will have selfie stations relating to the exhibits with tips on how to get the best selfie. Visit the museums anytime throughout the day, then share your selfie with #museumselfie or @clcselfie. Stations will stay up for the rest of January.

At noon Saturday, Jan. 24, join the Museum of Nature & Science and the Branigan Cultural Center for a workshop on the many challenging environments found across the Earth in "Planet Chaos." The fun and interactive presentation includes both natural and man-made extreme environments.

The Museum of Nature & Science has several ongoing workshops every month, including "Animal Encounters" with live animals from the collection (11:30 a.m. Saturdays), "Evolved" on development of the world as we know it (3 p.m. Fridays) and "Family Science Saturdays" (10 a.m.) with an emphasis on paleontology this month.

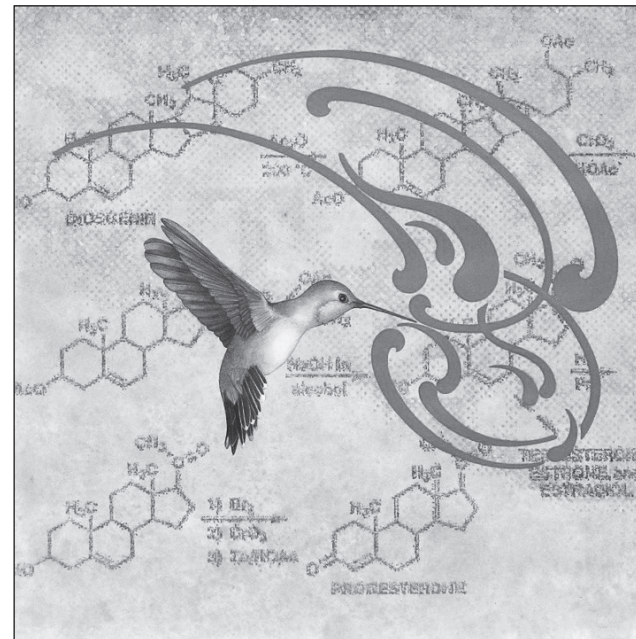
Also on Saturdays are hands-on activities for kids from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a new student-led workshop on Ecosystems (1 p.m.). All workshops and activities are free of charge.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums will be holding elections at the January meeting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. The meeting is a perfect time for existing or new foundation members to learn more about the foundation's work with the city museums, and ways in which members can support the mission.

For more information on joining the FLCM, as well as events at all museums, visit [www.foundationlcm.com](http://www.foundationlcm.com) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/foundationlcmuseums](http://www.facebook.com/foundationlcmuseums).

The FLCM is a nonprofit organization of individuals who choose to support the museums with financial and volunteer contributions. Membership fees start at \$25 for students, \$40 for individual and \$60 for families. Members also receive a free subscription to "Smithsonian" or "Air and Space" magazine, and support local exhibits, education and outreach.

The Branigan Cultural Center, Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature & Science are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and are all located on the north end of Main Street Downtown. The Railroad Museum is open from 9



Artist Paul Flippen's "The Birds and the Bees" is currently on display at the Branigan Cultural Center. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Admission at all city museums is always free, and more information is available online for each museum at [www.las-cruces.org/museums](http://www.las-cruces.org/museums).

*Barbara Chamberlin is the Communications Chair for the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. She can be reached at [info@foundationlcm.com](mailto:info@foundationlcm.com).*

## Sudoku

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

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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# '1,000 Times Good Night' sees Binoche in form

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

A fine performance by French actress Juliet Binoche and outstanding cinematography aren't quite able to bring the interesting – but nothing new – "1,000 Times Good Night" to where it should be.

Binoche plays Rebecca, a photojournalist with a need to be at the "hot spots," where she chronicles the suffering of non-combatants and adds pictures of the recently deceased to her uncommon and startling photo essays of war and strife.

The film opens beautifully with Binoche covering the "ceremony" of a young woman being strapped with explosives in order to become one of the confounding suicide bombers in an unnamed country, apparently in the Middle East.

The woman, with an expressionless face, is tended to by several other women who, apparently as part of the ceremony, have her lying in a grave. It is not for a few minutes that we realize this woman is not yet dead.

Upon arising, they bathe her and strap her with explosives before she sets out in a car with a driver, another woman and Binoche, shooting photos of all of this.

At a checkpoint, Binoche, after a few more shots, shows her ID and is able to leave the scene. The other woman does as well, leaving the driver and the bomber (who sits passively in the back seat) to argue with the soldiers at the checkpoint.

The bomb goes off, the car and martyr are destroyed and Binoche, along with a number of innocent bystanders, is injured.

Fast forward back to her home in Ireland, where she is recovering from her physical injuries and also attempting to mend the emotional injuries to her husband and children, who do not embrace her

lifestyle.

Pleasant moments by the sea and in the kitchen only work a little bit, and the ultimatum of "war or family" soon has Rebecca reliving her adrenaline-rushed days through her earlier works and editors who, of course, don't get it.

However, it is her daughter, Stephanie, a lass of about 13, who queues up Rebecca's career again, by first expressing her interest in the earlier photos and then by pushing her mother to accept an assignment that will take them both to a "safe" refugee camp in Kenya.

At first the journey proves to be good for humanitarian efforts, until a small squad of armed toughs arrives. Rebecca's sense of duty soon has her back in the camp as a firefight takes place

between the gang members and the military. Stephanie is safely ensconced in a vehicle with their guide and driver, but back home things change drastically.

"1,000 Times, Good Night" is a Norwegian production and is a moving parable about the plight of people in developing (or stunted) countries, but the subject has been covered several times in the past so this territory is becoming well covered.

However, Binoche and the lensing of the film make it well worth your time and a few bucks, especially for a bigger screen production than you would get at

home via download or DVD.

*Good Night, Irene ... Jeff Berg can be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.*



Juliette Binoche stars in "1,000 Times Good Night," opening Friday, Jan. 16, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. nightly, with matinees at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

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# Call to Artists

## A Children's Theatre begins spring production

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) will begin its spring production of "The Canterbury Tales" Tuesday, Jan. 20. Rehearsals will be 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the New Mexico State University Wesley Center, 2425 Jordan Road. Tuition is \$130. Scholarships are available. Performances of "The Canterbury Tales" will be March 13-14 at the historic Rio Grande Theatre.

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley is a New Mexico 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, funded in part by an award from New Mexico Arts and by the generous contributions of local businesses. ACT has provided theater experiences to the youth of Southern New Mexico since 1993.

For more information, call 541-1413, email [act@zianet.com](mailto:act@zianet.com) or visit [www.zianet.com/act](http://www.zianet.com/act).

## American Southwest Theatre auditions announced

The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts announces auditions for its spring 2015 productions, "Other Desert Cities" by John Robin Baitz and "Twelfth Night" by Shakespeare. Needed are men and women 18 years and older. All actors are asked to prepare two contrasting monologues 60 seconds in length each.

For "Other Desert Cities," prepare a 60-second contemporary monologue. For "Twelfth Night," prepare a 60-second classical (preferably Shakespearean) monologue.

Auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the

NMSU Center for the Arts. Callbacks are scheduled for the following day. Auditioners may register at [www.nmsu-theatre.com/auditions](http://www.nmsu-theatre.com/auditions). For more information, call 646-5418.

## City calls for teen artists and performers for event

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department is issuing a call for teen artists to submit their work for a special free show called "Chaos Collaboration," an art show and open mic competition for teens, by teens, bringing a fresh angle to today's art.

The art exhibition "Chaos Collaboration" will be Feb. 20-27, at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell St. Public viewing hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 23-27. An artists' reception and open mic will be held at the center from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 20. The art exhibition will feature original artwork and open mic performances by Las Cruces teens from sixth through 12th grade.

"Chaos Collaboration" empowers teen artists to create artwork for an exhibition, to showcase their talents and incorporate themselves fully in the community.

Research has shown that participation in the arts improves one's physical and psychological well-being, and is a driver for the creation of

social capital.

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department Teen Programs provide social, recreational, athletic and artistic opportunities for teens throughout the community.

For more information about "Chaos Collaboration" or teen programming, contact Recreation Programs at 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2772.

## Las Cruces Museum of art calls for submissions for regional exhibit

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, in partnership with the Stanlee Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, University of Texas at El Paso, announces its open call for submissions for "Here and Now," a regional exhibition to be displayed at both venues May through July.

Digital submissions will be accepted through Feb. 27. Download complete submissions guidelines at <http://tinyurl.com/Here-Now2015>. For additional information contact Joy Miller at [jmiller@las-cruces.org](mailto:jmiller@las-cruces.org).

## 2015 New Mexico Music Awards calls for entries

The New Mexico Music Awards (NMMA) will be accepting entries for the 2015 awards program for music produced in New Mexico during the 2014 calendar year through Feb. 7.

The entries are open to all songwriters, artists, producers, engineers and other music indus-

try professionals.

The New Mexico Music Awards is celebrating its 28th year of recognizing excellence in recorded music in New Mexico.

The annual awards show and banquet will take place Saturday, May 30, at the Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque. The music awards program is open to both amateur and professional musicians

from throughout the state of New Mexico.

The awards program features 42 music categories in genres including Jazz, Pop, Country, Latin, Americana, Rock, Rap and the Norman Petty Producer's award.

