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New state tests pique protests

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

More than 1,000 students walked out of their morning classes Monday, March 2, to protest the state's new standardized tests they say are too time consuming and carry too much weight in how their teachers and schools will be evaluated.

Prior to the protests, Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) Superintendent Stan Rounds said the district supported the students peacefully exercising their democratic rights, but warned that some students participating in the protest may run into graduation difficulties.

Students at five middle schools and five high schools – not including state-chartered high schools – held demonstrations and there were no reports of the kind of vandalism that marred student protests in Santa Fe the week before. For example, students at Mayfield High School lined up with signs along Valley Drive for passing motorists, but

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Las Cruces City Council approves cat colony fees

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

The Las Cruces City Council has approved animal control fees, including for feral cat colonies that also gives a bit of a grace period for those willing to care for them.

At its meeting Monday, March 2, the new fees for unenclosed feral cat colonies was originally proposed to be \$250 the first year and \$150 each year after, while enclosed

cat colonies – also called catteries – would only need to pay a \$10 application fee and \$50 annual permits.

City councillors, however, sided with animal advocates who said the high fees for unenclosed cat colonies discouraged compliance.

"I thought the whole idea of this was to bring these people who already are caring for these cats out of the shadows," said Councillor Ceil Levatino.

Emile Bourdet, a local

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Daylight Saving Time may be the last for NM

Bulletin Staff Report

At 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8, time "springs forward" by one hour, but if one lawmaker has his way, it will be the last time New Mexicans have to reset time.

State Sen. Cliff Pirtle, R-Roswell, has introduced a bill (SB377) to keep New Mexico on Daylight Saving Time all year.

Pirtle said not only is the time change disorienting and inconvenient, it's also dangerous.

He cites a University of Alabama study that found heart attacks increased in after people turned their clocks back in November.

Pirtle, who grows dairy cattle feed, said the extra hour of daylight in winter would also boost economic productivity.

"With my business, in the winter when the sun goes down at 4:30, productivity goes down," he said.

See the publisher's column on page A4 for more on Pirtle's proposal.

NEXT WEEK

City Council work session

New Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau location to be discussed Monday, March 9.



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Sunland Park applicants sought for P&Z seat

The Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA) is seeking applications from residents within the City Limits of Sunland Park to fill an unexpired term on the Extra-Territorial Planning and Zoning Commission (ETZ P&Z).

The ETZ P&Z consists of a five-member board of volunteers, two of whom must reside within the City of Sunland Park, two of whom must reside within the ETZ area, and one who resides outside of those two areas.



The open seat will require that all applicants reside within the City of Sunland Park. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m., Friday, March 27.

The ETZ P&Z assists CRRUA with the administration of the subdivision, zoning, planning and platting regulations for a 56 square mile area adjacent to and west of the City of Sunland Park.

The ETZ P&Z reviews land-use and development matters at public hearings scheduled for the first Monday of each month.

Each applicant must send a letter of intent, current resume and three references to CRRUA, P.O. Box 429, Sunland Park, N.M. 88063 or hand-deliver to 4950 McNutt Road, Sunland Park, N.M., or fax to (575) 589-1185, attention: Gilbert G. Mesa.

For further information call (575) 589-1075 or visit the Camino Real Regional Authority website at <http://www.crrua.org/> or the Doña Ana County website at www.donaanacounty.org.

State of the County address slated

Doña Ana County Commission Chairman Billy G. Garrett and Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown will deliver Doña Ana County's State of the County Address at 12:15 p.m. Monday, March 9, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. The public is encouraged to attend.

Garrett's remarks will look at policy initiatives from 2014, and those that lie ahead for 2015. Brown's remarks will address milestone accomplishments from 2014, and some that are on the horizon for 2015.

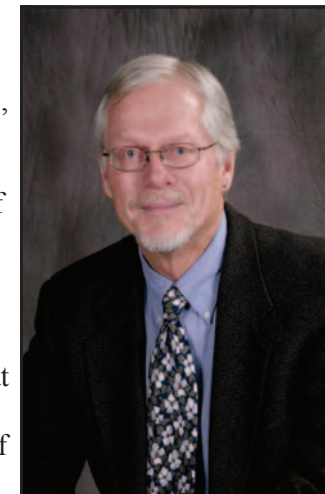
"Doña Ana County provides important services that enhance the health, safety and quality of life of all area residents," Garrett said. "We will reflect on the milestones and accomplishments of 2014, provide an over-



Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown

view of the issues that confront us, and look forward to the work of the upcoming year." Garrett said he is hopeful that former members of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners will attend the address to be recognized, as well as employees who retired during 2014.

Brown said she is working with



County Commission Chairman Billy G. Garrett

Chairman Garrett to formulate the address and coordinate the event, which is being held during the lunch hour in hopes that a greater number of constituents can attend.

For those who cannot attend, Brown said the address will be recorded for later viewing on the county website and on Comcast Channel 20.

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Student art show reception scheduled today

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

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

The student art shows have been a rotating fixture for Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000, with thousands of works by local student artists displayed for the public during that time.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which comprises more than 60 original pieces donated by local artists.

Also on display in the upstairs rotunda are works by students from the J. Paul Taylor Academy and the Hatch Public Schools.



Aspens to the Ski Valley by Joyce T. Macrorie is part of the permanent art collection on display at the Doña Ana County Government Center.

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

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NMSU's Salon Discovery



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New Mexico State University professor Stuart Munson-McGee talks to the audience about "The Science of Chocolate" at Salon Discovery. The event featured discussions from NMSU faculty experts.



Carmen Gimenez Smith, poet, teacher and publisher of Noemi Press, spoke to Salon Discovery attendees on "The New Gutenberg Revolution: Small Press in the 21st Century." Smith teaches at NMSU, where the Salon was held.

Regents Professor and NMSU NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Jim Peach talked about the economics of sports during NMSU's Salon Discovery event Tuesday, March 3.



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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Time change elimination makes sense

New Mexico state Sen. Cliff Pirtle is a no-nonsense guy. He's a farmer. That tells you a lot right there. I've played basketball with him. He's no-nonsense on the court. Sets picks. Plays defense. Hits the jumper regularly when he's open. No trash talk. The only thing I've seen him do that's a little fancy is sport a cool-looking Old West-style mustache. Now he's done something that, to me, is a great common-sense thing. He's introduced a bill in the Senate to do away with daylight-saving time.

People way smarter than I have tried to explain the benefit and value of daylight-saving time. Either I'm too dense to catch on, or their reasoning is flawed. One thing I often hear, in vague, fifth-person terms is, "It has to do with farming."

Pirtle shot some common sense into that old saw. "Farmers and ranchers work from sunrise to sundown, no matter what the clock says," Pirtle said. "Changing the clock is an arcane thing that nobody can explain why we do."

The bill is co-sponsored by Sen. Brian Egolf, a Democrat attorney from Santa Fe. Considering Pirtle is a Republican farmer from Roswell, that means the bill is not only crossing party lines, but geographic and occupational lines as well.

Right now, Arizona and Hawaii stay with one time all year, as well as an odd chunk of Indiana. Florida, Tennessee and eight other states are making a similar push to end the time change.

Federal law allows states to ignore the time change, only requiring that if they do follow it, they stick to the nationally set dates.

The Senate Public Affairs Committee passed the bill, S.B. 377, 5-1, Thursday, Feb. 26. That seems a good start. If legislators don't get too bogged down in details, it should sail through.

Legislators, however, seem to love digging into details, so we shall see.

The Senate's fiscal impact report said there are no fiscal implications associated with ending the time switch. It cites surveys by Rasmussen Reports that conclude 47 percent of Americans "don't think the change is worth the hassle."

Surprisingly, however, 40 percent disagree.

The only time I've ever heard anyone utter anything positive about the time change is the night before the "fall back" date, when people say, "Yay, we get to sleep an extra hour." Those same people complain much more vocally, however, in the spring when they lose an hour.

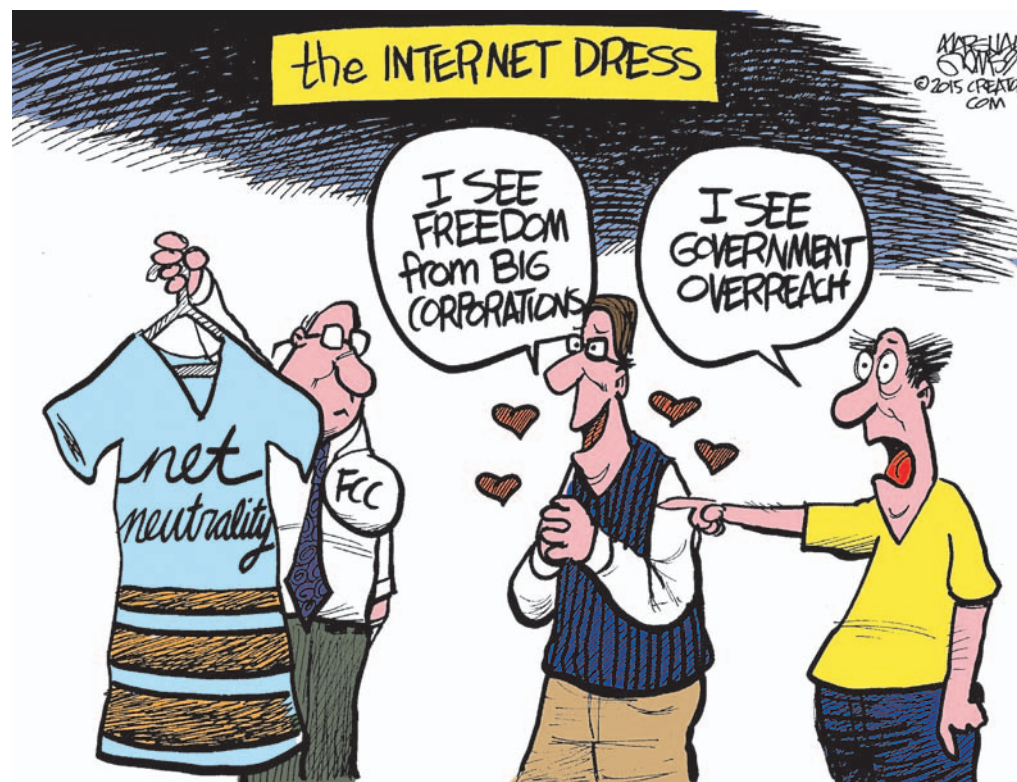
If we are stuck with the time changes, here's a recommendation. Stop doing the change at 2 a.m. Sunday. When we spring forward, make the change at 4 p.m. Friday. That way, those whose work week ends at 5 p.m. Friday, can get a one-hour head start on the weekend.

Then when we fall back, make the change at 5 a.m. Monday.

That way, most of us can hit our snooze button for another hour before work or school.

The U.S. has been implementing DST consistently since the 1940s. So my question is, where are they storing all this daylight that's been saved? Can it be a source of energy for us? Or is it all bound up in wooden crates in a government warehouse like the one where the Ark of the Covenant is kept?

At any rate, good luck Sen. Pirtle with your bill. Makes sense to me.



Letters to the editor Accountability in schools

I recently attended a local school board meeting. The numbers for 2014 graduation rate was a whopping 68 percent. That is 32 out of every 100 never finish.

I hear a lot of criticism of testing, but would like to see the graduation rates prior to their being implemented to see if they are an impediment.

I know all those teachers love their jobs but what about their charges? Loving a job has nothing to do with quality of results. I love a job also when there are no accountability parameters that equate to the end result. Our teachers should really be ashamed of their quality of performance if this is really the right way to teach kids.

Our school district will be paying \$460,000 this year for basically testing

teacher performance. Doesn't anyone realize a 68 percent is a D+. Why test?
Rob Wood

Henson honor deserved

Maybe a year ago, you wrote an editorial urging recognition for Lou Henson by the NCAA Basketball Hall of Fame. You inspired me (a newcomer to Las Cruces) and, no doubt dozens, even hundreds, of others to write letters asking the HOF to further consider Lou's credentials.

I had a distant connection to coach Henson. When he first arrived here in the '50s, he rented his first home from my grandmother, Tommie "Gran" Swader. A gentleman long before he achieved acclaim, she thought he hung the moon.

Many thanks to you and The Bulletin for helping him receive this long-deserved honor.

Jack Skinner

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Memories of a 1968 protest

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



Recently, some students around New Mexico have protested having to waste lots of educational time preparing for and taking accountability tests.

These tests measure teachers, not students. This has me thinking back to 1968, when I was part of a school protest during my senior year.

At the time, I thought Alamogordo High School an awful school where no one learned anything. The cafeteria served bad food every day. And there wasn't enough of it.

In the years since, I have come to realize the real evaluation of schools hinges on what students in the class of 1968 did with their lives. I got a Ph.D. with that public school education.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1968, I arrived at Alamogordo High School to find most of the students sitting on the front lawn instead of going to class. The student leaders were leading a protest of our terrible textbooks.

Remembering I had not done my homework for second period, I sat down with the protesters. Protesting textbooks seemed to be a much better activity than getting the lecture I was going to get for again neglecting to do homework.

The protest leaders spoke about the tragedy of our antiquated textbooks. My textbooks looked very bad because we used them regularly as pucks for hallway hockey games. Otherwise, I had not used them at all.

The grim-faced principal came out and told us to go back to class or we wouldn't graduate. One of the student leaders immediately countered, "They can't flunk all of us."

Like patriots during our country's founding, we hung together so we wouldn't hang separately.

A few minutes passed. It was pleasant on the lawn instead of in class. Next, the assistant principal said the administration heard us and wanted our student leaders to talk to the superintendent. The leaders of the protest left immediately for the superintendent's office.

Our teachers came out and told us to go to class.

Several students said, "Don't go in until the leaders come back."

I passed on the statement to several people since the protest needed to last longer than second period.

Because I was speaking, a teacher asked, "Michael, are you one of the protest leaders?"

"Yes," I said on the spur of the moment. "Everyone, stay right where you are."

Another five students moved up with me to lead the second coming of the protest.

The real student leaders never came back to school that day because they had been locked in the superintendent's office. They went into his office to await their meeting with him. Instead, the staff padlocked the doors closed. Today, those students would own the school system for being locked in a room all day. Back then, when they were released, they just went home.