The event will also honor someone from the New Mexico music community with the Eric Larson Lifetime Achievement Award and

remember those New Mexico music professionals who have passed away this past year.

For category designations, rules, entry forms and information on how enter, visit <http://newmexicomusicawards.com>.

For questions or more information, email [contactnewmexicomusicawards@gmail.com](mailto:contactnewmexicomusicawards@gmail.com) or call 505-269-7777.

# Events Calendar

## FRI. 1/16

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

**7 p.m. African Children's Choir**, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The African Children's Choir presents an evening of charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional spirituals and Gospel favorites. Free. Call 526-6689 or visit [www.africanchildrenschoir.com](http://www.africanchildrenschoir.com).

**7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance**, Mesilla Community Center,

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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 West Texas band The Muletones playing old-time traditional tunes. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

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

## SAT. 1/17

**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.

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

**9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer day**, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

**10 a.m. Las Cruces Press Women's meeting**, Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village Activity Center downstairs meeting room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Speaker David Morgan, public information officer for the New Mexico Department of Health and New Mexico State University journalism instructor, will discuss "Why Do They Do That: Understanding Bias in the News." Free. Visit [www.lcpreswomen.blogspot.com](http://www.lcpreswomen.blogspot.com).

**10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces**, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Terry Alvarez will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Gloria Hacker 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.

**Noon, The Adaptation Game: Animal Life in Hostile Environments**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Learn about animal adaptations in hostile environments in this fun interactive game. How do penguins swim in the cold water near Antarctica? What are some ways animals conserve water in the desert? How does a jackrabbit cool off? In this game, we will test out some animal adaptations and see how far they take us in hostile environments. Free. Call 541-2154.

**Noon to 1 p.m., Southwest Regional Spinners' Handspun Wool Competition**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. View different handspun wools and compare qualities of natural and dyed wool. Judges will be on hand to answer questions about spinning, wool production and the qualities judges look for when assessing a yarn. Free. Call 541-2154.

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

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms**, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

**7:30 p.m. "Play Me" - A Neil Diamond Tribute**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The acclaimed "Play Me," - A Neil Diamond Tribute, features the talent of recording artist Chris Waggoner singing in the style of Neil Diamond, backed by a seven-piece band and the Diamondette Singers. Tickets are \$17 for reserved seats and \$22 for premium reserved seats. Tickets are available at [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com) and the Rio Grande Theatre box office. Call 523-6403.

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

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

## SUN. 1/18

**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**, Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. 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 Billy Townes Quartet**, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Billy Townes is a nationally recognized jazz keyboardist residing in El Paso. After 24 years and 14 recordings since his solo debut, this multi-talented artist, composer and performer continues to push the boundaries of contemporary jazz. Cost \$8 non-members, \$5 MVJBS members and \$1 for students with ID. Call 640-8752.

## MON. 1/19

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

## TUE. 1/20

**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.

**6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with Justin Thompson and Friends**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents Albuquerque singer-songwriter Justin Thompson and his affinity for traditional folk music, poetic lyrics and energetic performances, accompanied by Melanie Williams on bass, ukulele and percussion, Ky Burt on mandolin, banjo and guitar and Gabrielle Sadler on guitar, mandolin and percussion. 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.

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

**7 p.m. Doña Ana Photography Club presents Mel Stone**, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Photographer Mel Stone will discuss how he came to create, "Rodeo School" photo portfolio on the New Mexico State University Rodeo team. Free. Visit [www.daphotoclub.org](http://www.daphotoclub.org).

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

## WED. 1/21

**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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**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. This month's selection is "The House of Silk" by Anthony Horowitz. New members always welcome. Free. Call 647-4480.



**THU. 1/22**

**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 \$50 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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

**FRI. 1/23**

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

**SAT. 1/24**

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**Noon to 4 p.m. 12th annual Antique Treasures Day,** New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. This is the one day each year that anyone can get a behind-the-scenes look at the museum's collections and preservation program. Visitors will get a sneak-peek, guided tour into the museum's enormous collections storage room

where more than 10,000 artifacts are housed in a climate-controlled environment. Tours are limited in size and begin every 15 minutes. Museum curators will talk about the process of donating artifacts, along with their care and preservation. Visitors are invited to bring in objects this year to learn more about them and how to preserve them. New to the event this year is a game called "Stump the Curator," where visitors are invited to bring in objects, or photographs of objects, to see if the panel of curators can identify them. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. Call 522-4100.

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

**MON. 1/26**

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## Crossword Puzzles

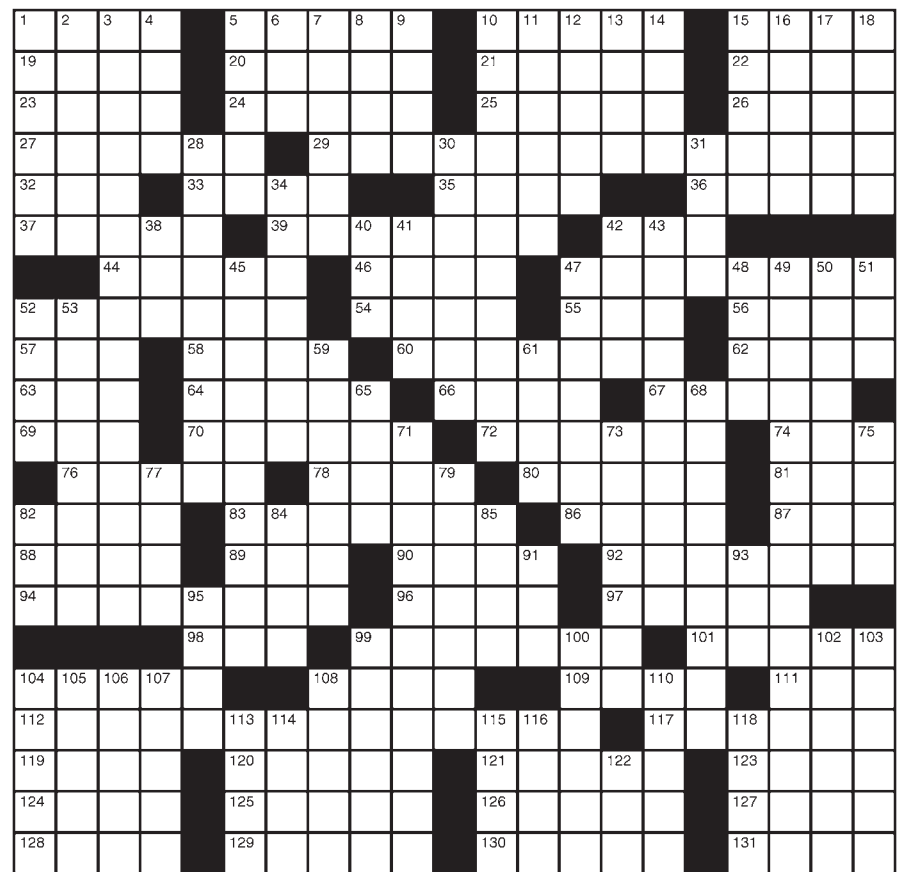
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                  | <b>DOWN</b>                              |
| 1 "Ragged Dick" author         | 1 Having the skill                       |
| 6 Brooch                       | 2 Asian nation                           |
| 9 "___ My Party"               | 3 Goopy mass                             |
| 12 Principal dancer            | 4 BPOE member                            |
| 14 Leader of the Three Stooges | 5 Breather                               |
| 15 Investigates                | 6 Beer quantity                          |
| 16 Grain beard                 | 7 Between clans                          |
| 17 Kreskin's forte?            | 8 Model Campbell                         |
| 18 Carved-pole                 | 9 Poet of an early 20th-century movement |
| 19 Seize forcibly              | 10 Tugboat attachment                    |
| 21 Meat cut                    | 11 Forum honcho                          |
| 23 Tiny amount                 | 13 Spanish river                         |
| 24 Superlatively nimble        | 20 Night flyer                           |
| 30 Conference site of 1945     | 22 Accidentally                          |
| 35 Drunkard                    | 24 Stage gimmick                         |
| 38 Applauder                   | 25 Wife of Theseus                       |
| 39 Swimmer's stroke            | 26 Disclosures                           |
| 40 Despicable cad              | 27 Vote for                              |
| 41 Semisoft cheese             | 28 Goof                                  |
| 42 Tramps                      | 29 Adjust for proper functioning         |
| 43 Ms. Thurman                 | 31 Awakened                              |
| 44 PGA peg                     | 32 Science rm.                           |
| 45 Actor Bridges               | 33 Only even prime number                |
| 47 Propagate                   | 34 Kaline and Jolson                     |
| 51 Runs in neutral             | 35 Count on                              |
| 54 Sothern and Sheridan        | 36 Spirited vigor                        |
| 55 McQueen movie               | 37 Extended gaze                         |
| 57 Constrict                   | 46 Oklahoma city                         |
| 58 Formal permission           | 48 "Stuart Little" author                |
| 62 In good health              | 49 Jewish humorist Shalom                |
| 63 Interviewer Couric          | 50 Curvaceous cutie                      |
| 64 Take away                   | 52 Abu Dhabi or Fujairah                 |
| 65 Hawaiian port               | 53 Fast driver                           |
| 66 Wrath                       | 56 Hematology classifications            |
| 67 Team cheer                  | 59 Hospital worker                       |
| 68 Set of values               | 60 Skedaddles                            |
| 71 Remove, as cargo            | 61 Cultural values                       |
| 75 Magician's word             | 68 Blighted tree                         |
| 78 Reluctant                   | 69 Stocking end                          |
| 79 Jimmy of "Yellow CabMan"    | 70 Linden or Roach                       |
| 80 Move in a gyrating fashion  | 72 Hair of the dog                       |
| 81 Dust-up                     | 73 To and ___                            |
| 82 Even more disgusting        | 74 ___ Cruces, NM                        |
| 83 Football score              | 75 More haughty                          |
| 84 Deface                      | 76 Willingly                             |
| 86 Car on the Autobahn         | 77 Solar event                           |
| 87 Watercraft                  | 80 Org. of Love and Couples              |
| 91 Be beholding to             | 85 Humble                                |
| 94 Chip scoopful               | 88 Gillette razor                        |
| 95 Robot-like                  | 89 In addition                           |
| 97 South African golfer Ernie  | 90 Complacent                            |
| 98 Germinating                 | 91 Elevator pioneer                      |
| 99 Bread choice                | 92 Took off                              |
| 100 NASA partner               | 93 Knife blade                           |
| 101 "Beau ___"                 | 96 Swallowed                             |

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                  |                                       |
| 1 Divan                        | 97 Son of Eber in Genesis             |
| 5 Follow                       | 98 "___ Poetica"                      |
| 10 Mine cars                   | 99 Lethal substances                  |
| 15 Physical starter?           | 101 Climbing plant                    |
| 19 Devil's doings              | 104 Fable's lesson                    |
| 20 Frightening                 | 108 Crunch of cereals                 |
| 21 Captive of Paris            | 109 Architect                         |
| 22 Last bio                    | Saarinén                              |
| 23 Closely confined            | 111 Game rm.                          |
| 24 Sub detector                | 112 Donor's offering                  |
| 25 Rhone tributary             | 117 Cheerful                          |
| 26 Ear part                    | 119 Welles role                       |
| 27 One type of electron tube   | 120 Muslim prince: var.               |
| 29 Everything-must-go events   | 121 Actress Lindsay                   |
| 32 Checks ages at the door     | 123 Bologna eight                     |
| 33 MIT part                    | 124 Operatic song                     |
| 35 Actress Falco               | 125 Preceding all others              |
| 36 Singer Travis               | 126 Napped leather                    |
| 37 Silver salmon               | 127 British gun                       |
| 39 Coming to a point           | 128 Desires                           |
| 42 Rx watchdog                 | 129 Peevish                           |
| 44 Baking potato               | 130 Wall-hanging in Gertrude's closet |
| 46 Israeli guns                | 131 In this place                     |
| 47 Like a requiem              |                                       |
| 52 Succeeded big               |                                       |
| 54 Nasty kid                   |                                       |
| 55 One of the French           |                                       |
| 56 Pea picker, of a sort       |                                       |
| 57 Part of the U.K.            |                                       |
| 58 Kill with a grenade         |                                       |
| 60 Shaded walkway              |                                       |
| 62 "Paper Lion" star           |                                       |
| 63 Negatives                   |                                       |
| 64 Rims                        |                                       |
| 66 Musial or Mikita            |                                       |
| 67 Photo finish                |                                       |
| 69 Reference bk.               |                                       |
| 70 Clasp tightly               |                                       |
| 72 Actor Borgnine              |                                       |
| 74 Afore                       |                                       |
| 76 Hindu loincloth             |                                       |
| 78 Southwest art mecca         |                                       |
| 80 Valletta's nation           |                                       |
| 81 Q-U connection              |                                       |
| 82 Neighbor of Vietnam         |                                       |
| 83 Crisp or Tarantino          |                                       |
| 86 Molten waste                |                                       |
| 87 Bus. bigwig                 |                                       |
| 88 Conceits                    |                                       |
| 89 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare" |                                       |
| 90 Sink stopper                |                                       |
| 92 Venetian or Florentine      |                                       |
| 94 Early course additive       |                                       |
| 96 Old-time newspaper sec-     |                                       |



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| <b>DOWN</b>                              |  |
| 1 Tank type                              | 61 Lady in westerns                    |
| 2 Exaggerate                             | 65 Glance over                         |
| 3 Where girls get refined                | 68 Riding fast                         |
| 4 Countertenor                           | 71 Item that will sell quickly         |
| 5 German industrial city                 | 73 Plane curve                         |
| 6 Sgt. or cpl., e.g.                     | 75 Harrow's rival                      |
| 7 Holy places                            | 77 Greek peak                          |
| 8 Mountains of Russia                    | 79 Garaging, as a missile?             |
| 9 Fictional Jane                         | 82 Brown, for one                      |
| 10 The bourgeoisie                       | 84 Author of "Exodus"                  |
| 11 Repeated verbatim                     | 85 Loco                                |
| 12 Coeur d'___, ID                       | 91 Slime                               |
| 13 Element #80                           | 93 Greeting gift                       |
| 14 Macbeth's dagger                      | 95 Spanish Surrealist painter Salvador |
| 15 Back tooth                            | 99 Most ashen                          |
| 16 "Christ Stopped at ___" by Carlo Levi |  |
| 17 High country?                         |  |
| 18 Alamogordo, NM event                  |  |
| 28 Alienate                              |  |
| 30 Antennas                              |  |

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| 31 Men only                           | 100 Lower or under                      |
| 34 Computer's capacity                | 102 More tidy                           |
| 38 Lyric poem                         | 103 Play start                          |
| 40 Tavern in Belgravia                | 104 "Wide World of Sports" sportscaster |
| 41 Book before Nehemiah               | 105 Chicago hub                         |
| 42 Locate                             | 106 Took into custody                   |
| 43 REM condition                      | 107 Vicinities                          |
| 45 Rum or gin                         | 108 Talking truckers, often             |
| 47 Chaperones                         | 110 Mystical characters                 |
| 48 French state                       | 113 Roosevelt's follower                |
| 49 Tar reduction product              | 114 Pierre's girlfriend                 |
| 50 Submarine                          | 115 Ingrid in "Casablanca"              |
| 51 Where kine dine                    | 116 Bridge group                        |
| 52 Heredity unit                      | 118 Flapdoodle!                         |
| 53 Member of the Iroquois confederacy | 122 Vladimir Nabokov novel              |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
 If we make a living by what we get, then we make a life by what we give.

# AtTheMovies

## 'Selma' tackles MLK Jr. the man, not myth

Review by **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Selma" is not about Martin Luther King Jr. While it is the first (!) feature-length film about King, it attempts to tell only a fraction of his life. The film drops us smack into King's dressing room just minutes before he accepts the Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 10, 1964, and closes just five months later, with President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 on Aug. 6, though that is largely an afterthought. The film's emotional climax comes months earlier, in March, as King led thousands across Selma, Alabama's Edmund Pettus Bridge en route to Montgomery and the steps of the capitol building.

Sadly, in the 50 years since his death, King has become sainted by our culture, his very real, very deep flaws ignored and overlooked, his work boiled down to a soundbyte schoolchildren the country over parrot back at teachers each February.

While King's goodness is undeniable, it's also not the whole story, and "Selma" takes strides to humanize a larger-than-life cultural icon.

King the man was complex. He was a loving but unfaithful husband, a shrewd manipulator, a brilliant orator, a revolutionary figure working both within and without the establishment he was fighting, a political agitator, a nonviolent man who knew how to exploit the violence of his enemies to his own however noble gain.

While the filmmakers were unable to secure the rights to any of King's speeches, they have turned what should have been a major stumbling block into perhaps the film's greatest asset. Repetition and time have sapped some of the power from King's stunning oration, so carefully revered and revised it nears desecration. "Selma" allows us a view at King with fresh eyes.

Embodying a figure as multifaceted and revered as King is no light work, and English actor David Oyelowo ("Rise of the Planet of the Apes" and Louis Gaines in "The Butler") performs masterfully. Rather than aiming for a direct impression – dangerous ground, especially with a person this well-known – Oyelowo captures King's mannerisms and motions perfectly. The powerful timbre of King's voice would be nigh impossible to recreate, but Oyelowo inflects his speech with the same sweet Southern drawl, rising in cadence to near that of a Gospel preacher amidst a



David Oyelowo (center) and Carmen Ejogo (right) star as Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King in director Ava DuVernay's "Selma," centered around the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches to secure voting rights for southern blacks, leading ultimately the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. "Selma" is now playing at Allen Theatres.

fiery sermon.

While "Selma" is surely Oyelowo's show, the rest of the cast is no less impressive; indeed, each of the film's supporting players slides into their roles perfectly. I wanted to know more about all of these characters, and none would be any less deserving of having their stories told than King.

Camen Ejogo, as Coretta Scott King, is a devoted wife, long-suffering at the hand of her husband's infidelities but no less at his side. As Alabama Gov. George Wallace, Tim Roth fills his role with aplomb, a slimy, spitting snake of a man, and rapper Common, as SCLC leader James Bevel, shows his versatility in front of the camera as much as on the mic (his collaboration with R&B singer John Legend, "Glory," from the film, just took home the Golden Globe for Best Original Song).