A local newspaper reporter showed up looking for leaders. I was pointed out so I parroted what I had heard the real leaders say.

Next, the radio station

wanted three students for a program on the protest. That's how I spent the rest of the day talking to the media about the importance of textbooks.

Amazingly, I was on the front page of the evening newspaper that night with several others of the second string protesters.

When I got home, my parents were furious.

"The very idea," my

mother said, "protesting textbooks with your grade point."

She had a point, because my grade point was the lowest it could be and still allow me to play sports.

The teachers had a new respect for me the rest of my senior year. Evidently, I parroted the textbook position well, as if I understood it, so they assumed I cared about my education. Consequently, I started regularly doing homework and decided to attend college.

The organizers of the protest were cranky about us usurpers getting all the press while they were locked away. But there was nothing they could do, the protest was over.

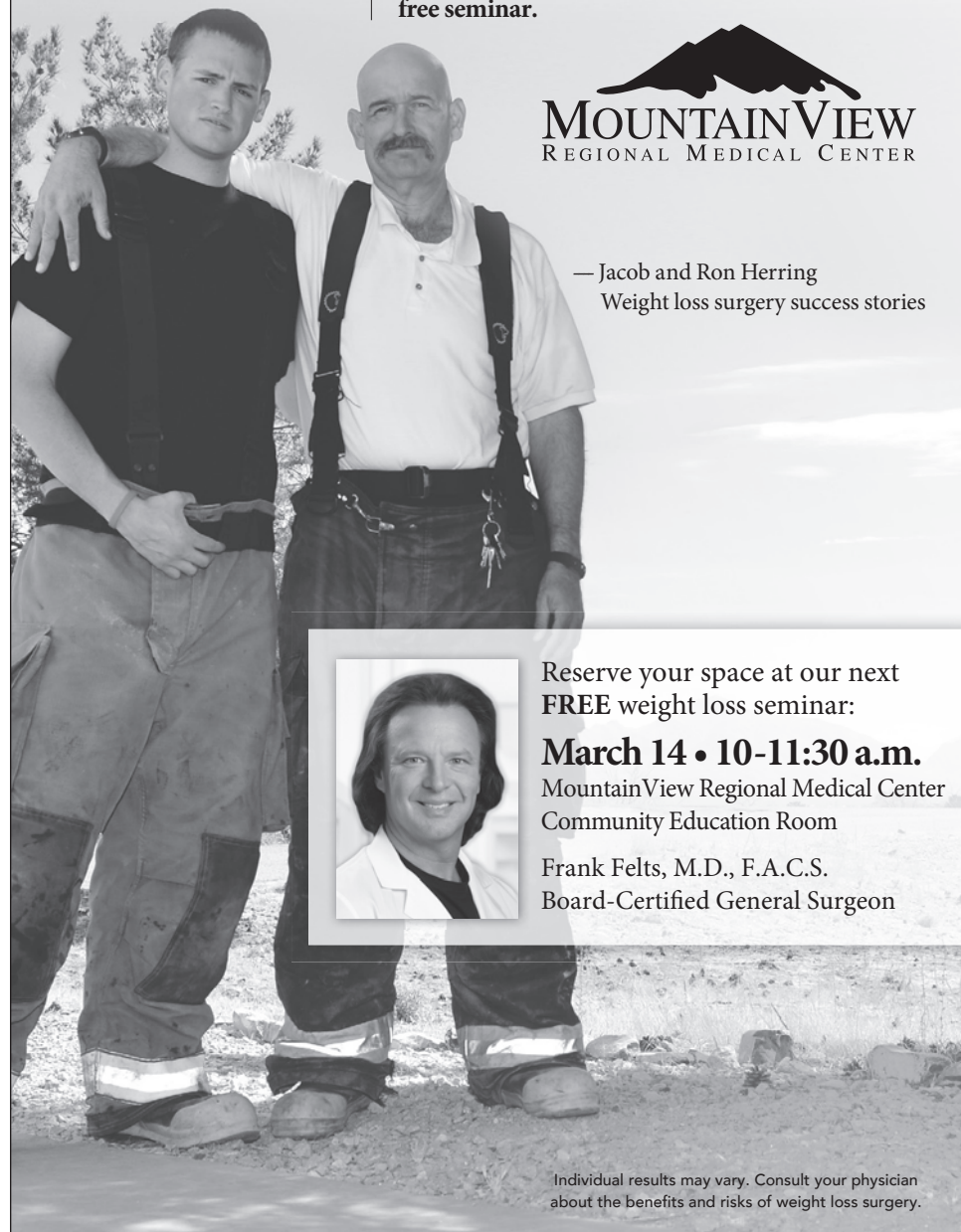
I still have the clippings of the protest. I laugh when I see those stern protester faces, mostly concerned with making it past a class in which they hadn't done their homework.

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

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Medical needs are priority

By **Terry McMillan**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



MCMILLAN

As the only physician in the Legislature and chairman of the House Health Committee, I feel it is my duty to ensure our state is meeting health care needs.

I am focusing on several health-related issues, such as better protections for pregnant women, New Mexico's nursing shortage and access to behavioral health care services. I believe with the right legislation, we can meet our health care needs.

New Mexico needs more protections in the workplace for pregnant women. Pregnant women should be protected from workplace discrimination. Their employers should be required to make reasonable accommodations for them. This could include altering their job description, providing suitable working conditions, hours or other considerations.

One of my bills (HB 409) balances these needs with the needs of small business by prohibiting workplace discrimination against pregnant women, while requiring employers to make reasonable accommodation to their health care needs. Small businesses are excluded from these re-

quirements so they aren't burdened with the increased risks and costs.

I have sponsored legislation (HB 121) that makes funding available to help nurses obtain the advanced degrees required to become instructors. I am co-sponsoring legislation with Sen. Mary Kay Papen to make funds available to New Mexico State University to train more behavioral health nurse practitioners (SB 48) in exchange for remaining in New Mexico to practice. I have also introduced legislation to require Medicaid help pay for the operation of our new Crisis Triage Center (HB 212).

I am promoting legislation that would prohibit hospitals from using "no compete" clauses in hiring and recruiting providers. These clauses force providers to leave the community should they decline the next hospital contract offering.

I have also cosponsored a bill to streamline the state's purchase of vaccines (SB 121, The Vaccine Purchase Act) to help ensure access for our children to necessary vaccines.

I will continue to work toward improving New Mexico's health care needs and take steps in the right direction.

Terry McMillan is an ears, nose and throat surgeon from Las Cruces and a state representative for District 37.

Headline oddities

"Whole Food Sale of Rabbit Meat Sparks Protest!"

Humm? Animal activists compare rabbits to dogs and cats. They are often kept as pets. So are mice, pigs, guppies, weasels and snakes. Do these protesters sit around brainstorming their next great cause?

I can see rabbit rescue facilities forever raising funds, Bureau of Land Management adoption programs and, eventually, feral rabbits being shipped to Mexico by the millions to be slaughtered for human consumption.

"Illegal Immigrants Granted Amnesty Creates Controversy!"

Humm? They can already get a driver's license, pay taxes and be given parking tickets that are printed in Spanish. I would suggest, to be fair to the hundreds of thousands waiting in line to immigrate legally, that those cutting in line must be

required to buy their own Unaffordable Health Care policy first.

"City Aims to Kill All Feral Pigs!"

Humm? San Diego: Feral pigs frequently demolish entire ecosystems making it crucial to eliminate them. The animal rights group PETA objects; "...should not be killed just trying to provide food for their families to survive." As with the feral horses, the activists never have any real solutions, all they have is another cause for fund raising, which, of course, is how they make a living. If they were truly serious, each protester, activist and member of PETA would show their personal commitment by adopting their own feral pig - caring for it, feeding it, containing it, giving it regular medical care, having it inspected monthly by the local Extension Agent, then be humanely euthanized.

"Are Insects the Next Frontier in Fine Dining?"

Humm? "Entomophagy could prove a nutritional and eco-friendly solution as overpopulation strains our current food systems!" Ants and grasshoppers seem to be the common insect on the menu. Would these insects be domestically raised and killed humanely? Would each ant be given a postage stamp-sized pen that allows it to turn around and lay down? Would it be overseen by the Department of Agriculture? How 'bout feral insects? Will there be a season? Could you get your grasshopper license for Bucks Only? Would college classes on raising grubs, butterflies and beetles be taught to the hungry 3rd World? Where would you start ... Zimbabwe, the Andes, Detroit, New Mexico, San Francisco? Care for some tapeworm pasta?

Conclusion: The more advanced a civilization becomes, the farther it gets from the real world.

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Foster care system must be improved

By **Gerald Ortiz y Pino** and **Steven P. Neville**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Among government's critical responsibilities is protecting children from abuse and neglect. Our goal in this legislative session is to improve the foster care system for children placed in the state's custody because their parents are unable or unwilling to care for them.

We are co-sponsoring Senate Public Affairs Committee substitute for Senate Bill 115 to help accomplish that. The Senate has unanimously approved the legislation, which will lay a foundation for realigning citizen review boards required by federal law to help oversee the state's efforts at safeguarding children in foster care.

Let us be clear at the outset: The purpose of the legislation is to ensure the state's policies and practices effectively serve children.

We've heard concerns that proposed changes would silence citizen input into decisions about foster children. Rest assured, the legislation will not do that.

In fact, citizen advocates for improving child welfare can more effectively influence state policies if SB115 is approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Susana Martinez.

The legislation is straightforward. It reorganizes an advisory committee to include representatives of the state agency responsible for child protection, the courts, former foster children as well as members of the public.

The state will continue to have citizen review boards. Federal law requires each state to have at least three of those panels, and our proposal certainly allows more than that.

The legislation directs the advisory committee to determine the best mission for these citizen pan-

els, which currently review each foster child's case and submit reports to the courts. We are proposing to restructure that review system because it is currently not providing meaningful recommendations to those who must make the difficult decisions in abuse and neglect cases, including whether to reunite children and their parents.

Our legislation enjoys bipartisan support and is a good faith effort to preserve independent oversight of the foster care system while providing the courts, the Children, Youth and Families Department and the Legislature with valuable citizen input on how the state can best protect children. We all share that goal.

Gerald Ortiz y Pino is the Democratic senator for District 12 covering Bernalillo County and Steven P. Neville is the Republican senator for District 2 covering San Juan County.

Democrats counter with Ready to Work

By **Bill Soules**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Senate Democrats have unveiled an economic development plan for New Mexico they call Ready to Work, which would capitalize on the strengths of New Mexico and New Mexicans and create more than 73,000 jobs.

Thousands of workers in our state have all the skills and drive that good employers want. They are Ready to Work, but the jobs are not available. That's why our caucus is rolling out an economic development plan with strong measures to help working people in our state by attracting new employers and creating more home-

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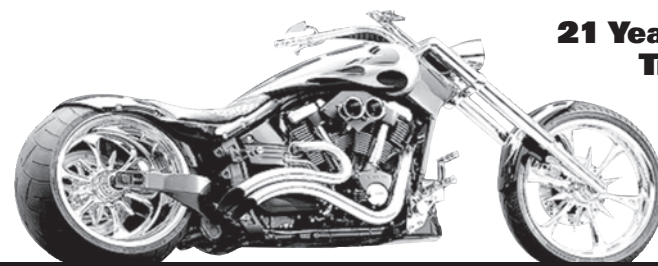
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“A Little Magic Under the Big Top,” a night full of food, fun and intrigue will celebrate and raise funds for the Doña Ana/Grant County office of Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region.

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Branigan Book Sale

A book sale will benefit Thomas Branigan Memorial Library by

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The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (FTBML) will conduct the book sale from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

“Not to worry, though,” said Don Behnke, FTBML president. “We’ll have membership forms at the door. So those who want can join on the spot and take advantage of the bargains.”

“Speaking of bargains,” said Branigan Library Administrator Renée Payne Frankel, “the special feature will be VHS tapes. We’re not collecting them anymore and we’ve taken them off the shelves to make room for other media formats. So, this is a great opportunity for anyone who’s interested to build

up their personal video library, and help FTBML raise money for the library.”

Besides hardcover books and VHS tapes, paperback books and other treasures will be available. In the past, FTBML book sales have featured LP recordings, bookmarks, audiobooks and more.

“These book sales are really one of the better bargains you’ll find in town when it comes to reading matter,” Behnke said. “Plus, when you buy books here, you’re helping FTBML to fund library programs and services.”

For more information call 528-4000.

Water platica

The Camino Real Trail Association (CARTA) will be hosting a platica, or talk, 7 p.m., Friday, March 6, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

“Hydrogeology of Central Jornada del Muerto: Implications for travel along El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro” is the topic.

The presentation will discuss a recent study by

the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, a division of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

The project assesses the relationship between water availability and historic travel along El Camino Real del Tierra Adentro, specifically within the Jornada del Muerto.

The segment of the Camino Real that traverses the Jornada del Muerto, which translates as “Journey of the Dead” stretches 64 miles from San Diego in the south to Fra Cristobal in the north. It is commonly thought that the Jornada Del Muerto, was one of the most feared sections along El Camino Real due, primarily, to the scarcity of water. Archaeologists have hypothesized that water availability largely influenced the travel route and locations of parajes (campsites) in the Jornada Del Muerto.

A variety of geologic, hydrologic, and geochemical techniques were used to develop a conceptual model of the hydrogeologic system

within the Jornada. Using this hydrogeologic conceptualization, researchers analyzed water sources available to travelers, which include springs, playas, intermittent streams and shallow groundwater, to evaluate the reliability of these sources and how much water would be available to travelers. The results of this study suggest that the formidable reputation of the Jornada del Muerto may be unearned, or more precisely, that the rendering of the Spanish name, “Jornada del Muerto” may be in error.

CARTA welcomes the public to the talk.

Anti-abortion march planned

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completed, 20 days to go of our 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting, compassionate outreach, and peaceful vigil,” said Mark Cavaliere, who is coordinating the 40 Days for Life in Las Cruces.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7, participants will first meet near Covenant Clinic, 3961 E Lohman Ave., for an opening prayer and remarks by Bishop Oscar Cantú, who will then lead in the ‘March of the Crosses’ event.

Participants sign a “statement of peace” pledging to be peaceful, Christ-like and law-abiding,” and pray in the public right-of-way outside Whole Woman’s Health of New Mexico at 3900 E Lohman Ave.