Most surprising is English actor Tom Wilkinson, as President Lyndon B. Johnson. Rather than a crusader for civil rights, this LBJ was instead dragged kicking and screaming on to the right side of history, his

hand forced into action by the revolutionary acts made by King and his followers.

Much has been made of the presciently timed release of "Selma," and this isn't incorrect, exactly – from the recent slayings of Michael Brown and Eric Garner and the ensuing public backlash, one need not look further than the evening news to see images startlingly familiar to those of the Civil Rights Movement in which King became a central figure more than five decades ago: That of uniformed officers, largely white, brandishing tear gas and nightsticks against unarmed, mostly black crowds, fighting for the protections allegedly granted them as citizens of this country.

However, this logic is partly flawed. "Selma" would ring as timely as it does today in any year since, say, 1619, when the first slave ships reached American shores, on through, say, yesterday, or next week. Far from the story of a battle won, director Ava DuVernay's film rather gives insight to a different era of a fight still raging today. It may show how far we've come, but if the nightly news is any indication, we as a people still have a long way to go to embody King's dream.

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### SELMA

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 128 minutes

Starring: David Oyelowo,  
Carmen Ejogo

Director: Ava DuVernay





# At The Movies

## New on DVD Tuesday, Jan. 20

### Annabelle

Rated: R  
Genre: Horror  
Starring: Annabelle Wallis, Ward Horton  
Director: John R. Leonetti

### The Drop

Rated: R  
Genre: Crime, drama  
Starring: Tom Hardy, James Gandolfini  
Director: Michael R. Roskam

### The Boxtrolls

Rated: PG  
Genre: Family, adventure  
Starring: Ben Kingsley, Toni Collette (voices)  
Directors: Anthony Stacchi, Graham Annable

### Lucy

Rated: R  
Genre: Action  
Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman  
Director: Luc Besson

## Top-grossing Jan. 9-11

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| <b>1</b> Taken 3 (Week No. 1)<br><b>\$39,201,657</b>                               | <b>6</b> The Imitation Game (Week No. 7)<br><b>\$7,213,862</b>                   |
| <b>2</b> Selma (Week No. 3)<br><b>\$11,307,394</b>                                 | <b>7</b> Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (Week No. 4) <b>\$6,718,622</b> |
| <b>3</b> Into the Woods (Week No. 3)<br><b>\$9,554,755</b>                         | <b>8</b> Annie (Week No. 4)<br><b>\$4,750,304</b>                                |
| <b>4</b> The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (Week No. 4) <b>\$9,377,118</b> | <b>9</b> The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death (Week No. 2) <b>\$4,648,460</b>    |
| <b>5</b> Unbroken (Week No. 3)<br><b>\$8,170,305</b>                               | <b>10</b> The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (Week No. 8) <b>\$3,765,893</b>    |

# Picking the Flicks



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

### Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: Larry sets off on an epic quest, uniting new and favorite characters to save the magic.  
Starring: Ben Stiller, Robin Williams  
Director: Shawn Levy



### The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: After Katniss destroys the games, the president convinces her to become a symbol of rebellion.  
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson  
Director: Francis Lawrence



### Into the Woods

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: A baker and his wife must gather items from classic fairy tales to reverse a family curse.  
Starring: Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep  
Director: Rob Marshall



### Big Eyes

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: A drama centered on painter Margaret Keane, her successes and subsequent legal difficulties.  
Starring: Amy Adams, Christoph Waltz  
Director: Tim Burton



### Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Decades after the first haunting of the Eel Marsh House, a group of young WWII evacuees awaken its spirits once again.  
Starring: Helen McCrory, Jeremy Irvine  
Director: Tom Harper



### Unbroken

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: The true story of Olympian Louis Zamperini, who spent 47 days lost at sea before being taken as a POW during World War II.  
Starring: Jack O'Connell, Takamasa Ishihara  
Director: Angelina Jolie



### The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Bilbo and his companions engage in a war to keep Smaug from obliterating Middle-Earth.  
Starring: Ian McKellan, Martin Freeman  
Director: Peter Jackson



### 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



### Selma

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: The story of Martin Luther King Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights with his march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.  
Starring: David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo  
Director: Ava DuVernay



### Wild

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: One woman takes an 1,100-mile solo hike to work through a recent catastrophe.  
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Laura Dern  
Director: Jean-Marc Vallée



### Paddington

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: A young Peruvian bear lost at Paddington Station in London is offered a home with the Brown family.  
Starring: Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins  
Director: Paul King



### 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



### Blackhat

Rated: R  
Plot Overview: To fight a global cybercrime market, an American hacker is furloughed and teamed with American and Chinese partners.  
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Viola Davis  
Director: Michael Mann



### 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



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DUMB AND DUMBER 2 (PG13) DAILY 4:40 7:15 9:50 6:45 9:20 11:55 SAT-SUN 2:20 4:25

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## Sun setting on solar credits



**Mellow Honek**  
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Solar tax credits are still here. However, they are slated to sunset in 2016, so time is getting short to get the very most for your solar investment dollar. In this column, I'll detail the specifics of the programs that have been available since 2008.

Way back in 2008, the federal government changed some existing solar tax credits. These 30 percent credits were capped at \$2,000. This was ridiculous, because back then system prices were more than double what they are today. The cap was always reached, and barely made a dent in helping the investment.

Today, solar energy system buyers have full 30 percent income tax credits with no cap from the federal government and a bonus 10 percent tax credit from the state of New Mexico. Plus, two other nice little kickers – no GRT on the solar energy system purchase and no property tax on the improvement. The combination of these credits coupled with the reduced price of the solar energy systems, plus our electric rates, make for a quick investment return. I'll focus on the federal and state tax credits, because time is running out for those two.

The federal tax credit lets you take 30 percent of your solar investment and apply those dollars to reducing your federal income tax liability. As an example, let's say you owe \$10,000 on your federal taxes. Now, let's assume you purchased a \$10,000 solar energy system. Your tax credit is 30 percent of the system price, which equals \$3,000. So your new tax bill drops by the amount of the tax credit from \$10,000 to \$7,000. Now, that's a good deal. You needn't have a tax bill to take advantage of the tax credit. Perhaps you've already paid your tax bill through withholding or quarterly payments. You can still enjoy the benefits of the tax credits by using the credit to lower your tax liability

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## Take action against radon

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The second-leading cause of lung cancer is radon gas – odorless, invisible and impossible to predict – sifting up through the soil to accumulate, undetected, in homes. The Environmental Protection Agency has designated the month of January is National Radon Action Month to bring awareness to its potentially harmful effects and encourage testing.

Radon occurs naturally, a radioactive gas released through the decay of naturally occurring uranium found in rocks, soil, and water. While this is not a problem outdoors, where the radon is diluted in the air, the closed-in spaces of homes confine it and allow it to accumulate in unsafe levels.

“What happens when you build a home or a structure over the soil is you have the potential to trap or encapsulate any radon that is coming out of the soil and into the house,” said Michael Taylor, the program manager for the indoor radon outreach program through the state of New Mexico's Radiation Control Bureau.

Radon can enter the home passively or actually be pulled in by the house itself – especially in the winter, when heating the inside of the house causes air to expand and rise, creating a negative pressure.

According to the EPA, radon is responsible for about 21,000 deaths a year, and is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. If you are a smoker, radon exacerbates your chances of getting lung cancer immensely.

High levels of radon have been found in homes in every state. According to a map distributed by the EPA, we are in a “moderate” zone here in southern New Mexico – but that doesn't mean that an individual home might not still contain dangerous amounts of radon. Levels can vary even between houses that are adjacent to one another.

“You can't just make a general statement and say that one area is completely free of radon and another area is not,” said Taylor. “There hasn't been any place that we have tested here in New Mexico where we haven't found the potential and actually identified radon problems.”

A home testing kit is affordable and easy to acquire. There are both short- and long-term kits available, either online or through a local hardware store. Taylor recommends starting with a short-term kit for an initial screening.



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A short-term radon detector kit available at Johnston's True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave. Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless and invisible gas that can accumulate in your home, and is the second-leading cause of lung cancer.

“The main reason for doing initial quick screening test using a short-term kit, is that it lets you know where you lie within a range of measurements,” he said.

For example, you might do a short-term test registering four or a six picocuries of radon per liter in your home. Taylor is sure to emphasize that there is no safe level of radon, but you want the level to be as low as possible. In this slightly elevated range, you may choose to do a long-term test to see how the levels look over the course of a few months.

“But if you do a short-term test and you get a level of 20 – which is not uncommon – that's an issue for immediate concern in terms of potentially doing something without having to wait three months to do a long-term test kit,” Taylor said. “Some of the highest radon levels that we have found here in New Mexico have ranged between 60 to 100 picocuries per liter.”

The EPA's recommended guidelines state if you have radon levels persisting at 4 and above, you should consider mitigating your home, which involves making corrective actions to reduce your radon exposure.

“When you do a radon test, you get a number,” said Taylor. “The one example that I give, and it is a bit of a stretch but not much of a stretch, is that your increased health risk for every picocurie

of radon that you are exposed to on a long-term basis is comparable to smoking two cigarettes a day.

“If you are consistently breathing 10 picocuries per liter of radon, you're basically at the same health risk – even if you didn't smoke at all – the same health risk as if you smoked a pack a day.”

The EPA website provides contacts for privately run national radon programs that can help you get in touch with a contractor who is certified to help mitigate your home.

There are as many types of mitigation as there are types of homes, and the contractor will be able to identify the best method for your individual situation. The mitigation process can typically be accomplished in a few days, after which your life may resume with clean air and an easy mind.

Taylor said his program currently has a promotion which provides a limited number of free short-term radon test kits on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To get a free kit, contact Taylor by email at michael.taylor@atate.nm.us or by phone at 505-476-8608. For more information about radon, visit the EPA's informational website at epa.gov/radon.

Marissa Bond can be reached at 680-1845 or marissa@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Agape Christian Church has opened its doors at the west wing of the Palms Business Complex, 2407 W. Picacho Ave., for prayer and Bible sharing 24 hours a day, until 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3.

There will be a prayer counselor on staff at all hours, a warm and friendly place to receive prayer, or to come pray privately on your own.

For more information, call Herb Pinney at 650-3915 or in the office at 647-2168. There is no charge.

### AGAPE CHURCH ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Sunday at Agape Christian begins with The Breakfast Club, with a free fix-your-own breakfast and an hour of Bible teaching on how to live as a Christian in a secular world; followed by the regular morning worship from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

On Sunday afternoon, at 4:30 p.m. is Family Bible College with classes for all ages, followed at 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. with evening non-denominational worship and communion. Rides available.

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### 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 kindergarten through 12 and takes place Wednesday evenings.

Designed to offer a kid-friendly atmosphere, the program includes snacks, recreation, Bible classes, music, worship and dinner. The cost is \$50 per child, or \$100 for families. Some scholarships are available.

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### BONHOEFFER STUDY GROUP

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will host a study group on the life and times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer from 7 to 8 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Bonhoeffer was a pastor, spy, threat to the Third Reich and martyr, but perhaps more than anything else, he was a man with a deeply held faith.

Gifted in his ability to articulate that faith, Bonhoeffer wrote books, both before and during his imprisonment, that continue to deeply challenge Christians.

The Bonhoeffer Study Group is free to attend. Short videos about Bonhoeffer will set the stage for each discussion. For more information, call 526-6333.

### 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.

The classes are open to the public. A \$10 donation is suggested.

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Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway, offers adult Bible study classes at 10 a.m. every Saturday.

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### MORNING PRAYER AT HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family American National 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.

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### 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.

Pastoral care is also offered by Rev. Bonnie Smith by appointment at 635-8081. For more information, call 523-4847.

### COURSE IN MIRACLES

At the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, a complete self-study spiritual thought system called "A Course In Miracles," is offered from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Presented by Edward Alvarez, the class is a three-volume curriculum, 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.

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### 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.

## HONEK, FROM PAGE B13

and reclaim the monies you already paid.

The state tax credits works the same way, but is a lower 10 percent of the system price and comes with a \$9,000 cap. A few years ago the cap was occasionally reached, but with today's solar prices, those days are over. For consistency, I'll offer the same example from above. The 10 percent tax credit from a \$10,000 system is \$1,000. If you had a state tax bill for \$4,000, you can apply the tax credit and reduce it to \$3,000.

Now you have an understanding of the two tax credits which are disappearing after 2016. So you still have time – but not a lot. The 30 percent credit is ending for the entire country, so, as you might imagine, solar installations will spike this year and next as everyone tries to get in. The system must be operational to qualify, not just contracted or paid for. You can expect installation schedules to fill quickly, and since this is a state- and nationwide event, it will be difficult to bring additional resources to any specific area. Demand will be high, and supply low. You can do the math.

One additional thought, too complicated to detail in this column, there is a way you can add a system early this year and still have it help with last year's taxes. Please feel free to contact me and I'll be happy to offer a full explanation.

I hope you have a happy and productive new year, and don't be the last one in the door as we approach the end of the tax credits.

*Mellow Honek is a managing member at Sunspot Energy Systems LLC, a Las Cruces solar photovoltaic systems contractor featuring New Mexico-made products. For more information on the power of solar, call 541-3533 or visit [www.sunspotenergy.com](http://www.sunspotenergy.com).*



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## The well of experiences

Your horse's experiences are like drops of water in a vessel.

If his well is filled with mostly positive experiences, he will expect positive things in new situations. If his well is filled with negative experiences, he will expect negative things in new situations.

Just as you can overfill a vessel with drops of water, replacing what was held within it, you can also add positive drops to your horse's well until the negatives have been replaced.

Unfortunately, negative experiences are also drops in his well of experiences and even the most positively, lovingly handled horse can be changed by brutality.

Be fully aware always of the types of signals you give to your horse.

If you buy a new equine, find out all you can about that horse's care, training, feeding and preferences. You might be planning to greatly improve aspects of his or her life, but to change things suddenly (even for the better) can be alarming to the horse.

Try to maintain some of the familiar routines, especially what has been fed, and make changes gradually for the physical and mental good health of your horse.

They say it takes at least 10 days for the horse's digestive system to adjust to a new item in his or her feed.

You want to add the new food in a small amount the first day then slowly add more of it while reducing the familiar feed until the complete change is made. This is especially important when going from dry feed, like hay, to the richer pasture.

If you plan to dramatically change the style in which your new horse is ridden, spend a few days with the type of equipment he or she has been used to so that your communication makes sense. Then you can change one aspect at a time to allow adjustments in the horse's

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## NMSU assists with health impact assessment program in the U.S.-Mexico border region

By **Tiffany Acosta**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University has partnered with the University of Texas-El Paso and other community organizations to conduct a health impact assessment program in the United States-Mexico border region.

The two-year project was developed to foster capacity in the area to conduct health impact assessments and to encourage their use as a way to evaluate the possible health effects of proposed infrastructure improvements or policy changes.

UTEP's Center for Environmental Resources Management is leading the project and working in conjunction with not only NMSU's College of Health and Social Services, but also the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, Pan American Health Organization, South Central Regional Transportation District of New Mexico and city of Presidio, Texas. UTEP

created the project after it received a \$250,000 grant from the Health Impact Program, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

This project has three areas of focus including health impact assessment training for students at both NMSU and UTEP; a health impact assessment centered on plans to expand public bus transportation from Las Cruces to the surrounding areas of Anthony, Chaparral, Santa Teresa and Sunland Park; and producing and testing a model for evaluating health impacts of water and sanitation in border communities utilizing the example of the Las Pampas colonia, near Presidio.

"We're particularly interested in how additional transportation options and routes would affect access to health care and how it would benefit other potential health indicators with more access to greater fruits and vegetables, better supermarket options and farmer's markets," said Joe Tomaka, director of

NMSU's Survey Research and Program Evaluation Center. "What we are hoping to identify is what are the best routes, what would be the best places to put stations so that people would use and maximize the service."

NMSU's contribution will involve conducting research through the on-campus Survey Research and Program Evaluation Center.

"NMSU's primary involvement is going to be in conducting surveys in these areas," Tomaka said. "We will be convening focus groups and surveys in these areas to find out the likelihood of using the routes and where the best locations would be for them."

Tomaka said the surveys are still in the planning phase with both content and methodology to be determined. Students will be involved in the interviewing process, data collection and statistical analysis for the health impact assessment.

For more information, visit [www.healthimpactproject.org](http://www.healthimpactproject.org).

## 'The Biggest Loser' at the United Way of SWNM



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARISSA BOND

"The Biggest Loser" season 12 contestant Vinny Hickerson previews his new bodybuilding career at the offices of the United Way of Southwestern New Mexico on Jan. 9. Hickerson was in town promoting "The Biggest Loser" Run/Walk 5K and Half-Marathon, which will be held at the Field of Dreams on Sunday, Jan. 18. Participants can meet Hickerson and other "The Biggest Loser" contestants or apply to be on the show themselves, as well as still sign up for the race, at a health expo sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 East University Ave. The health expo is free and open to the public.

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perceptions, understanding and how it all feels physically. Do a little bit, often.

Sometimes, working with the horse three times a day for 15 minutes does more good for the adjustment period than one 45-minute session.

Think about the type of facility this horse has been used to – if he has never touched an electric fence wire, he may become panicked when he is first shocked on your electric fence.

Think about the visibility of your fences. The smaller a

fenced area is for a horse, the sturdier the fences and gates must be. Conversely, the larger the fenced area, the more visible they must be. Tie white rags on fences to make them more visible.

If you want your new horse to become comfortable in his new home, establish a routine that you can maintain.

By being consistent and reliable in your routine, soon your methods will be the familiar ones that bring confidence and calm to his life.

You do not have to have strict, unyielding times for meals, times to ride, turn out times.

You do need to main-

tain consistency in the way you warm up, ride and cool down. You need consistency in the number of meals per day, and should keep them within an hour or two of a regular time.

I recommend doing turn outs in the daytime during winter and the nighttime during summer, if it is safe and convenient to do so.

Keep your horse's perspective in mind, add only positive drops to the well of experiences, and you can build a great relationship.