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resident, said those caring for cat colonies would already be paying about \$45 per cat to have them spayed or neutered and vaccinated – not to mention the money they will be spending on food and other needs of the colonies.

Frank Bryce, president of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico, said the goal of decriminalizing cat colonies is to control their populations, which is why eventually the city will limit the number of cat colonies. Bryce said the cat colony managers will provide the paperwork needed

to track the success of the effort.

Bryce said his group already is working with about a dozen cat colony caretakers ready to register with the city if it's not onerous.

Jess Williams, speaking as chairman of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, said the higher fees would only serve to drive management of feral-cat colonies underground.

"What we know is that feral-cat colonies are already being managed without having any oversight or standards," Williams said. "We also know that many of our largest and problematic feral-cat colonies are in low-income areas and mobile home parks where the colony management

is borne of people with good hearts but shallow pockets. We should offer all willing colony managers tools rather than roadblocks."

In the end, the councillors agreed and set the fees at a uniform \$10 application fee for special permits and a \$50 a year fee to maintain the permit. In addition, the council agreed to delay implementing the annual fee to July 1, meaning those applying before then would only pay \$10 the first year.

Other fees include \$50 per year for an intact animal; \$7 for a spayed or neutered pet; \$5 for seniors with spayed or neutered pet; \$10 animal carcass pickup; \$5 per site for residential multiple animals (more

than three and less than eight) \$25 first year, \$20 each year after; commercial kennel \$10 annual, \$50 first and renewal years, guard dogs \$10 per site, \$15 renewal; a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog (as determined in court) at \$150 a year and \$200 a year; and a transport fee at \$20.

In other business, the City Council approved terms for a Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) project in which Franco Whole Foods would open a tortilla factory in return for creating at least 50 jobs, though the company, which supplies chain stores

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such as Costco, expects to create up to 160 jobs at the factory.


The City Council also heard a presentation about El Paso Electric Co. plans to raise rates next year. Las Cruces Rocky Bacchus said his research shows that Las Cruces residents are paying 20 percent more than El Paso residents. Bacchus criticized El Paso Electric for being more willing to invest in new natural gas power plants than solar plants, which he said have lower operational costs.

City Manager Robert Garza said the city has a lawyer with utility expertise on contract to represent the city

government as a large user and for city residents in any rate case El Paso Electric files with the Public Regulation Commission (PRC).

Councillor Miguel Silva objected to a recommendation in Bacchus' presentation to hire Merrie Lee Soules, a former Democratic PRC candidate and sister of state Sen. Bill Soules. While he understood the desire for the city to be more aggressive in combating electric rate increases, Silva said he didn't feel it was proper to lobby the City Council to hire a specific person.


The details of Bacchus' presentation can be found online at www.lifeisgood2.com/pva/epeovercharge.htm.



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SLO announces grazing fee hike

Bulletin Staff Report

State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn announced the 2015 grazing fees on state trust lands would be set at \$4.80 per animal unit month (AUM), to take effect Oct. 1. The 2014 fee was \$3.99.

Grazing fees on state trust lands are set by the commissioner using a formula determined by New Mexico State University after considering market conditions. This year, NMSU determined the fee per AUM would be increased by 20.25 percent. Federal grazing fees also increased

this year by 25.18 percent per AUM on public lands.

The increase will raise the total income to state land trust beneficiaries to \$8.08 million. Total lands included in the agricultural leasing program are 8,746,502 acres.

"We are seeing record-high cattle prices and that, with the forage availability of our state lands, has resulted in an increase in grazing fees," Dunn said. "The increase in income will go directly to fund our public schools and higher education in New Mexico."

Good Samaritan Garage Sale



Las Cruces Civitan Club President Linda Coshenet labels prices for items at the Good Samaritan Society - Las Cruces Village Wednesday, March 4, in preparation for the Good Samaritan Garage Sale, which will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7. The annual fundraiser will feature a wide variety of items from furniture and electronics to kitchen items, linens and lamps. A favorite event for collectors, the items are donated by residents who have passed away and by donations. Money raised will give residents iPads. Residents also host a book and record sale to benefit Good Sam's library and breakfast burritos will be sold as a fundraiser for multiple sclerosis.

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At around 7:20 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, a resident was walking from his vehicle near the 600 block of Lane Street when he was approached by two men who asked for loose change. The man began

to hand over a few dollar bills when one of the suspects pulled out a knife and threatened the victim.

The two men took cash from the victim and then ran north through the alley between Miranda and Melendres streets.

No injuries were reported.

The suspect armed with the knife was said to be a black male, 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall with a slender build. He was said to have

a small goatee and wore his hair in an Afro. He was described as wearing black denim skinny jeans and a black Ecko Unlimited "Rhino design" hoodie.

The second suspect was said to be white male with blond, shaggy hair and blue eyes. He was said to be about 5 feet 5 inches tall and very thin, possibly weighing about 100 pounds.

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspects is asked to call

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or

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Laura Cruz, 18, is lifted on the shoulders of her fellow Mayfield High School students to better show her protest sign to passing motorists Monday, March 2, about their objection to new standardized tests.

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stayed off the sidewalk to avoid being cited as truant for leaving school grounds.

Organized by social media, the student protests are objecting to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing beginning Monday. The PARCC tests are controversial because they take about nine hours to complete and are set to new Common Core standards. PARCC scores will count for not only student graduations, but also will be factored into teacher and test participation factored into school evaluations.

New Mexico is part of a 12-state consortium that assisted Pearson Education Inc. in creating the tests, which are done on a computer instead of “fill in the bubble” standardized tests of the past. Working educators are critical of the test content, saying the tests are so hard that only the brightest students will be able to pass them, especially the math portion at the high school level that requires an advanced level of math calculations.

Rounds acknowledged the concerns about how difficult the tests are and recounted a legislative committee exercise in which lawmakers were unable to pass the PARCC tests for fifth-graders.

“This is a hard test,” Rounds said.

In terms of passing or failing, Rounds said the test has not yet been “normed,” meaning the score for passing will be affected by the overall performance of all students.

Beyond the anxieties surrounding a new, computerized test set to new

standards, Rounds said the PARCC is prompting protests because of the “high stakes” nature of the tests in that the scores will affect teacher evaluations and grades given to schools. Because adults – parents and school staff – are also anxious about the tests, the students are also voicing those concerns in their protests.

The combined concerns were illustrated by a sign carried by Mayfield student Travis Smith, 15, quoting Diane Ravitch, an education historian who has become the leader of the movement against corporate-influenced school reform: “Sometimes the most brilliant and intelligent minds do not shine in standardized tests because they do not have standardized minds.”

Lina Smith, 16, his sister, said she found the quote online and chose it to be put on a sign because it described what she is finding objectionable in the school system’s heavy focus on testing.

“I’m here for multiple reasons,” Lina Smith said. “I’m protesting the over-testing, but we’re also here for our mom, who is a teacher.”

Their mother is Virginia Smith, a middle school teacher. Lina Smith said the teachers can’t even teach to the tests because they don’t know what the tests are asking.

Results of the PARCC tests will be factored into teacher evaluation, Rounds said, amounting to 35 percent of a teacher evaluation score.

Rounds said parents of students participating in the walkout will be notified and make-up tests will be offered in the high schools. That’s because high school diploma

requirements require participation in assessment tests and attendance, he said.

While high-schoolers do have an option for an alternative graduation assessment based on class performance and teacher recommendations, that route is only available to students if they were unable to pass the assessment test after three attempts, Rounds said. Also, a 90 percent attendance rate in all classes is required for a student to graduate, he said, and the first class period is one of the more common absences students get.

“At the end of the day, what I want is to graduate as many students as possible,” Rounds said. “Wouldn’t it be sad if they don’t make it because they didn’t make it to class this one day to participate in this protest.”

For the attendance portion, parents could excuse their child’s absence to participate in the protest, Rounds said, but high-schoolers who weren’t able to pass the old assessment in two previous attempts are encouraged to take a make-up PARCC test so they can still have the alternative diploma route open to them. The number of students in this situation should be small, he said.

“We believe the majority of students are going to take the tests,” Rounds said.

Rounds said LCPS is bound by law to offer the PARCC tests, even though many administrators are sympathetic with the objections being raised.

There is an adequate number of computers in the school district for the students to take the tests, Rounds said, but they are vulnerable to

PARCC according to PED

A fact sheet on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) created by the New Mexico Public Education Department states the following:

PARCC is an annual assessment in English Language Arts and in math for students in grades three to 11. New Mexico students have taken annual assessments in these subjects for decades.

While PARCC is new this year, it is not an additional test. PARCC replaces the SBA in English language arts and in math.

Annual assessments are an important tool that help educators identify and support a student’s specific learning needs, and provides parents with information about whether their children are progressing academically as they should.

New Mexico is transitioning to PARCC because it is a better exam aligned with the Common Core State Standards educators have been teaching in their classrooms since the standards were adopted in New Mexico in 2010.

PARCC focuses on problem solving and critical thinking. PARCC was developed by more than 2,000 educators and experts.

With PARCC, state required testing time is reduced by 2.5 hours across all grades. PARCC testing time is less than 2 percent of all classroom time. Time on the test varies between 6.5 and 10.5 hours according to grade level.

software difficulties, such as a systemwide program update prior to a recent trial run of the tests. The same software update was due prior to Monday’s test.

On Tuesday, March 3, new members of the Las Cruces school board – Edward Frank and Maury Castro – were sworn in prior to school board work session, in which students and educators voiced their concerns about testing.

Joanna Esquibel told the board she retired from teaching because of the pressure testing is putting on educators.

“It’s hard for teachers, as professionals, to feel that what we’re doing is beneficial,” she said. “We know that the system is flawed.”

Patricia Wojahn, a professor at New Mexico State University, said tying teacher evaluations to tests that haven’t been “normed” is unfair, likening it to evaluating dentists based on the number of cavities their patients have.

Rounds assured the board that the district is complying with state requirements while also advocating for student and teacher concerns.

“We’re in compliance mode, not necessarily in agreement mode,” he said.

Rounds said the district has repeatedly advocated on behalf of students and teachers with regard to the PARCC exams. He said he hopes state lawmakers will pass legislation to give school systems more time to adjust to the new tests.

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Knights ride hot streak into playoffs

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

Not one, not two but three close games have given the Oñate High School boys basketball team momentum.

The Knights are in the state postseason playoffs due to an upset of Las Cruces High in the District 3-6A postseason finale Saturday, Feb. 27.

Oñate now will travel to Valley High School in Albuquerque to take on the Vikings (16-9) at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the first round of the New Mexico Class 6A state championships. Valley is entering the state championships after claiming the district 5-6A championship against Albuquerque High.

Las Cruces plays at West Mesa High, also 7 p.m. Saturday.

Centennial High, meanwhile, is the top seed in the Class 5A state tournament and plays host to Capital 6 p.m. Saturday.

In Class 3A, Mesilla Valley Christian is seeded No. 1 and plays host to Cuba at 6 p.m. Saturday.

As for Oñate, the victory against LCHS was the most recent in a four-game winning streak that started with a one-point victory against the Deming Wildcats for Oñate's final regular season road game.

Entering the district 3-6A tournament at 13-13, Oñate was not the favorite to win it all.

Despite slow starts, the Knights have been able to play strong second halves and close out games with resilient defense. Oñate encountered their second nail biter during their first round game against the Gadsden Panthers, when they again claimed a one-point victory.

"I think the biggest thing we have been able to do is have good endurance in the fourth quarter," head coach Saul Perez said.

"We do that by playing a lot of bodies and I think that has been the difference. When the body gets tired, it's hard to execute and think, and for us, we have been

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Next generation of Aggies?



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Four-year-old T-ball player Trey Luchetti, left, smiles with excitement as members of the team Kings of Crash photobomb in the background, while five players from the team The Avengers, right, pose for a photo Friday, Feb. 27, during opening ceremonies for the Las Cruces Youth Baseball Association at Presely Askew Field on the New Mexico State University campus. The players from different age groups took to the field where the Aggies play and then were able to stay and watch NMSU's home opener against Incarnate Word. For photos of the Aggies' first game, see page A17.

NMSU basketball teams finish off regular season

The regular-season champs look to go out in style.

The New Mexico State University mens basketball team has already clinched the regular-season Western Athletic Conference title. Now the Aggies (20-10 overall, 12-1 WAC) will try to send their seniors out with a victory during Pack the Pan Am Night Saturday, March 7, at the Pan American Center.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

The NMSU women's team has also snared the league's regular-season championship. The NMSU women (19-7, 12-1), finish off their

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Both squads hold the top seed for the WAC postseason tournament Wednesday through Sunday, March 11-

14, in Las Vegas, Nev. A tournament title would send either team to the NCAA Tournament.

The NMSU men defeated Texas Pan-American Wednesday, March 4, in a game postponed from Feb. 28 due to weather.

Led by senior center Tshilidzi "Chili" Nephawe, the Aggies beat the Broncs 69-48.

Nephawe racked up his fourth double-double of the season. He paced NMSU with 19 points and 14 rebounds to go with two blocked shots, two assists and a steal.

The victory gave the

Aggies their fourth-straight 20-win season – and sixth in eight seasons – under head coach Marvin Menzies.

"We played fantastic defense," Menzies said. "We forced them into some bad shots. Offensively we stepped up, especially (Chili)."

Senior forward Remi Barry opened the scoring with a 3-pointer and the Aggies never looked back and never trailed.

In addition to Nephawe's 19 points, sophomore guard Ian Baker added 13 points with three assists, while senior guard Daniel Mullings collected 12 points with three steals.

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able to do that better in the fourth quarter.”

Led by guard trio Sam Silva, Darnell Cuylear and Mike Uribe, the Las Cruces High Bulldawgs, who had claimed the district 3-6A regular season title, were heavily favored over the Knights in the district championship game.

Backed by late-game defense and clutch free-throw shooting from senior leader Isaiah Blanco, the Knights were able to secure a 56-54 win to claim the tournament title and advance to the state tournament.

“There is a lot involved in late-game situations because there is so much strategy, but it’s good for us that these kids are getting that experience in those tight games and winning those games. We feel when you win a close game like that, it carries you a

long way down the road.” Perez said.

Blanco, who made the two late free throws against the Bulldawgs, has been an example of this team’s work ethic and determination.