*Katharine Chrisley is a lifelong horse-woman, equine specialist, instructor and trainer. For more information, visit [www.dharmahorse.com](http://www.dharmahorse.com).*

# Pet Briefs

## Pitbull pup Pet of the Week

Meet Madison, a beautiful, white Pitbull puppy who loves to play with her chew toys and watch the Discovery channel. When she's not quenching her thirst for knowledge, Madison will most likely be found on your lap, giving you as many puppy kisses as you can take.

Madison has been at the shelter – located at 8551 Bataan Memorial West – for four months. The shelter can be reached at 382-0018.



**MADISON**

## Annual pet blessing at st. Anthony

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will host the seventh annual pet blessing at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

The event is outside on the parking lot, accessed from the corner of Hadley Avenue and Alameda Boulevard. The Better Life Natural Pet Foods will provide treats for the animals who bring their human friends to the event.

## Shelter seeks dog walkers

Large breed and small breed dog walkers are

needed at Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley.

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

Applications for volunteers 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.

Donations can be dropped off from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 382-0018.

## Foster homes needed for animals

Fostering can be a rewarding way to enjoy the companionship a pet provides without having the commitment that goes along with it.

For more information, call 527-4544.

## APA seeks old sleeping bags

ACTion Programs for Animals is seeking comforters or old sleeping bags to help offset the cooler temperatures that accompany the changing seasons.

If you have any to donate, drop them off from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, at 800 W. Picacho Ave.

For more information, call 571-4654.

## Pet adoptions held at Petco

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is facilitating dog and cat adoptions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. Transport drivers are needed Saturdays.

For more information, call 639-3036.

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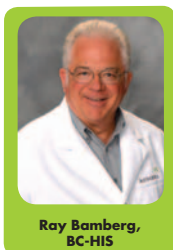
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# Healthy Happenings



## FREE HIP-HOP DANCE WORKSHOP

HD2 - High Definition Dance Studio presents a free hip-hop dance workshop for all ages on Saturday, Jan. 17, and Sunday, Jan. 18, at 901 South Main St.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, ages 10 to 12 meet 1 to 2 p.m.; ages 12 to 15 meet 2:30 -3:30 p.m.; ages 16 and older meet 4-5 p.m. On Sunday, Jan. 18, ages 5 to 6 meet 1 to 2 p.m.; ages 7 to 9 meet 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the website at [hd2studio.com](http://hd2studio.com).

## FREE PROBIOTICS SEMINAR SET

A free seminar about probiotics is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

Learn how gut bacteria influence how every part of the body works. Reservations not needed. First come, first seated.

For information, call 522-1711.

## FLUID MOVEMENT TAI CHI

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 26 to April 20, Doña Ana Community College will be offering a course on Fluid Movement Tai Chi with instructor Cher Guerrero in the Good Samaritan Fitness Room at DACC East Mesa, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Students should wear loose, comfortable clothing to class. Ages 12 and up. Cost for the twelve-week course is \$93.

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

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From 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 28-Apr. 22, Doña Ana Community College will be offering a course on Fluid Movement Tai Chi with instructor Cher Guerrero in the Good Samaritan Creative Arts

Room at DACC East Mesa, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Students should wear loose, comfortable clothing to class. Ages 12 and up. Cost for the 12-week course is \$93.

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

## FREE NUTRITION SEMINAR

A free seminar about heart health is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

Taking care of your heart doesn't have to be complicated. Start by uncovering some common heart care myths and then begin your journey toward heart health with three simple dietary strategies and three supplements that will pump up your heart health. Reservations not needed. First come, first seated. There will be door prizes.

For more information, call 522-1711.

## 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.

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For more information, call 522-1711.

## EAT MORE VEGGIES, LIVE WELL

From 6-8 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 DACC East Mesa, 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.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours. For more information, call 527 1803.

## 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.

6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Mountain View Market Co-Op, 1300 El Paseo Road. 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,

call Anna Cook at 527 1193.

## BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico meets from 10 to 11 a.m. every fourth Saturday of the month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex Building.

Meetings are free, no registration required, and are open to all who have been touched by breast cancer.

For more information, call 524 4373.

## CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A Cancer Care support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer survivors, those currently being treated and anyone in the community whose life has been touched by cancer are invited.

For more information, call 524 3994 or 522 3261.

## GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are invited to join.

For more information, call 528 3301.

## LUNCHTIME YOGA

Beginners and experienced alike are invited to a 45-minute yoga class, followed by lunch.

The class is noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, Downtown Desert Yoga, 303 S. Alameda Blvd.

For more information, call 647 9642.

## NEEDLE EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

The Families & Youth

Inc. Needle Exchange Program, 1190 Foster Road, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and provides free information on services.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is confidential and no appointments are needed.

For more information, call 556-1622.

## CROSSROADS CLASSES

Crossroads Accupuncture, 130 S. Main St., announces new classes. Gentle Chair Yoga will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Yoga En Español (bilingual English and Spanish) will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 312-6569.

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food.

There are three weekly meetings: 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity Church of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive; noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

For more information, call 571-7864.

## SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP

The diabetes educational support group meetings are held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

For more information, call 522-0287.

## STROKE GROUP FOR SURVIVORS

Stroke survivors and caregivers share their experiences at support

group meetings at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 522 2625.

## SUICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP MEETS

Suicide Survivors, a free, peer-led group is open to any adult survivor of suicide.

Facilitated by the Southern New Mexico Suicide Prevention and Survivor Support Coalition, the group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at the Center for Grief Services, 209 E. Montana Ave.

For more information, call 635-6265 or email [margaret.short@lpnt.net](mailto:margaret.short@lpnt.net).

## TOPS GROUPS MEETINGS SET

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight-loss goals.

For more information, call Doris at 524 7461.

TOPS Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh ins are followed by group discussions.

For more information, call 523 6240.

TOPS Chapter 390 meets 5:45 to 7 p.m.

Thursdays at Morning Star United Methodist Church.

## TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Mountain View Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria.

For more information, call Susan at 496 2627.

## Wilson Binkley partners buy LC event planning business

When Staci Delfin of Helping Hands Event Planning reported for work at her new office Jan. 1, she was surprised to see the Helping Hands sign already hanging under the Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing sign at 250 Cotrano Court.

The sign wasn't the only thing that had changed.

At the end of December, the three Wilson Binkley partners finalized a deal to buy Helping Hands from founder and Dawn Starostka, who had taken a position with Big Brother Big Sisters after 11 years building her own business. (See story B 21).

W-B partner Rob Sharp said the ad agency is not absorbing Helping Hands. It will continue to be a separate company, legally labeled Las Cruces Event Planning but doing business as Helping Hands Event Planning.

Delfin, the former assistant event planner at Helping Hands, is now event planner, in charge of day-to-operations. Sharp, who in the past was W-B's point person for projects on which the two firms collaborated, will oversee the new business.

For Helping Hands clients, Sharp and Delfin said, it will be business as usual.

"Our short-term focus, for the first year of transition, will be to do the nuts and bolts of business smoothly for Helping Hands clients," Sharp said. After the first year, we will work with Staci on ways to grow and expand the business."

### Former clients join forces

Sharp said Helping Hands and Wilson Binkley

have a history of working together, with Helping Hands calling on W-B for marketing and advertising events. On the flip side, W-B hired Helping Hands to plan events for its clients.

The relationship goes back some 10 years, when Starostka hired Wilson Binkley to create a logo for her new business, Sharp said.

In the intervening years, Starostka went on to stage major public events drawing thousands of attendees, such as the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase, the Museum Rocks, Southern New Mexico Wine Festival, Harvest Wine Festival and White Sands International Film Festival.

Sharp said he and his partners, David Wilson and Ken Binkley, respect Helping Hands' business model and the fact it "brings a lot of economic development to the county through tourism and public relations exposure."

"Dawn really worked to build the company and it has a solid reputation in the community – we think with other businesses as well," Sharp said. "She is buttoned down, organized and financially responsible. We saw that she provided a very professional experience for her clients."

He said when Starostka mentioned about four or five months ago that she was looking for a buyer, he immediately was interested.

"I really believe in the things she did and in her people," Sharp said.

### Regional, local opportunities

Delfin said she has al-



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

**Staci Delfin is the new event planner at Helping Hands Event Planning LLC, recently acquired by the three partners of Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing.**

ways had a soft spot for fund raising events for nonprofits, and hopes to help them play their A game.

"Especially in Las Cruces, a lot of fund raising is volunteer-based," she said. "I don't think they're all aware of the professional options available to them."

She said Helping Hands historically has been "very easy to work with and flexible" in its dealings with fund-raising groups.

Assistance can run the gamut from "here's the date – run with it' to just coordinating site logistics or volunteer efforts," she said.

In addition, Sharp said he sees potential for both businesses to be part of an expanding regional focus on tourism.

"There's a lot of opportunity in the region to develop large scale, professionally managed events that attract tourists and promote economic development," he said. The New Mexico Wine Growers Association is "a nascent example of regional coordination," Sharp said.

He said Helping Hands already has regional experience, having produced both the Carlsbad

## BRIEFS

### Hispanic Chamber Expo to offer workshops, networking

The Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2015 Business Serving Business Resource Fair and Expo will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The expo will feature workshops, networking opportunities and exhibits of business products and services.