“Just keeping up with hard work,” Blanco said of the Knights’ practice routine.

“We have a pretty good idea of what we need to do this Saturday, but going hard and giving it all we got is our main focus.”

The Knights have become a very solid defensive team of late, putting more emphasis on a press down the stretch.

“Our defensive pressure is the No. 1 key right now,” Perez said.

“Our pressure in the full floor has really improved in the past three to four weeks, we started spending more time on it in practice and realized that we are going to have to use the bodies we have.”

“I think right now we are more concerned about continuing to do what we do best and not worry too much about the opponent,” Perez said.

“Of course we want to watch some film and understand Valley’s players tendencies and what they do best, but at the end of the day, 80 to 90 percent of practice time is just continuing to get better at what we do.”

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Class 5A

No. 16 Capital at No. 1 Centennial

Tipoff: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7

Class 6A

No. 9 Las Cruces at No. 8 West Mesa

Tipoff: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7

No. 12 Oñate at No. 5 Valley

Tipoff: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7

NMAA STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Class 5A

No. 14 Centennial at No. 3 Roswell

Tipoff: 6 p.m. Friday, March 6

Class 6A

No. 14 Rio Rancho at No. 3 Mayfield

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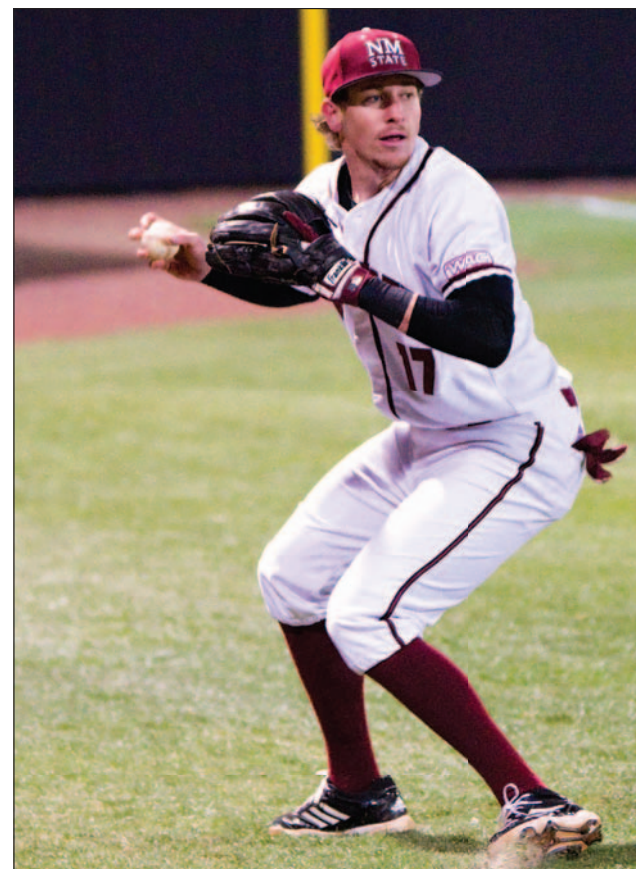
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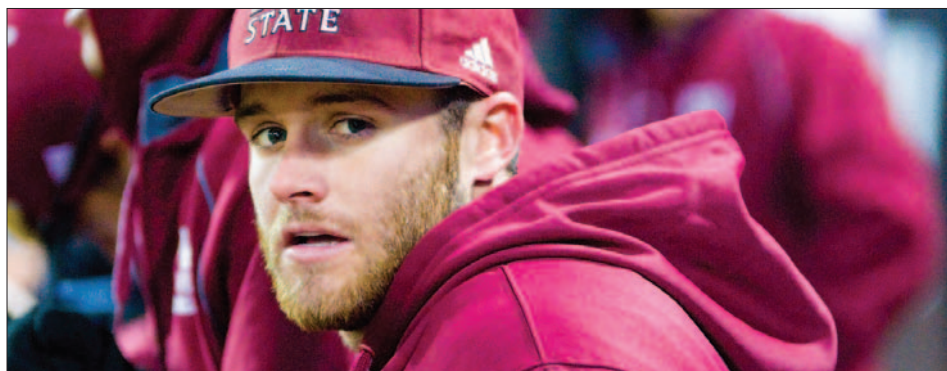
LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University Pitcher Riley Barr unleashes a throw to the plate in the Aggies' home opener against Incarnate Word Friday, Feb. 27. NMSU lost 6-4 but picked up its first win of the season, 8-7, the next day.



NMSU infielder Derek Umphres fields a ground ball and surveys the field for a possible throw.

An Aggie cheers for his teammates from the dugout area. NMSU and new head coach Brian Green have started the season 1-12, but have a chance to pick up more wins at home with a three-game series against Northern Kentucky, Friday to Sunday, March 6-8.



NMSU hosts football pro day for scouts


Eleven former New Mexico State football players took part in "Pro Day," showing off their skills to four different NFL scouts, Tuesday, March 3, at Aggie Memorial Stadium and the Coca-Cola Weight Training Center.

Among the 11 former players were running back and Las Cruces native Brandon Betancourt and center Valerian Ume-Ezeoke.


Ezeoke, who came in weighing 305 pounds, hammered out 27 reps on the bench press of 225 pounds, while tight end Andy Dean wasn't too far behind at 24 reps. Former

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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SIERRA GONZALEZ
is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. She is pitcher on the Lady Knights softball team. This season, Gonzales has seven innings pitched with no runs earned, six strike outs and just one hit against. She has a great attitude and is ready to tackle any challenge she may face. Gonzales is a talented all around athlete with a terrific attitude toward the game. She has a strong work ethic on and off the field. In the classroom, Gonzales is also a dedicated student, with a 3.10 GPA. Outside of softball, she enjoys spending time with family and friends and loves to volunteer whenever possible – she is a volunteer for medical/health-related benefits.



RICHARD VALENZUELA
is an 18-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He is pitcher on the Knights baseball team. In the first game of this season, Valenzuela saved two innings, pitched no runs, had two hits and four strike outs in a 2-1 win at the El Paso Franklin on Feb. 24. He is a great leader, with a "team first" mentality and cares deeply about his teammates. Valenzuela has overcome a few challenges in his life to become the responsible, respectful and caring young man that he is today. His recent academic achievements (3.60 GPA) have been the highlight of his four years of high school. Off the field and out of the classroom, Valenzuela enjoys time with family and his dog, Champ.

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Golfers expect a good year from local clubs



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Editor's Note: This is the second in a two-part series about Las Cruces-area golf courses.

Red Hawk Golf Club, which opened in October 2011, is the newest championship

golf course in Southern New Mexico. The course hasn't been open long enough to engineer any drastic design or layout changes, but they have cleared away considerable underbrush in the

ample desert stretches between bordering holes. It seems everything is big at Red Hawk, including the width of the cart paths, the size of the ponds and the length of the holes. Red Hawk's bunkers are plentiful, often huge and cavernously deep with high walls and steep faces, but with sand that is consistently fine and without stones.

For walkers there are dirt paths for shortcuts between holes and mowed pathways leading directly to the fairway between teeing grounds.

The greens are very large with lots of tiers and undulations. Although the grass is in good condition, and the greens do roll true and have no bare spots, it requires considerable local knowledge (e.g. understanding where to avoid misses with approach shots and knowing how putts break) to make a lot of putts.

The biggest news coming from Red Hawk is the construction of a

'Red Hawk's bunkers are plentiful, often huge and cavernously deep with high walls and steep faces.'

spacious, well-appointed clubhouse, expected to begin very soon. The original (current) domed-style clubhouse has been temporary from the start; it will serve as a special events center after the new permanent clubhouse is in operation, Ryan Flamm, the head PGA professional at Red Hawk, said. Flamm shared with me the following: "The new clubhouse (with planned amenities) will astonish all who visit. The layout will feature a large events pavilion, state-of-the-art fitness and wellness center, resort-style swimming pool, multiple restaurants with indoor and outdoor dining, a first-class golf retail shop, tennis courts and many other amenities that will cater to all sorts of club aficionados."

Red Hawk continues to welcome daily fee golfers, while there are various affordable membership plans available.

Early in 2014, New Mexico State University Golf Course had several upgrades, which I documented with a column last June. They expanded the total area represented by watered and playable grass, thanks mostly to sod from the Aggie Memorial football stadium, which was replaced by artificial turf. With the placement of several new tee boxes, the NMSU course plays longer than ever from the tips, which may be, in part, a testimony to how far those college flatbellies hit the ball. Despite some of the upgrades and alterations to the course, including

different bunkers and removal of many old trees, the golf course remains a classic design and layout, with greens that aren't tricked-up and appear and putt pretty much the same as when I started playing it in 1988.

Golfers who play the NMSU golf course as regulars, as well as patrons who visit only occasionally, will immediately notice the removal of vegetation and underbrush within many of the desert areas still part of the golf course. According to NMSU's Director of Golf, PGA pro Dan Koesters, this mostly has been removal of overgrown and some dead vegetation, which will probably begin re-growing very soon. It also stands to reason that creating more open desert borders will make it easier (and safer) for golfers to locate their golf ball after hitting errant shots, and allow them to more readily get a club on the ball for their next shot. Such factors inevitably serve to improve the pace of play, Koesters said.

In addition, Koesters said, the NMSU facility continues to promote the "Get Golf Ready" teaching program initiated by the PGA of America, which features instruction throughout the summer; their proprietary Golf Academy for aspiring junior golfers; and in-house club fitting operation, which boasts a state-of-the-art launch monitor.

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	Mar 19 Thursday	Optimize Your Home Irrigation System <small>Learn how to check a home irrigation system for efficiency and how to optimize it.</small>	Dr. Rolston St. Hilaire, NMSU
	Mar 24 TUESDAY	Climate Change, What the Research Tells Us <small>Explain the current and anticipated future effects of climate change on our local climate and water supply, and steps to ameliorate it.</small>	Dr. David Gutzler, University of New Mexico
	Apr 2 Thursday	How to Program an Irrigation Timer and a SMART Controller <small>Learn how to program a controller correctly and know when to adjust it to use water efficiently.</small>	Ken Futrell, Ewing Irrigation

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City of Las Cruces



Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Zak Hansen
Reflections

75 years ago

1940

• New Mexico Sen. Dennis Chavez and the Mexican Ambassador to the United States, Hon. Francisco Castillo Najera, were negotiating with Mexican authorities for the scheduling of a football game between the University of Mexico and the New Mexico State College at Las Cruces, during the celebration of the Cuarto Centennial, and upon occasion of the dedication of the Francisco Sarabia Library at State College Oct. 12, the Las Cruces Citizen Reported. Serabin, a famous Mexican pilot, was killed in a projected flight from Washington to Mexico City in 1939, and was an NMSU alumnus.

• A front-page piece in the Citizen about McCarty's Dairy—a "modern up-to-date dairy and one of the best known in this community" – extolled the virtues of milk, reading: "A bottle of milk is a bottle of health is an expression of today that is quite in order. Many people can point to their pure healthful milk and say this. A glass of milk at 10 in the morning and 3, in the afternoon wards of (sic) that tired feeling. It beautifies the skin and clears the complexion. Everywhere, school and health authorities are insisting that milk be served to school children. Serve milk at meal time and between meals, too, to the whole family. Milk consistently used builds health and vigor in the frailest body, colors pale cheeks, revitalizes wavery nerves."

• More tidbits of international information – with liberal editorializing – filled space in this week's Las Cruces Citizen. "The girls in Sofia, Bulgaria, don't worry about leap years because there are three bachelors for every two eligible girls," one piece read. "And the girls are having such a grand time at all the parties, dances and outings that they are becoming marriage-shy. The men think that's carrying things a little too far!!!"

• "Peasants wearing long beards are not permitted to ride on the Moscow's subway; beards are regarded by the Soviets as a menace to health," another piece read, "But dropping bombs aren't, of course."



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY RIO GRANDE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS PHOTO

This photograph, dated 1920, shows the employees of the completed Rio Grande Storage Project, damming the Rio Grande and creating the Elephant Butte reservoir.

• Finally, the Citizen reported, "Buenos Aires motorists are compelled by the authorities to keep their cars free from mud. And pedestrians too."

50 years ago

1965

• Presley Askew, basketball coach at New Mexico State University, "resigned a 32-year coaching reign to accept a position as assistant to the dean of students at NMSU," the Las Cruces Citizen reported. Askew was quoted as saying, "Naturally, I'm going to miss coaching. It was very rewarding, but I feel it's a young man's profession and I've been at it for 32 years, which is long for anybody." The feature lauded Askew's career both out of state and at home at NMSU. "His Aggie clubs garnered one outright Border Conference Championship in 1959-60 and two first-place ties in 1958-59 and 1960-61," the piece continued.

25 years ago

1990

• "While both sides in the hotly-contested Mesilla

elections claimed to be representing the views of Mesillans, the nearly 800 voters who cast their ballots yesterday chose a slower rate of development and preservation of the town's green belt when they elected 'Los Mesilleros' candidates Nelson 'Dyke' Clayshulte mayor, and Roman Aranda III and Ed Southworth trustees," the March 7 Las Cruces Bulletin reported.

• Members of the New Mexico Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Coalition and the state chapter of the Sierra Club "blasted" a bill introduced by Republican congressman Joe Skeen that would designate 58,560 acres in the Organ Mountains as a national conservation area, the Bulletin reported. Opposition to the bill claimed it would "leave the management of the area completely to the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior." Perry Plummer, a member of several local environmental groups, asked, "What happens if we get another Wyatt?" referring to the former Secretary James Wyatt, whose controversial environmental record had recently led to his forced resignation from the position.

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SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers will host a dance from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Alma d'arte charter school (Court Youth Center), 402 W. Court Ave.

Music by Mark Coker. Couples, singles and their guests are welcome.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is \$6.

For more information, call 649-5306.

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DANCESPORT

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BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge

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At a meeting Tuesday, March 3, the Las Cruces school board swore in new members Maury Castro and Ed Frank. Maria Flores was elected president, Chuck Davis as vice president and Barbara Hall as secretary. Pictured are Castro, Davis, Flores, Frank and Hall.



Dave Almquist, Genesis HealthCare executive vice president, presented staff at the Village at Northrise a trophy Tuesday, March 3, for raising the most funds for Alzheimer's disease with the company.