Prior to the event, a 10 a.m. discussion will focus on finding, training and keeping good employees. The conversation will touch on hiring assistance resources. This session is free, but an RSVP is requested.

Lunch and a speed networking event are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

A series of free workshops covering the state gross receipts tax, guerilla marketing and commercial real estate will run from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information about the expo, including exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, or to register, call the chamber at 524-8900, email [eldelisan@lascruceshispanicchamber.com](mailto:eldelisan@lascruceshispanicchamber.com) or visit [www.lascruceshispanic.com](http://www.lascruceshispanic.com).

### Lopez to address HTC

Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), will speak at the High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd..

Lopez will address 2014 economic development in Doña Ana County, the outlook for 2015 and ongoing MVEDA initiatives to attract technology-focused enterprises to the Mesilla Valley.

Meetings are free to the public and anyone interested in growing technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868 or email [terry@imac.us.com](mailto:terry@imac.us.com)

### Organic produce company expands

The New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMED) on Friday, Jan. 9, announced Preferred Produce Inc., a certified organic produce supplier for local markets and Whole Foods throughout the Southwest, will construct 45,000 new square feet of greenhouse space.

Preferred Produce currently employs 13 workers at its facility outside of Deming. The business launched in 2010 and specializes in innovative, high-tech growing techniques and fast-to-market produce delivery.

"Value-added food production is an important part of New Mexico's economy," said NMED Secretary Jon Barela. "Jobs in the food industry complement our state's long agricultural history and help continue to spur rural economic development."

# Starostka returns to nonprofit management

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Band parent and Girl Scout leader Dawn Starostka, better known as the owner of Helping Hands Event Planning LLC, took a new gig Jan. 1.

Really new.

Starostka became the first person to serve as southwest regional director for Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region, an organization now forming through the merger of the Las Cruces-based Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides one-on-one mentoring services for youth ages 6 to 17 who face adversity.

The two organizations, which have a combined 71 years of experience, currently serve nearly 1,100 youngsters and their families by pairing at-risk children with adult mentors. "Littles" include minority kids and those with a parent in the military or in jail.

The new BBBS Mountain Region encompasses the Santa Fe, Doña Ana Grant, Taos and Gallup areas.

"We are all Southwest, and we all have mountains, so it works," Starostka said.

The merger will centralize financial and administrative services, enabling the local offices to focus on their core mission of matching more kids in relationships with caring adults.

Starostka is charged



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTE  
Dawn Starostka takes a break from unpacking in her new Big Brothers Big Sisters office on West Griggs Avenue.

with continuing and strengthening community relationships in the southwestern part of state, while overseeing the organization that serves Doña Ana and Grant counties.

She will focus on local fundraising, board development, community relations and recruitment.

"I'm the external focus," Starostka said. "My job is getting the word out that we're here and what we're all about, making sure our message is heard and getting

the right people involved." Special events will continue to be a regular part of her work week, with Big Brother Big Sisters planning a circus-themed gala March 13, Bowl for Kids Sake May 3 and the Mudd Volleyball tournament Sept. 12, "a huge fundraiser and a lot of fun."

Starostka said the events draw different audiences, attracting support from different segments of the community.

During implementation of the merger, the Las Cruces office is moving to 221 W. Griggs Ave.

"If you're going to have an adventure, you might as well throw in all the excitement," Starostka said.

## Blame it on the wine

Best known in Las Cruces as the founder of Helping Hands Event Planning, she began her career with nonprofit organizations in the Washington, DC, area, where she spent 10 years in fundraising and management positions.

"I did a lot of events as part of fund raising while I was in Washington. When I moved here I was burned out on grant-

writing and fund raising, so I said, 'I will do events.'"

Starostka said she began her Las Cruces business in 2004, working at her home computer. Her first client was the New Mexico Wine Growers Association.

She intended to be

mostly a stay-at-home-mom raising then preschooler Renata.

"But people kept coming up to me and saying, 'Can you do ...?'"

"Voila. It turned into a business.

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## Dawn Starostka

Southwest regional director  
Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region  
221 W. Griggs Ave.

### Previous experience

- Owner, Helping Hands Event Planning LLC
- Director of Development, Commonwealth Academy, Alexandria, Va.
- Director of Development, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation
- Development assistant, Army Distaff Foundation
- Grant researcher, Committee on Scholarly Communication with China

### Awards, organizations

- 2013 Small Business of the Year
- Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award
- Leadership Las Cruces Vice president, Centennial High School Band Parent Association
- Member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce
- Former member Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau advisory board

### Education

Bachelor's degree with honors in international studies and French, Austin College, Sherman, Texas

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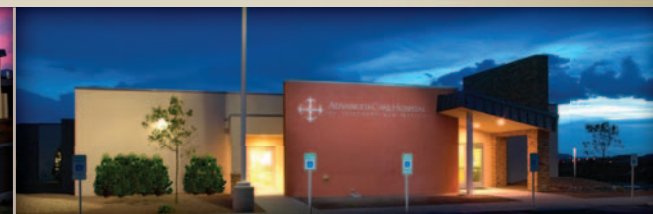


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# Leadership New Mexico visits MONaS

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At the rail overlooking the lower level at MONaS, Pahl Shipley of PNM and Mindy Koch of Intel share their reactions to the WSMR briefing and helicopter overview. Both participants said they were selected for Leadership New Mexico by their employers.



At the end of their first day in Las Cruces, which was devoted to an update at White Sands Missile Range, the 42 participants in the 2014-15 Leadership New Mexico session relaxed at a reception Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Museum of Nature and Science. Among those greeting attendees were WSMR Executive Director Paul Mann, Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Russell Allen, incoming board chairman of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.



Michael Stubbs, president of Stubbs Engineering Inc. in Las Cruces, visits with Jacob Armijo and Craig Buchanan of US Bank.



Kandy Jones and Cindy Bennett of Western Heritage Bank in Las Cruces get better acquainted with Laurie Farber of Santa Fe Properties.

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## Building Las Cruces



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A \$750,000 sewer line, storm drainage, sidewalk and paving project began in late August on Wyatt Drive between El Paseo Road and Main Street. Wyatt Drive currently is unpaved with local business access from nearby streets. Rick Hall of Rick's RC Performance Center said he's trying to remain positive, although the project has experienced delays and business is off about 20 percent. Curbs, gutters and sidewalks currently are under construction.

## EVENT, FROM PAGE B20

and Albuquerque festivals.

W-B, too, has assisted with regional projects, for example working with the Deming Tourism Board.

### Transition unfolds

For now, Delfin is organizing her new office and realizing she'll need a file cabinet or two.

"We now have five events in a row from January to May," she said.

Her immediate focus is on the Sunday, Jan. 25, Bridal & Special Events Showcase at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

She said she is finalizing details for the fashion show and working with more than 50 vendors who plan to participate.

It's not a new event for Delfin, who has been with Helping Hands for three years.

She joined the firm while she was still a student in School of Hotel, Tourism and restaurant Management at New Mexico State University.

Delfin said she reached out to Starostka seeking an internship, only to find out Helping Hands was looking for an assistant director.

She had had previous experience as assistant director of Associated Students at NMSU.

"She (Starostka) was fascinated

that I am a color-coordinated planner," Delfin said of her former employer.

"In our first interview she said she color codes her phone calls," Starostka said. "I said, 'This is my girl.'"

"I'm so proud of her. When we knew the transition was going to happen, she grabbed the bull by the horns."

During the first year of the transition, Starostka will be on retainer with Helping Hands, available to assist if she is needed.

*Alta LeCompte can be reached at 680-1840 or [www.lascrucesbulletin.com](http://www.lascrucesbulletin.com).*

## STAROSTKA, FROM PAGE B21

Over the course of 11 years, she planned and produced about 160 events, Starostka said, most of them on a large scale. She worked with a core group of about 10 clients. Her accomplishments include helping raise significant funds for Mesilla Valley Hospice, La Casa and the Amador Hotel Foundation.

### Perfect timing

Starostka said she's always gravitated toward education-oriented orga-

nizations and those that serve kids.

"In the back of my mind, I always knew I'd return to nonprofit management," she said. "Last year I started to keep my eyes open."

She told a couple of friends she was looking for an opportunity and Stacie Allen, former CEO of BBBS Southwestern New Mexico, referred her to the organization. The evening of her first interview with Andrea

Fisher Maril, Mountain Region CEO, she had a job offer.

"We just click," Starostka said.

The purchase of Helping Hands by the three Wilson Binkley partners paved the way for Starostka to transition into her new position.

"It was perfect timing," she said, adding she sold with the stipulation the new owners would retain her employees.

"They're the brainpow-

er," she said. "They know what they're doing."

In addition, she will be on retainer with her former company for a year, "because you can't take 11 years of data in here and download it anywhere," she said, rubbing both hands into her hair.

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## Save the Date

FRI. 1/16

**1:30 a.m. High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico meeting**, Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) will give the outlook for 2015 and MVEDA initiatives to attract technology-focused enterprises to the Mesilla Valley. Free; lunch may be ordered. For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868 or email [terry@imac.us.com](mailto:terry@imac.us.com).