Village at Northrise raises more than \$11,000 for Alzheimer's Association

The Village at Northrise, a 16-acre Genesis HealthCare continuing care community located at 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, announced Tuesday, March 3, that last year it joined the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's and raised more than \$11,000 to fund Alzheimer's Association care, support and research programs.

The Village at Northrise community includes a 24-bed specialized Alzheimer's

Care Program. The Village at Northrise was presented with a trophy by Dave Almquist, Genesis HealthCare's executive vice president, West Division.

The trophy presentation and ceremony honored the center's 2014 commitment to raising funds for this important cause. The Village at Northrise, providing senior living, skilled nursing and independent living services, raised the most funds of any of the more than 400 Genesis

HealthCare centers nationwide. Genesis HealthCare raised more than \$250,000 company-wide as a Silver National Team.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. As baby boomers age, the number of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease will rapidly escalate.

"The dedication of The Village at Northrise will help the Alzheimer's Association continue to move forward with its vision of a world without Alzheimer's," Almquist said.

"I am so proud of all our staff members here at The Village at Northrise," shares Executive Director Donald Wilson said. "With the funds raised, the Alzheimer's Association will be able to provide much needed education, support services and care to families affected by this devastating disease, as well as fund critically needed Alzheimer's research."

Throughout 2014, The Village at Northrise employees raised money with a number different efforts including "The Hallmark Bakers," a group of ladies from Independent Living who held six bake sales throughout the year raising approximately \$2,000 for the cause.

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February 28, 2015

TOMAS HERNANDEZ RODRIGUEZ, 88, of Tortugas entered eternal life Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the son of Luis and Juanita Rodriguez, Tomas lived the majority of his life in Deming, and Las Cruces, NM. He joined the United States Navy in 1944 and was one of a few remaining World War II Veterans. Tomas took pride in serving in all three branches of the military, the Army, Navy and Air Force and took the time to speak with the young men and women currently serving the military. A passionate storyteller, he had the keen ability to take you on a journey through the adventures of his life. After serving his country, Tomas worked and retired from the United States

Postal Service. An avid carpenter, he would spend the remainder of his life perusing his passion of woodwork, creating various beloved items for his family and looking after his grandchildren, whom he loved deeply. Jake Frieze wrote, "Grandpa Tom" welcomed me into his family with open arms and every time we saw each other, he always greeted me with the biggest of smiles and firmest of handshakes and always giving a blessing." Just an example of how he treated all that joined our family, with love and respect.

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April 12 1952 to March 1, 2015

GLORIA CELIA SALAZAR (HNA. CELIA SALAZAR), 62, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colo. She was born April 12, 1952 to Socorro Gomez and the late Lazaro Gomez in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. In 1983, Gloria married the love (honey) of her life, Benjamin Salazar and together they moved to Las Cruces. Gloria and Benny started various businesses throughout Las Cruces. Having a passion for food, they started various food truck business, as well as being a business entrepreneur. Gloria dedicated her life to God, she and her husband Benny were also

missionaries and brought the word of God to many people. Together they established worship centers throughout Las Cruces, meeting and leaving a print on many hearts. In addition to her passion, she raised six children and later on her grandchildren with tender love and care. Her favorite bible verse was "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 16:31

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December 3, 1922 to February 20, 2015

On Friday, February 20, 2015, our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, AILEEN DUKE ANDREWS, 92, of Texarkana, Texas and formerly of Las Cruces entered eternal life. She was born December 3, 1922 in Durant, Oklahoma to Alvis and Mattie Hamilton Duke. Mrs. Andrews retired as a Retail Clerk

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February 25, 2015

ONECIMO Z. ORTEGA, returned to his heavenly home on February 25, 2015 at the age of 90. Onecimo was known and loved by many for his devotion to his family, his continual willingness to help anyone in need, and his strong faith in God. Onecimo passed peacefully in his home

A special thanks to Pastor Vistine and the entire Pastoral Staff at Las Cruces First Assembly of God for all your prayers and support to our

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GUADALUPE 'LUPE' C. VIGIL

February 27, 2015

Our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, GUADALUPE "LUPE" C. VIGIL, 67, lifelong resident of Las Cruces entered eternal life Friday, February 27, 2015 at University of Arizona Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Mesilla to Jacobo and Juanita Chavez Vigil.

Lupe as he was fondly known to his family and friends was a construction contractor by trade.

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ORALIA ACOSTA

May 7, 1966 to March 2, 2015

ORALIA ACOSTA, 48, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Monday, March 2, 2015 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 7, 1966 in Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico to Humberto and Consuelo Fernandez Alvarez. Mrs. Acosta was employed at the Adult Education Center

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VIVIANNA M. PARRA SHAW

September 27, 1979 to March 1, 2015

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved, wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, VIVIANNA M. PARRA SHAW, 35, of Las Cruces on Sunday, March 1, 2015 in Memorial Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 27, 1979 in Las Cruces to Juan and Elsa Martinez Parra. At the time of

her death, Vivianna was attending New Mexico State University and was a member of the Catholic Church.

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DONALD L. FILIP, 80, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, March 1, 2015. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 527-2222

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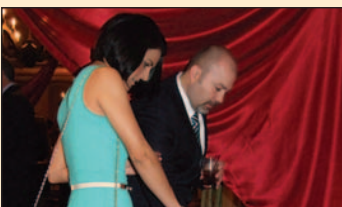
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Las Cruces Arts Fair celebrates fifth anniversary

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For three days, Friday through Sunday, March 13-15, the Las Cruces Arts Fair will fill the exhibition halls of the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., with work from more than 80 regional, national and international artists in a dazzling variety of media, further establishing itself as one the Southwest's premiere arts events.

Raising funds for the continued efforts of the Doña Ana Arts Council – promoting and preserving the performing, visual and literary arts in all aspects of life in Las Cruces, from education to economic and community development – the Las Cruces Arts Fair has grown by leaps and bounds since its 2010 inaugural event, drawing bigger crowds each year eager to view or purchase one-of-a-kind pieces from artists from all over the globe.

In its fifth year, 80 artists from the United States, Mexico and Canada made it through the jury and selection process from more than 140 applicants,

bringing with them just about anything one could want – painting, sculpture, jewelry, metalwork, fiber art, pottery, photography, clothing, printmaking, leatherwork, glass, ceramics, furniture, yard art, accent pieces and more.

Of the fair's 80 artists, 10 are making the trip up to the Mesilla Valley from Mexico as guest artists sponsored by Centro Cultural Paso del Norte, an artists' representation group based in Chihuahua, whose work will be scattered throughout the convention center's busy halls and foyer.

"We are really excited to have those 10 artists coming up from Mexico," said Michael Evans, one of the fair's organizers. "They're bringing with them quite a range of work, which is a great benefit to the fair because it brings in that Southwestern and Mexican culture to the fair, which is something we've been wanting to do for some time."

While there's certainly plenty to be seen just by browsing the fair's nearly 100 booths, this year the Las Cruces

Arts Fair will feature continuous artist demonstrations, as boothed artists will demonstrate their techniques and answer questions about their work and creative process.

In previous years, the Las Cruces Arts Fair's Friday night opening event had been reserved for VIPs and sponsors, but this year, organizers wanted to take a different route and make the three-day fair as inclusive as possible – an event for everyone.

"We really appreciate our sponsors – none of this would be possible without them and we want to recognize them as much as we can – but in the past, some of the public has felt a bit left out," Evans said. "This year, there's lots of recognition for our sponsors, but we wanted to make this a more inclusive environment for everyone involved – the sponsors, the artists and the community. We are hoping to strengthen the arts fair by making it that much more inclusive, and that strengthens the arts community, too."

As such, they've made every attendee a VIP and flung open the doors to Friday evening's opening reception, which will feature live music from Euterpe Flamenco Instruments of Chihuahua, Mexico, a new Cantina area and cash bars where patrons can enjoy food and libations, as well as an opportunity to preview artists' booths and browse items donated to the silent auction by participating artists, with

all funds raising going to the Doña Ana Arts Council.

What's more, with their ticket stubs from Friday night's reception, attendees can return to the fair over the weekend on either Saturday or Sunday – the perfect chance to make one last pass at something you may have overlooked and perhaps make that purchase you've been weighing.

"The biggest thing, I think, is that people don't have to go and expect to buy something," Evans said, "but just to go and look at the remarkable work these artists, both here in Las Cruces and the surrounding areas and from other states, other countries, have created. This work is just fantastic, but that doesn't mean you have to own it or put it in your home – just go and see something someone has created. That brings so much inspiration and motivation. Art does that."

Hours for the Las Cruces Arts Fair are 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6, children 6 and younger are free.

For more information – including a complete schedule of artist demonstrations, a complete list of participating artists and an interactive digital gallery of artists' work – visit www.daarts.org. The Doña Ana Arts Council can be reached at 523-6403.

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What's Happening March 6-12

- The **First Friday Downtown Art Ramble** is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at galleries throughout the Downtown area. For a complete listing of galleries and openings, see page B5.
- The American Southwest Theatre Company's production of Jon Robin Baitz's award-winning **Other Desert Cities** has three more performances remaining – 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday - before it closes. Tickets are \$10 to \$17 and are available at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts box office, 1000 E. University Ave., or by calling 646-4515 or 646-1420.
- The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's largest annual event, the **16th annual Cowboy Days**, takes place Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, and features cowboy demonstrations, music, chuck wagon cooking, cowboy mounted shooting, time travel, gunfight reenactments, stagecoach and pony rides, children's activities, a plant sale and more. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information and for a complete schedule of events and reenactments, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or call 522-4100.
- The Doña Ana Arts Council proudly continues its 2014-15 Performance Series with Chesapeake, Va.-based indie folk band **The Hunts**, made up of seven brothers and sisters playing a multitude of instruments including fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, accordion, keyboards and percussion. Doors open at 7 p.m. While (very limited) supplies last, half-price tickets are available for \$11. For more information, visit www.riograndetheatre.com or call 523-6403. To check out The Hunts, visit www.thehunsmusic.com.
- Playwright Mark Medoff and screenwriter David Spence's collaboration **Recreational Living** opens with a red-carpet premiere beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Las Cruces Community Theatre. Tickets are \$10 to \$12. For more on the play, see the facing page or contact the theater at 523-1200.

Medoff reunites with former CMI student for 'Recreational Living'

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Community Theatre premiere of "Recreational Living" Friday, March 6, marks a unique collaboration between one of Las Cruces' most respected artists, teachers and citizens, Tony Award-winning playwright Mark Medoff, with one of the city's up-and-coming creative native sons – and a former student of Medoff's – David Spence, whose film "Roswell FM" was honored as the featured film at the 2013 White Sands International Film Festival.

Medoff, who reserved a slot during the LCCT's production year to direct an as-of-then undecided project, chose Spence's script from 29 total submissions, solicited from the growing ranks of his current and former students at both New Mexico State University and its Creative Media Institute, ranging in age from their 20s to their 60s.

Although as many as 15 of the scripts he received "could have been of equal quality" in production, Medoff said what stood out to him most – and what led him to select "Recreational Living" for production – was the 29-year-old Spence's one-of-a-kind voice, which Medoff called "whimsical and compassionate; bold yet subtle – you had to listen carefully, but he would make me laugh and care about those characters.

"I've felt ever since I met David that he has a very special voice," Medoff said. "He writes a very delicate kind of comedy, a kind you have to pay attention to, to listen to."

The play, featuring the talents of Jacob Darmata, Brad Martinez, Britney Stout, Aaron Hernandez, Samantha Vessel, Xodia Choate, Marissa Bond and Rafael Medina, revolves around two young men coping with the various difficulties of growing up – family, girls, sex, anxiety, competition, suicide, money and birthday lunches among them – which shift from goal to obstacle at a moment's notice.

While Spence's original script is several years old – completed as a much shorter one-act play and produced while Spence completed his MFA at Florida State University – the author expressed his interest in expanding and refining his work upon submission.

"He expressed interest in expanding his one-act play and sent me everything he had so far," Medoff said. "It's been a terrific challenge for us – but fun. We did a lot of back-and-forth work on the script, I responding to what David had been writing, and then we did a great deal of rewriting when we began rehearsals."

"It's a much different play now, than when I first wrote it," Spence said. "The one people will see (in Las Cruces) is very much expanded, and there are a couple of new characters."

While Spence's work has evolved and taken shape in the more-than-one-year process from selection to production, at its heart, "The tone and the spirit of the play are very much the same."

For both Medoff and Spence, reuniting after many years in the theatre and redefining their relationship outside its former student-teacher dynamic has been a thrill.

"My role with 'Recreational Living' as director is very much like the role I take as a teacher in a writing class," Medoff said. "You can't teach anybody to write; there's no secret to unearth or to divulge, which all of us young writers wish were the case. There is no secret to writing.

"As a teacher, I'm trying to create an atmosphere in which people will respond honestly to what they hear and help each other improve their work, and of course

that's what I'm trying to do also as the teacher in a class.

"As a director, it's a very similar role ... mainly to carry the play from the writer to the actors and then explore what's there, then get as much of what's there in front of an audience."

For Spence, working with a former professor – especially one of such widespread renown – has been "an incredible experience."

"Mark is a really well-known, respected guy, and he is those things for a reason," Spence said. "He's really great at what he does, he's very sharp, very intuitive, and his words carry so much weight, so I don't consider myself exactly a peer of his, but it's been really neat to take on more of a working relationship.

"I feel a bit more that I can carry my own weight and give my opinion when I feel it's needed. He's great to work with. It's interesting to work on even ground with someone like Mark."

With ample time spent in both film and the theater, too, Medoff and Spence each said they've greatly enjoyed the experience of getting back to live drama, especially the "living-in and fleshing-out" of characters that occurs with the media's traditionally longer rehearsal times.

"Anything I do in the theater reminds me how much fun it is to be in the theater," Medoff said. "In a situation like this, we rehearsed six weeks and I gave them some time off as we went when I felt they needed a little break. In film, you're lucky if you get a few full days of rehearsal.

"The making of a movie, as a director, is like running an army, whereas directing a play is like being in a house with a family that almost always gets along and thrives off of one another."

Spence echoed this sentiment.

"(More rehearsal time) is one of my favorite things about the theater, over film," he said. "The actors get to know each other better and get to know the characters better, and some really special things come out of that, when you spend so much time together working on it. It's a different feeling.

"That's what really love about theater: that rehearsal experience, the actors getting the opportunity to spend that time working through the story and the script, which gives them more time to add their own special flair to the characters. They have more time to do that exploration.

"I've had a great time. Every day, more and more I'm happy and impressed to be working with these people. The cast and crew are all really great, and working with the people has been an awesome time."

"Recreational Living" premieres at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. The premiere, co-sponsored by Project Mainstreet and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, will feature food trucks, red-carpet arrival for patrons, a chalk Walk of Fame, salsa dancing lessons and a gala reception following the performance, where theatergoers will have the chance to mingle with Spence, Medoff, the cast and crew.

Regular performances of "Recreational Living" are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, through March 22. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$11 students/seniors/military and \$10 each for groups of 10 or more or children 6 and younger. For more information, call 523-1200 or visit www.lcctnm.org.

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WED MARCH 11	2:00 PM
Doña Ana County Genealogical Society	Branigan Library
THU MARCH 12	2:00 PM
Duct Tape Crafts for grades 6-12	Branigan Library
THU MARCH 12	5:30 PM
Beginning Knitting Class	Branigan Library
FRI MARCH 13	3:00 PM
Evolved - The Story of Flowers	Museum of Nature and Science
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Call to Artists

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery accepting applications

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is accepting applications for exhibitions, and encourages artists to stop by the gallery to learn more.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Tombaugh Gallery seeks 2016 proposals

The Tombaugh Gallery is calling for regional artists within a 300-mile radius of Las Cruces to submit proposals for exhibitions for the 2016 calendar year. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. All artwork must be for sale. Submissions should contain a letter of proposal with information about the artist, type of work to be shown and a USB drive containing eight representative images as JPEG files. For group shows, list all members and include one or two images from each member. If a show theme is being considered, explain it fully. The Tombaugh Gallery has 44 linear feet of wall display, along with several pedestals.

Submissions should be postmarked no later than April 1. Submissions will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified May 1, at which time possible show dates will be discussed. Artists and shows not selected will also be notified at this time.

Submissions should be addressed to: Judy Licht, committee chairperson, C/O Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Artists who prefer to send an electronic submission may contact Licht at jelicht@gmail.com for instructions.

For more information on Tombaugh Gallery, visit www.uuchurchlc.org/2013/10/exhibit-your-art-in-the-tombaugh.

Potters' Guild of Las Cruces calls for submissions

The Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces call for submissions for "From the Ground Up XXVI" Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition. Submissions are open to ceramic artists living and working in states in the Rocky Mountain Time Zone region of the U.S.: New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. The exhibition runs Aug. 7 through Oct. 24.

Artists may submit up to four works for consideration. The submission fee is \$30, payable to the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. Awards include cash prizes and Museum Purchase Awards. This year's juror is studio artist Marcia Selsor. The deadline for submissions is postmark-date May 8. The full prospectus and submission form are available at www.pottersguildlc.com.

For more information, contact Las Cruces Museum of Art Exhibitions Curator Joy Miller at jmiller@las-cruces.org.

Doña Ana Photography Club hosts workshops

The Doña Ana Photography Club (DAPC) has announced plans for a series of photography workshops in the coming year, a "Photography Boot Camp." These monthly workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

This boot camp is open to the public with registration, and the cost is \$5 per workshop. DAPC members may attend for free. Individuals can join the DAPC for \$15 annual dues, then attend the workshops for free.

This series of workshops will begin Saturday, Mar. 7, with a workshop titled "Learning how to use your new camera."

For more information, contact education@daphotoclub.org or 774-289-5332.

Crossroads Community Supported Healthcare seeks artists

Crossroads Community Supported Healthcare, 130 S. Main St., has openings for artists in its gallery in 2015. If you would like to apply or be considered, come in or email crossroadsacu@gmail.com with the following information: two to three JPEGs or picture files of your work, or a portfolio; a CV or résumé; biography; statement about the art collection to be installed in the gallery; and statement about why the artists would like to support the Crossroads Border Project. For more information, visit www.crossroadsacupuncture.com or call 312-6569.

Tres Manos Weaving Studios holds weaving classes

Learn basic weaving at Tres Manos Weaving Studio! Class includes dressing the loom and weaving. Students will create a sampler in wool to take home. Take this class if you are just getting started, or as a refresher

course if you are rusty and would like to review the fundamentals. Instructors will teach methods to put a warp on the loom and weave.

Intermediate classes will review dressing a loom, figuring warp measurements and ends per inch. Students will learn how to read a draft, keep a diary, repair errors and mistakes, how to plan a project and how to finish a project. Each student will complete a cotton scarf in their choice of pattern and colors.

Adult basic weaving classes are Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 14-15 and 21-22. Adult intermediate weaving classes are April 18-19 and 25-26.

Each class is four days. Cost is \$150 per student, with all materials provided. Classes are limited to six students, so make reservations quickly.

Tres Manos Weaving Studio is located at 1910 Calle de Parian in Mesilla. For more information, call 635-8914 or visit www.tresmanosweaving.org.

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "Not Another D.A.N.G. Art Show" featuring works from the DANG (Doña Ana New Ground) Art Gang – Coy Lowther, Emmalee Henderson, Jesse Reinhard, Sonia Payan, Jennifer Craig and Meg G. Freyermuth. The DANG Art Gang has been a studio member at West End Art Depot for more than a year, and this is their farewell show before they move on in April. "Not Another DANG Art Show" opens with an artists' reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, and 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.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces, Gadsden and Hatch Valley Public Schools in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more. The exhibit opens with a reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, and will remain on display throughout the semester.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools and more.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.

MAS ART presents Margaret and Rick Berstein as its featured artists for the month of March. Join them for a night of poetry and art at an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6. The Bersteins' work will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

COTTONWOOD GALLERY, inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents "Environmentally Yours," a two-month exhibit by the Las Cruces Arts Association (LCAA) featuring paintings, sculpture, jewelry, fabric arts and gourd art. "Environmentally Yours" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6. Concurrently, LCAA members will have work on display at the Art On Easels Gallery at 125 N. Main St. "Environmentally Yours" will remain on display through the end of April.

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SUPPORTED HEALTHCARE presents Emma Henderson as its featured artist for the month of March. Of her work, Henderson said, "This body of work is representative of universal relationships. Individual strands of hair grouped and formed. Some strands may stray, navigating individual paths, but they are all connected to the same body. They divide ways, create patterns and come together in the end. This concept is broad, applicable to many facets of the human condition and our universal connection, but mostly, braids are pretty." The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

Crossroads Community Supported Healthcare is located at 130 S. Main St. For hours and more information, call 312-6569 or visit www.crossroadsacupuncture.com.

LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY THEATRE presents "9 Year Deviation," an exhibit of the work of Chris Bardey, following a meandering creative thread from 2005 to 2014 revealing a pre-occupation with saturation, in general: rich textures, bold colors and dense compositions. "9 Year Deviation" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, before the premiere of the LCCT production of "Recreational Living."

Las Cruces Community Theatre is located at 313 N. Main St. For more information, call 312-9892.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Enchanted Gourds," an exhibit featuring the work of 11 gourd artists living and working in the region. Many of the artists have lived around the country, but now find the Southwest a place of inspiration, creativity and an abundance of gourds. Participating artists include Pat Black, Brenda Blackwelder, Joanna Bradley, Karin Bradshaw, Barb DeRungs, Judy Folkman, Sylvia Hendrickson, Karen Phillips, Steph Ross, Wanda Sparks and Kathe Stark.

"Enchanted Gourds" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, and will remain on display through Saturday, March 28.

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

BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND MAIN STREET GALLERY presents "Seventy Something," a photographic exhibit of fine art by photographer David Shaw celebrating men in their 70s. Shaw rounded up some unusual suspects for this exhibit, part of an ongoing project honoring men of "mature" age. "Seventy Something" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, and will remain on display through the end of March.

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

QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY is excited to exhibit artwork from Oñate High School students during the month of March. Students from Introduction to Art, Creative Art Drawing/Painting, Creative Art Sculpture/Ceramics, Portfolio Art and AP Studio Art will show off their talents. Many students will be available at an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of the month.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 217 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 405-6063.

UNSETTLED GALLERY presents Carey Crane's fourth solo exhibition at the gallery, "ZigZag," reflecting a multitude of cascading forces that have buffeted the equilibrium of his personal, artistic and professional life. "ZigZag" opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

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 or call 635-2285.

ONGOING

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY presents two featured artists for the month of March, Hetty Smith and Bob Zolto. Smith creates beautiful stained-glass pieces using her knowledge as a dress-maker to design and color selections, and Zolto's unique transformation of his subject matter into eye-catching photography has won him national recognition.

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.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY presents "Fractured Landscapes" by Megan Lemcke. The exhibit will remain on display through the month of March.

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

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

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

CUTTER GALLERY presents "Great Moments in Art," an exhibit featuring 20 new works from paper-mache artist Stephen Hansen taking a humorous look at the works of the masters including Vincent Van Gogh, Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko and others. "Great Moments in Art" will remain on display through March.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Las Cruces Collects," featuring work from the collections of Billy and Cynthia Garrett, Lynn Wiley and John Purcell and the New Mexico State University Art Gallery. The Billy and Cynthia Garrett collection features works in various mediums, including pieces by Las Cruces artists Rosemary McLoughlin, Jeanne Rundell, Stephen Hansen, Joyce Macrorie and multiple works by John Garrett, brother of Billy Garrett. Artist Lynn Wiley and her husband John Purcell share prints accumulated over the course of Wiley's own printmaking and teaching career. Works include prints by notable artists Pat Steir and Elmer Schooley, among others. The University



Megan Lemcke's "Fractured Landscapes" remains on display at Mesquite Art Gallery through March.

Art Gallery presents two series from its collection, showcasing Mexican photographer Manuel Carillo (1906-1989) and conceptual multimedia artist Ceilia Alvarez Muñoz. "Las Cruces Collects" will remain on display through Saturday, March 29.

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

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

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

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Shake your caboose, lose your gourd and enjoy some Pi

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

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is hosting a special benefit event from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 12, at Amaro Winery. Guests at the “Shake Your Caboose” event will enjoy music, appetizers and wine while supporting the renovation of the historic caboose for display at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

The Centennial Caboose was in service on the Burlington line in the 1890s. After it was retired, a family in Texas used the caboose as a private cabin, donating it to the museum system a few years ago. The Railroad Museum is working to abate asbestos, and return the caboose to a condition suitable for a walk-through museum exhibit. Proceeds from the “Shake Your Caboose” event will go toward renovation of the caboose, to eventually make it part of the museum’s public displays.

Tickets for the special event are \$25 for members of the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums and \$30 for general admission. They will be available at the door, at the Willman CPA office, 1744 S. Triviz Drive, and at www.foundationlcm.com.

The Branigan Cultural Center is opening a new exhibit in March titled “Enchanted Gourds.” Gourd art is an old tradition that has evolved over time. These works of art feature faux painting techniques, pyrography, carving and a variety of adornments

that complement the natural gourd.

The Museum of Nature and Science will be celebrating Pi Day with special activities and events.

The number pi begins 3.141592, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 14, 2015 – 3.14.15 9-2 – find free trivia contests, math challenges and crafting events at the museum on Main Street Downtown. Last year’s event was popular with kids and adults as well.

From 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Mar. 6, during the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, visit the museums as they stay open late and have special events welcoming each month’s new exhibits. Members of the foundation will be on hand with tickets to the “Shake Your Caboose” event.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums will be holding its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 18, at the Branigan Cultural Center. 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 their mission.

For more information on joining the FLCM, as well as events at all museums, visit www.foundationlcm.com or at www.facebook.com/foundationlcmuseums.

The FLCM is a nonprofit organization of individuals who choose to support the museums with financial and volunteer



The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums will host a fundraiser Thursday, Mar. 12, at Amaro Winery to support the renovation of this historic Centennial Caboose, which was in service on the Burlington line in the 1890s and now stands on display outside the Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

contributions. Membership fees start at \$25 for students, \$40 for individuals and \$60 for families. Members also receive a free subscription to “Smithsonian” or “Air and Space” magazines, 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 Las Cruces Railroad Museum is open from 9 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 at 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.

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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CHALLENGER

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How do you support local film?



David Salcido
Through the lens

There has been a lot of talk the past year or so about building a viable film industry in southern New Mexico. Groups such as the Regional Film Development Advisory Committee and, to a lesser extent, Film Las Cruces, have made their thoughts known about how they believe this construction should present itself.

I touched on this in my 2014 wrap-up column last month, which sparked a flurry of messages delving deeper into the topic. I welcome such debate and, many times, the person so engaged finds that I agree with him or her on several points.

So, how does one go about building a film industry? That appears to be the biggest debate. What is the first step? Is it a backlot? A sound stage? A production complex? Nobody's really sure.

About the only thing everybody can agree on is that some sort of infrastructure is necessary. What exactly that should consist of is where the debate begins.

Maybe the issue has become far more complicated than it needs to be. For one thing, the rhetoric being presented to the community would have people believe there isn't a film industry in Las Cruces or southern New Mexico. Instead, all that can be found here is a couple of highly regarded film schools and a smattering of out-of-work film professionals, withering on the vine because of a lack of work.

When seen in this regard, it makes the efforts of the RFDAC – which once again is lobbying heavily in Santa Fe for leverage money – appear to be a savior of a languishing concept.

I take exception to that viewpoint.

As one of the founding members of the RFDAC, I applaud their efforts to “make something happen,” but I've begun to wonder if maybe they haven't lost sight of the original goal: To educate the city and raise the profile of filmmaking in southern New Mexico. These days, their intent appears more to be finding a way to funnel state money down to the area to lure large-scale film productions.

The question being asked more and more among local filmmakers has become, “Yeah, but what about us?”

In many ways, it has begun to feel like this advocacy group – consisting of state, county and city policy makers, alongside a few well-intentioned film folk – has become a proponent of the Walmart way of thinking, rather than helping local interests thrive.

The one thing we cannot lose sight of is that the RFDAC was not formed to create a film industry. In many ways, that industry already exists.

It does so through the continuing efforts of community members who have dedicated time, effort and funding to raise the profile of filmmaking in southern New Mexico.