**6 p.m. 2014 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Choice Awards & Gala**, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

TUE. 1/20

**2 to 4 p.m., The Affordable Care Act and What It Means for Small Business**, Doña Ana Community College Small Business Development Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Suite 101. Free. Register at [www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces](http://www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces). For more information, call the SBDC at 527-7676.

THU. 1/29

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Small Business Resource Fair and B2B Expo**, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 524-8900.

**5:30 to 7 p.m. Business After Hours**, Adams Radio, 1355 California Ave. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 524-1968.

SAT.-MON. 1/31-2/2, 2015

**Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe**. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

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.



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# LEGAL NOTICES

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## Legal Notice

### INVITATION FOR BID IFB Number: 15-01

#### Sierra Vista Hospital Type I 4x4 diesel style Ambulance

Sierra Vista Hospital is seeking an experienced Company to provide a Type I, 4x4 diesel Ambulance. The scope of work shall consist of Sierra Vista Hospital evaluating proposals for a Type I, 4x4 diesel ambulance and, if a Company is to be selected, select the company that will meet the needs of Sierra Vista Hospital.

Invitations for Bid will be received at Sierra Vista Hospital Office of Administration, 800 East Ninth Street, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The closing date for submittals is January 27, 2015 at 3:00 pm, Mountain Daylight Time.

A copy of the IFB is available to be picked up at Sierra Vista Hospital Office of Administration, 800 East Ninth Street, T or C, NM 87901.

ALL OFFERS MUST BE SEALED AND CLEARLY MARKED: "Invitation to Bid #15-01 Type I, 4 X 4 diesel style Ambulance".

The Administration of the Hospital reserves the right to accept or reject any offers or portion thereof.

If you should require further information, please contact Deborah L. Valencia, Procurement Officer, at (575) 743-1208.

/s/Michael Zimmerman  
Michael Zimmerman, CEO

Date: 1/16, 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: 201501002-F Transponder Test Set

BID Due Date & Time:  
1/28/15 2:00PM Mountain Time

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://NMSU.ionwave.net> to obtain a copy of this RFP electronically and be registered for future RFP for this commodity.

Date: 01/16, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 15, 2014, Franco Family Revocable Trust (Contact: Hector Franco), 7300 Hwy 28 Mesquite, NM 88048 filed application numbered LRG-15635 POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-15635 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-15635 POD1 to a depth of 250 feet with a 16-inch casing to be located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 03 East NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°6'41.905"N, 106°39'5.786"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, to replace existing well LRG-9076 located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 25S, Range 03E and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°6'35.932"N, 106°39'10.701"W (WGS84) on land owned by Hector P. Franco 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 28 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 20, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 25 South, Range 03 East NMPM as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-010-0057 Right B 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-15635 POD1 will be located 0.5 miles east of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 174 feet north of the intersection of Lechuga Rd. and Cilantro St. Vado, NM. Existing well LRG-9076 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: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 24, 2013, Dolores DeLaO, 2329 Alta Mira Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-15157-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15626 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using well LRG-15157-POD2 which has been drilled to a depth of 140 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°23'8.317"N and 106°49'2.709"W (WGS84), on land owned by Ernest Moralez, and discontinue the use of well LRG-15157-POD1, located on land owned by Rosa E. Alvarez located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 22, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'53.893"N and 106°49'13.675"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.61 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said projected Section 23 as described

in Subfile No. LRN 28-006-0079 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of well LRG-15157-POD2 is south of Doña Ana, NM and may be found approximately 0.30 miles north-northeast of the intersection of Doña Ana School Road and Wind Chime Lane, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-15157-POD1 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: 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 5, 2013, Leroy Madrid, Estate of Arthur D. Madrid, Estate of Henry D. Madrid, Estate of Dannie L. Madrid, PO Box 77, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-7241-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-7241, located on property owned by Leroy Madrid, within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Township 18S, Range 04W (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°46'15.381" N and 107°17'7.338" W (WGS84) and drilling replacement well LRG-7241-POD2, on or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°46'14.545"N & 107°17'7.424"W (WGS84) within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 6, on land owned by Leroy Madrid. Replacement well LRG-7241-POD2 will be drilled to a depth of 60 feet, shall have a 2-inch casing, and will be used for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile LRR 280040036 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed replacement well LRG-7241-POD2 will be south of Deny, NM and may be found approximately 0.45 miles north-northwest of the intersection of Loma Parada Rd. and Walnut Grove Rd in Garfield, NM. Existing well LRG-7241 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 01/16, 2015

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

**Notice is hereby given** that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (beer and wine) to R Galvan LLC d/b/a Miguel's Restaurant, located at 1140 East Amador Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be

held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council on **Tuesday, February 3, 2015, beginning at 3:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 9th day of January 2015.

/s/Esther Martinez-Carrillo,  
MMC, City Clerk

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 2015

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on February 3, 2015:

**1. Council Bill No. 15-027; Ordinance No. 2746:** An Ordinance Repealing Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, Chapter 24, Procurement Code, Sections 24-4, 24-32, 24-62, 24-64, 24-66, 24-91, 24-94, 24-99 and 24-228 in Its Entirety and Enacting New Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, Chapter 24, Procurement Code, Sections 24-4, 24-32, 24-62, 24-64, 24-66, 24-91, 24-94, and 24-228.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. **Witness My Hand and Seal** of the City of Las Cruces on this the **12th day of January 2015.**

Linda Lewis,  
CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Date: 01/16, 2015



#### 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



#### SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The South Central Solid Waste Authority uses a web-based auction service to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment. As items are available they will be posted to [publicsurplus.com](http://publicsurplus.com) where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

For more information please contact the South Central Solid Waste Authority at 575-528-3709 or email [scswa.prop@las-cruces.org](mailto:scswa.prop@las-cruces.org).

Dates 1/2/15-12/25/15



#### INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Solar Energy Development	14-15-064	N/A	January 29, 2015 / 4:00 p.m.
Mobile Hydraulic Concert Stage	14-15-092	N/A	February 5, 2015 / 2:30 p.m.
East Mesa Public Safety Complex - Access Road	14-15-105	January 28, 2015 / 1:30 p.m. 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Rm. 3138	February 10, 2015 / 2:00 p.m.
Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pumps	14-15-040	January 29, 2015 / 10:00 a.m. 2581 W. Amador Ave	February 12, 2015 / 10:00 a.m.

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757>

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to [bidclerk@las-cruces.org](mailto:bidclerk@las-cruces.org)  
Dates 1/16/15







# LEGAL NOTICES

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/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Faisal Sukhyani,  
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Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30,  
02/06, 2015

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT

D-307-CV-2014-01462  
Judge Kugler

ASLM II, LTD., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE ALEJANDRO DIAZ, LILIA VAZQUEZ, ISELA CARDENAS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURER OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, February 12th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 8800 the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property to be sold is situated in Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is more commonly known as 2049 Boy Scout Lane, Sunland Park, New Mexico and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 11 Block 4, HACIENDAS SAN MIGUEL UNIT TWO, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 7, 2008, as Plat 4693, in Book 22, Page (s) 417-418 (the "Property").

The sale will be made to satisfy Final Partial Summary Judgment and Final Partial Default Judgment filed November 24th, 2014, in favor of Plaintiff, pursuant to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

Plaintiff, ASLM II, LTD, has a Judgment against Defendant, Jose Alejandro Diaz Lilia Vazquez and Isela Cardenas, in the sum of \$168,157.08, which bears interest at 10.5% as of July 30th, 2013 and \$8,075.00 as reasonable attorney fees and \$1,092.35 for cost, which bears interest at the rate of 10.5% per annum from November 24th, 2014.

Plaintiffs may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other restrictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

The attorney for Plaintiff is Edward DeV Bunn, Jr. of Firth+Johnston+Bunn+Kerr, 415 N. Mesa, Third Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901

/s/Kenneth L. Beal  
Kenneth L. Beal  
Special Master

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30,  
02/06, 2015

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT

Case No.  
D-307-DM-2014-1086  
Judge: James T. Martin

Araseli Villanueva,  
Petitioner,

vs.

Francisco Villanueva,  
Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Francisco Villanueva,  
RESPONDENT:

Take notice that a lawsuit  
has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit  
is: Petition for Dissolution  
of Marriage with Children.

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Araseli Villanueva  
1716 E. Idaho Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575)621-6356

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 89th day of September, 2014.

(Seal)

CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT  
BY: Mary E. Apodaca  
DUPUTY

Dates: 01/09, 01/16, 01/23,  
2015

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2014-00101

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
SANTIAGO S.  
BENAVIDEZ,  
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF SUIT  
& HEARING

To: All Known and Unknown Heirs of Santiago S. Benavidez

You are hereby notified that the above named petitioner has filed in the Third Judicial District Court Of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, an Application for Formal Probate of Copy of Will and for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative

A hearing in this case has been set before the Judge as follows:

Date of Hearing:  
Thursday, 5th day of  
February, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Place of Hearing:  
Courtroom 6  
Doña Ana County  
District Court  
Third Judicial  
District Court  
201 W. Picacho Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

You must file an answer or responsive pleading within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the complaint will be granted.

Dated: January 13, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Alan D. Gluth  
Attorney For Petitioner  
2455 E. Missouri, Ste. A  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 2015

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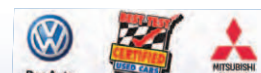
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