It does so through local production companies such as PRC Productions, Camera Hogs and Delta Productions, which continue to provide work and income for local filmmakers, actors and businesses.

Right now, as I type this, somewhere in the area, there are films in pre-production, there are shoots taking place, there is editing being done and there are

finished products being readied for premiere screenings, film-festival entries and limited distribution. I gave several examples in last month's column, but even more can be found simply by checking in on the Film Las Cruces Facebook page.

Here's some of what you'll find there: Rod McCall's “Jim” recently received a very warm reception in its Santa Fe premiere.

Mark Medoff's “The Heart Outright” is in post-production. Documentarian Phil Lewis has released “Retablo: Painting My Miracle” and “Women Are the Change” and is already hard at work on his next project. Rick Shaibani and Phillip David Collins just held auditions for their next projects, “Incomparable” and “Knock 'Em Dead.” Jazmin Harvey is in the middle of her Kickstarter campaign to raise money for her student film, “Overland.”

And these are just a few of the many announcements being made every week.

Does this sound like an industry in need of creation? I think it's very important we don't lose sight of the fact that, even without that all-important infrastructure we've been hearing so much about, we already have a thriving film community.

Finding ways to help improve working situations, raise funding for their projects and secure distribution is, in many ways, far more important than building a sound stage.

Even better, my own efforts on behalf of PRC Productions' latest entry, “Truth,” have borne unexpected fruit.

When approached to provide a venue for the premiere on Feb. 27, the Doña Ana Arts Council welcomed the opportunity with open arms, while the advocacy arts group ArtForms enthusiastically added the premiere to its For the Love of Art Month calendar. Marketing assistance from both organizations has proved invaluable and helped make my job that much easier.

Continuing in that vein, not long after the premiere of “Truth” had been announced, Project Mainstreet came on board with an offer to create a festive environment for the event by closing Main Street in front of the theater, inviting food trucks to set up tables and chairs for an informal reception and plans to “light up the night” with projections and entertainment.

This is exactly the red-carpet treatment our local filmmakers deserve and, I believe, speaks volumes



PHOTO BY MARCOS REYNA

“Truth” star Johnny Tabor is interviewed outside the Rio Grande Theatre by Fred Espinosa, who acted as emcee for the red carpet premiere event held Friday, Feb. 27.

about how the community truly feels about this rising industry.

By showing support for the work that has already been done, and acknowledging the work that is currently under way, each and every one of us has the power to help create the type of film industry we want to see in southern New Mexico.

The backlot may someday be built, a sound stage may one day be financed and infrastructure may soon be in place, but we would all do well to remember those are simply elements to help augment and bolster an already thriving industry.

They are not the beginning, they are simply part of the evolution.

The true rallying cry we should all be taking up isn't “Create a viable film industry,” it's “Support local film.” It all comes down to a matter of perspective.



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Events Calendar

FRI. 3/6

3 p.m. Evolved: The Story of Plants & Photosynthesis, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Evolved is a program that will make circuits though time, discussing important points in evolution and the development of the world as it currently exists. One day, matter woke up and marveled at its own origins; only recently has this been possible, at least here on Earth, but it's been a long journey of questioning. Come learn about the questions and answers we've discovered throughout history. This week, we will explore the story of plants and photosynthesis. Free. Call 522-3120.

5 to 7 p.m. Las Cruces Collects guided gallery walkthrough, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Join collectors Lynn Wiley and Billy and Cynthia Garrett for a guided walkthrough of "Las Cruces Collects," which features works from the collections of three local art collectors. Free. Call 541-2154.

5 to 7 p.m. Science Game Night!, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Multiple science- or math-related games will be available to play in the museum's classroom, and at 4:30, there will be a tutorial session where the games' rules will be explained. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and the museum will also offer backroom tours of the Nature Center, which features 48 species of live animals, in addition to the 20 to 25 on display in the gallery. Free. Call 522-3120.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of

open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.

7 p.m. "The Canterbury Tales," Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley presents Geoffery Chaucer's rollicking travelogue about a group of pilgrims in the Middle Ages traveling together to the city of Canterbury, who pass the time by each telling a story. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Call 523-6403.

8 p.m. Live music with Spanish guitarist Maggie Garcia, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Princial. No cover. Call 523-9463.

SAT. 3/7

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10 a.m. Family Science Saturday: Botany, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. March's Family Science Saturday programs will cover the wide spectrum of plants. Learn about the structure of plants, how they grow and reproduce and how our planet is affected by them. This week's program will cover plant structure and cells. Free. Call 522-3120.

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11 a.m. to 1 p.m. FETCH! at the Farmer's Market, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Inspired by the popular TV show "FETCH! With Ruff Ruffman," this weekly activity exposes children to a real-world science with hands-on activities from the TV show covering a number of topics. This week's topic is nanoscience. Free. Call 522-3120.

11:30 a.m. Animal Encounters: Mammals, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join naturalist Richard Quick and the museum's staff each Saturday as they explore and encounter the animals of the Southwest. Mammals will be the topic of discussion in this week's program. From land mammals like humans to bats in the air to whales in the sea, mammals are a diverse group of animals. Free. Call 522-3120.

1 p.m. "The Canterbury Tales," Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley presents Geoffery Chaucer's rollicking travelogue about a group of pilgrims in the Middle Ages traveling together to the city of Canterbury, who pass the time by each telling a story. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Call 523-6403.

1 p.m. Ecosystems: Hot Springs/Volcano, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Discover ecosystems around the world and take an in-depth look into their unique ecologies. Explore the adaptation of the plant and animal species that live in these environments along with their

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7:30 p.m. The Hunts, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council proudly continues its 2014-15 Performance Series with Chesapeake, Va.-based indie folk band The Hunts, made up of seven brothers and sisters playing a multitude of instruments including fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, accordion, keyboards and percussion. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$32.25 main floor or \$22 balcony. Visit www.riograndetheatre.com or call 523-6403.

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

8 p.m. Live music with acoustic singer-songwriter Sage Gentle-Wing, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Princial. No cover. Call 523-9463.

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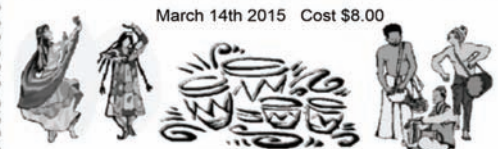
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2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Live music with Travis Manning, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

MON. 3/9

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

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TUE. 3/10

Noon, Brown Bag Lunch Lecture: "The Short-Lived Short Lines," Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. New Mexico's rich railroading history included many different railroad companies. Railroads will less than 100 miles of track were designated short lines. Many of these companies were only in existence for a few years, but each has a fascinating and unique story. Joseph E. Gill will discuss some of the early short-line railroads in Grant County, New Mexico. Free. Call 647-4480.

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 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. Film screening: "Wrenched," Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. The Southwest Environmental Center is pleased to offer a special screening of "Wrenched," a documentary detailing Edward Abbey's legacy within the conservation movement. Free. Call 522-5552.

7 p.m. Learn to dance Ballroom, Latin and Swing, Rentfrow Gym, Stewart and Williams streets on the NMSU campus. Join NMSU DanceSport every Tuesday night. Level one dance is the Tango, level two dance is the West-Coast Swing. Level one dances are free, level two dances begin at 8:15 p.m. and are \$5. Call 646-4067.

WED. 3/11

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7 p.m. Film Las Cruces, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Rio Grande presents a monthly film forum in which trailers for locally made films are screened alongside short films by student filmmakers, followed by Q&A session with the filmmakers and industry news as it pertains to the area. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation at 7 p.m. Open to the public. Free. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com or www.las-cruces-film.org.

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

2:30 p.m. Reading Art Book Club, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The Reading Art Book Club (RABC) is dedicated to exploring the connections between art and literature by reading and discussing books. As much as possible, books selected will relate, echo, or enhance the Museum's varied exhibitions. Free. Call 541-2221.

THU. 3/12

9 a.m. Grandma Mona's Science Story Time, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The second Thursday of each month, Grandma Mona comes to the museum to read a story to children ages 3 to 5 years relating to one of the many exhibits on display. The stories range from space exploration to desert wildlife to fossils and geology. This month we will celebrate Pi Day and read "Sir Circumference and the Dragon of Pi," then make our own Pi-dragon. Free. No registration required. Call 522-3120.

1 p.m. History Notes lecture series: "Trader, Prisoner and Governor: David Meriwether's Roads to New Mexico,"

Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Presented by George R. Matthews, independent historian and author of three books, including "Agent for Empire: Zebulon Pike, Thomas Jefferson and the Exploration of the American West" and "When the Cubs Won It All: The 1908 Championship Season." Free. Call 541-2154.

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

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

FRI. 3/13

3 p.m. Evolved: The Story of Flowers, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Evolved is a program that will make circuits though time, discussing important points in evolution and the development of the world as it currently exists. One day, matter woke up and marveled at its own origins; only recently has this been possible, at least here on Earth, but it's been a long journey of questioning. Come learn about the questions and answers we've discovered throughout history. This week, we will explore the story of flowers. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

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MORE

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BIG	GRANDE
CAPACITY	CAPACIDAD
EXTENSION	EXTENSIÓN
LONG	LARGO
MANY	MUCHOS
MORE	MÁS
ONCE MORE	UNA VEZ MÁS
QUANTITY	CANTIDAD
TO ADD	AÑADIR
TO EXTEND	ALARGAR
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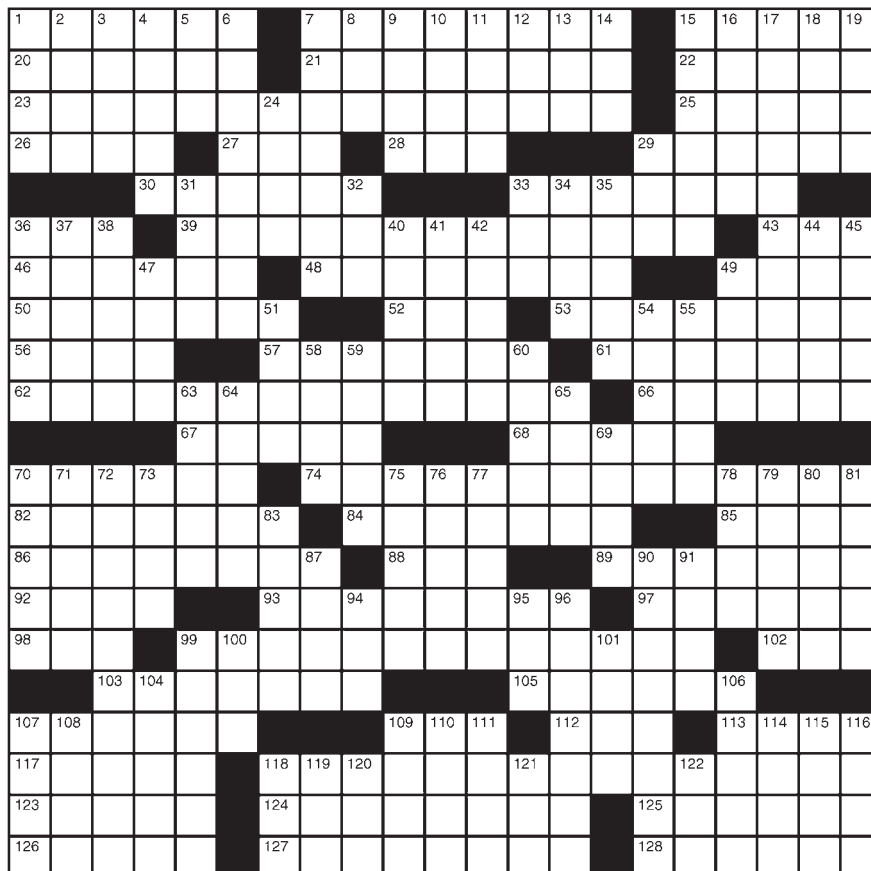
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Insects
 - 5 Date maker
 - 9 Yawning
 - 11 Thought
 - 12 Sadder
 - 13 Over there
 - 15 Flier
 - 19 Do ___ others
 - 20 Road cover
 - 21 Miserly
 - 22 Paleozoic, for example
 - 23 Not outgoing
 - 25 Middle of the alphabet letters
 - 28 Emancipate
 - 32 Monetary unit of Romania
 - 33 Crowd jeers
 - 35 Transport cost
 - 36 Philosophy suffix
 - 37 Two together
 - 38 Clique
 - 41 Type of welder
 - 43 Meat jelly
 - 46 Musty with age
 - 49 Superman actor, Christopher
 - 50 Pigs
 - 51 Crimson
 - 52 St. Louis arch
 - 56 Skillfully
 - 60 Cigarette deposit
 - 62 Young ladies
 - 63 Romantic flower
 - 64 Sequence of tennis games
 - 65 Not written
 - 66 Commercials
 - 67 Ballet steps
 - 68 Salad addition
 - 71 Food establishment
 - 74 Layer
 - 75 6th Jewish month
 - 76 Voting event
 - 82 Long narrow band
 - 84 White oak
 - 85 Suggest
 - 86 Sheer fabric
 - 87 Medicine Nobel prize winner, Walter
 - 88 Russian ruler
- DOWN**
- 1 Rum cake
 - 2 Wrinkled skin fruit
 - 3 Big ox
 - 4 Design detail
 - 5 1492 ship
 - 6 Extra, in a transaction
 - 7 Actor, Van Kleef
 - 8 Damage
 - 10 Make a boo-boo
 - 13 "Mikado" character
 - 14 Single
 - 16 Swallowed
 - 17 Not easily reached
 - 18 Stop/go controls
 - 23 Dangerous and irreversible course
 - 24 "___ a real nowhere man"
 - 25 Lesson gradually
 - 26 Farm noise
 - 27 Drunkard
 - 29 Escaped
 - 30 Energy measurement
 - 31 Literary always
 - 34 Pretenses
 - 39 Boat propeller
 - 40 Adopt
 - 42 Line
 - 44 Personal ownership contraction
 - 45 Closet wood
 - 47 Cell stuff
 - 48 At this time
 - 53 Conceit
 - 54 It occurs when diplomacy has failed
 - 55 ___ king
 - 57 Dancer's feathered accessory
 - 58 Former British currency system: abbr.
 - 59 Agreement word
 - 60 Dream
 - 61 Aegean, for one
 - 69 Not so well
 - 70 Abrasive
 - 71 Mends
 - 72 Corrects
 - 73 Cat's favorite place?
 - 77 Cathode-ray-tube, for short
 - 78 Horn sound
 - 79 Stork family bird
 - 80 Spanish for pot
 - 81 At no point in time, old way
 - 82 Quiet!
 - 83 Score the same

GOING OFF HALF-COCKED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Landing strip surface
 - 7 Lines for the theatre
 - 15 Remove a lid
 - 20 Ring around the pupil
 - 21 In the file
 - 22 Impudent boldness
 - 23 Revealing intentions
 - 25 "The Silver Streak" co-star
 - 26 Moises or Felipe of baseball
 - 27 Naughty
 - 28 Beast of burden
 - 29 Experts
 - 30 Spanish rice entree
 - 33 French-American dialect
 - 36 Battering equipment
 - 39 Bridge tactic
 - 43 Test for coll. seniors
 - 46 Newspaper honcho
 - 48 College organization
 - 49 "The Virginian" writer
 - 50 Small taxi
 - 52 Sailors' grp.
 - 53 Hair shade
 - 56 Seemingly forever?
 - 57 Gradient
 - 61 Brand name on cakes
 - 62 With 74A, getting ahead of oneself
 - 66 Trumped
 - 67 Sheriff's band of the Old West
 - 68 Unrestrained outbreaks of violence
 - 70 Full-length tunic
 - 74 See 62A
 - 82 Stritch and Boosler
 - 84 Gathered
 - 85 Duck feathers
 - 86 Sequence verifier
 - 88 Army rcts.
 - 89 Was contrary to
 - 92 MIT part
 - 93 Masculinity
 - 97 City on the Rio Grande
 - 98 T-shirt size
 - 99 Beginning too soon
 - 102 Stitch
 - 103 Small upright pianos
 - 105 Glossy type of paint
 - 107 Senility
- DOWN**
- 109 T or F, e.g.
 - 112 NYC gambling center
 - 113 Spheres
 - 117 Diet guru Jenny
 - 118 Edgar Allan Poe story, with "The"
 - 123 Judy of "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In"
 - 124 Wakayama farewell
 - 125 Cantankerous
 - 126 Action or change starter
 - 127 Repeats
 - 128 Combines together
 - 1 So long!
 - 2 Seed coat
 - 3 Collection biz
 - 4 Tidy loose ends
 - 5 The Greatest
 - 6 Australian capital
 - 7 Casual drawings
 - 8 Quaint quarters
 - 9 Neighborhood
 - 10 Fewer
 - 11 Protest-singer Phil
 - 12 Tibetan gazelle
 - 13 Large vase
 - 14 Actor Byrnes
 - 15 Still owing
 - 16 Emperor before Trajan
 - 17 Scaring folk for nothing
 - 18 English river
 - 19 Individual: abbr.
 - 24 Very strong wind
 - 29 1501
 - 31 Bk. of Revelation
 - 32 Latin lesson word
 - 33 Fauna starter?
 - 34 Govt. training leg.
 - 35 Vast chasm
 - 36 Revise charts
 - 37 French farewell
 - 38 North Dakota city
 - 40 Worker
 - 41 Quinine water
 - 42 Privalova or Vorobyeva
 - 44 Taylor or Adoree
 - 45 Terminated
 - 47 Trace of color
 - 49 Norwegian saint
 - 51 Major Leagues, casually
 - 54 Writer Bret
 - 55 Foxtail
 - 58 Plane-crash grp.
 - 59 Rah!
 - 60 Goofed up
 - 63 Toothpaste brand
 - 64 Song for nine
 - 65 S. Amer. monkey
 - 69 Cry of distress
 - 70 De Mille of movies
 - 71 As company
 - 72 Do-over's cause
 - 73 Pinball goof
 - 75 Steely Dan singer
 - 76 Giving the nod to
 - 77 Bowler's button
 - 78 Nose alert
 - 79 Fragrant bed
 - 80 Stockholm native
 - 81 Provide with property
 - 83 Amiens river
 - 87 Spellbound
 - 90 Vertical line
 - 91 Sheet of glass
 - 94 Fleur-de-___
 - 95 "___ Loves You"
 - 96 Ladies of Seville
 - 99 Liquor measure
 - 100 One of the French
 - 101 Entryway
 - 104 "Common Sense" writer
 - 106 Actor Greene
 - 107 Fifth of MMMDV
 - 108 Algerian city
 - 109 God of love
 - 110 Wendy's dog
 - 111 RBI or ERA
 - 114 Nice nothing?
 - 115 Exalted poet
 - 116 Stone and Stallone
 - 118 Greek letter
 - 119 Stoolie
 - 120 Scope out
 - 121 End of post?
 - 122 Internet add.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 What is the favorite snack of worn out tourists visiting the magnificent Paris cathedrals? The lunchpack of Notre Dame.

AtTheMovies

'Lazarus Effect' DOA

Review by **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"The Lazarus Effect" is one of those movies that prompts one to ask the question: What the hell happened?

American low-budget genre house Blumhouse Productions (which stables the "Insidious," "Sinister," "Purge" and "Paranormal Activity" franchises) has tapped a skilled young director – 31-year-old David Gelb, fresh off his charming and critically lauded documentary "Jiro Dreams of Sushi" – and a talented cast – Evan Peters of "American Horror Story," mumblecore mainstay Mark Duplass ("Safety Not Guaranteed," "Jeff, Who Lives at Home"), Olivia Wilde ("Tron: Legacy") and comedian/rapper Donald Glover (Childish Gambino, TV's "Community") – and saddled them with spotty source material that nosedives into laughable horror cliché after a promising 40-minute setup.

A group of medical professionals are performing covert tests in a university sub-basement with something called "The Lazarus Serum," with the potential to bring recently expired patients back from the dead. The team – husband and wife Frank and Zoe (Duplass and Wilde), along with Niko and Clay (Glover and Peters) and joined by video documentarian

Eva (Sarah Bolger) – has some initial success, resuscitating a dog named Rocky, but the celebration doesn't last long: Once the university's president gets wind of the crew's experiments, she pulls the plug on them, and their lab is left with only the barest-bones of multimillion-dollar equipment.

What's more, Rocky the dog is, well, not Rocky the dog. He's listless, has no appetite and is prone to bouts of unprovoked aggression, not to mention faster, stronger, smarter and more agile.

Desperate to replicate their results one last time – making the findings their own, speaking to the scientific community – the crew takes a gamble and, in the process, Zoe is electrocuted – shocked to death by state-of-the-art medical research equipment that somehow can still deliver a lethal voltage through a wedding ring.

With Zoe dead and the project collapsing, a grief-stricken Frank makes a desperate gambit and injects her with the Lazarus Serum.

Guess what? It works, but with unintended and terrifying results – at least, that's how it should have played out. Instead, "The Lazarus Effect" devolves almost immediately into neatly arranged horror clichés, squandering its cast members' best attributes and a decent setup – even if it is just "Flatliners"

meets "Event Horizon."

Disregard the heaps of junk science and pseudo-theology tossed into the film's albeit promising first act; every big question raised about heaven and hell, science and faith, life and death and DMT is all-but forgotten by the time the film's obvious but inexplicable turn-for-the-worst is taken. A lot can be forgiven in the name of horror, but where "The Lazarus Effect" stumbles most is its dull, insipid characters, its bizarre casting and its reliance on cheap gimmicks and tired effects.

As married team leaders Frank and Zoe, Duplass and Wilde have less chemistry than a science-fair volcano, and their apparently passionless romance isn't the problem – it's their passionless acting. Both are flat as a microscope slide, which is a shame; both are likeable leads, especially Duplass, who's established himself in both the comedy and dramatic worlds.

Peters, for his part, isn't given much to do; the producers couldn't give his char-

acter much more to do to be "edgy" than to vape, like all the time – a habit that eventually leads to the film's most laughable kill. That said, his role is drained of the obvious talent he shows every week on "American Horror Story" and in his all-too-brief role as the mutant Quicksilver in "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

Most perplexing is the casting of Glover, a skilled comedian (and talented emcee) whose charisma nearly oozes out of him. Glover is a funny dude – in many ways, he anchored "Community" through its best years, and his stand-up in on point – but screenwriters Luke Dawson and Jeremy Slater don't give him anything funny or charismatic to do. He's hamstrung, along with the rest of the cast, left to wade through cliché after cliché until the film's final, futile moments, when it's revealed yes, sadly, "The Lazarus Effect" will be resurrected for a sequel.

THE LAZARUS EFFECT

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 83 minutes

Starring: Mark Duplass, Olivia Wilde

Director: David Gelb



'Foxcatcher' wrestles with truth

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

"Foxcatcher" is one of the creepiest movies I have ever seen.

It is not a horror film, per se, although the main character, John DuPont, comes across as a minor monster. The whole story and Steve Carrell's Oscar-nominated portrayal of DuPont, however, might send shivers down your spine for its more-than-two-hour running time.

Do note that the statement of "based on a true story" is played with very loosely. It is more of a fictional account of actual incidents.

Mark Schultz (Channing Tatum) is a wrestler, a sport I have always thought to be odd and creepy at best (I abhorred having to partake while in junior and senior high school PE, so I would just fall flat on my stomach and tuck in my arms, thus delaying my inevitable pinning by a minute or so).

Mark is a Gold Medal-winner from the

Olympics, but as oft happens, nothing really good happens for those who win said medals – Bruce Jenner, anybody? – and he spends most of his time in a bleak apartment after working out or an occasional training gig. His brother David – a fine performance by Mark Ruffalo – is also a wrestler with somewhat more success and a coaching career at various colleges.

From afar, DuPont has been observing this. He is emotionally unstable, bored, dominated by his horribly silent mother – evilly played by Vanessa Redgrave – and has so much money he is able to build a gym and training facility entirely for the wrestling team he wants to put together, to be led by the Schultz brothers.

DuPont is able to recruit the somewhat wayward and empty Mark, but Dave is hesitant and rightfully wary of the weird, staring DuPont.

Mark fields some success at Foxcatcher – the name DuPont gives the wres-

tling facility – and puts up with the man's increasingly odd behavior, even lapsing into a period of cocaine use.

DuPont soon becomes disenchanted with Mark, while still pursuing David, who finally decides to move to the DuPont estate, where Foxcatcher is located.

There, things go well for a while, and DuPont himself ("call me 'Eagle' or 'John'") even tries wrestling in some matches for older athletes, but he is no athlete. An aide is seen paying off the man who the meek and disturbed DuPont "defeats" at an international competition, allowing "Eagle" to boost his ego, albeit momentarily. He looks like Montgomery Burns from "The Simp-

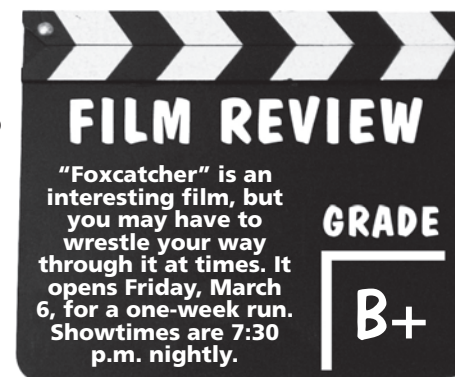
sons," my favorite arch hero.

DuPont is not to be stopped when it comes to getting the Foxcatcher team the fame and victories that he so craves. Friendless and lonely, DuPont relies upon his obsession/passion to guide his life.

The film, besides being undeniably eerie, bends the truth too much, far too often. It is one thing to base a film on a true story; it is another to use a few isolated facts as major points in your plot, and that is what put me off about this picture.

Carrell's performance is top notch, but I found Tatum to look wooden, moving as if he was brain dead. The film is also a bit too long, with a stagy and way-too-short ending that may be factual but is left far too murky.

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AtTheMovies


Picking the Flicks

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


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



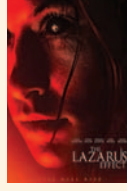
American Sniper
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: The story of Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle, a legend on the battlefield who struggles to leave the war behind him when he returns home to his family.
Starring: Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller
Director: Clint Eastwood




The Imitation Game
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The true story of British mathematician Alan Turing, who helped crack the German enigma code during World War II.
Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley
Director: Morton Tyldum



The Lazarus Effect
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A group of medical students discover a way to bring the dead back to life – with terrifying consequences.
Starring: Olivia Wilde, Mark Duplass
Director: David Gelb



Hot Tub Time Machine 2
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: After becoming "father of the Internet," Lou is shot, so the guys must restart the time machine to go back and save their friend.
Starring: Adam Scott, Rob Corddry
Director: Steve Pink




McFarland USA
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A small-town California cross-country coach transforms his team into championship contenders.
Starring: Kevin Costner, Maria Bello
Director: Niko Caro



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



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



Focus
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: A femme fatale from his past shows up just as veteran con man Nicky enters into his latest scheme.
Starring: Will Smith, Margot Robbie
Directors: Glenn Ficarra, John Requa



The DUFF
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After finding out she's the DUFF – Designated Ugly Fat Friend – of her clique, a high school senior starts a social revolution.
Starring: Mae Whitman, Bella Thorne
Director: Ari Sandel



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



Old Fashioned
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A former frat boy and a free-spirited woman attempt an old-fashioned courtship in a small Midwestern town.
Starring: Rik Swartzwelder, Elizabeth Ann Roberts
Director: Rik Swartzwelder



Chappie
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: A police droid, stolen and reprogrammed, becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel like a human.
Starring: Sharlto Copley, Dev Patel
Director: Neil Blomkamp



Unfinished Business
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: A routine European business trip goes off the rails for a small-business owner and his two associates.
Starring: Vince Vaughn, Dave Franco
Director: Ken Scott



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Starring: Edgar Ramirez, Erich Wildpret
Director: Alberto Arvelo

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Rated: R
 Genre: Suspense, drama
Starring: Wes Bentley, Stephen Lang
Director: Erik Skjoldbjærge

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Rated: PG
 Genre: Family, comedy
Starring: Ben Stiller, Ben Kingsley
Director: Shawn Levy

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Here we are, in the throes of tax season. April 15th is fast approaching, and you may be wondering if you have all the necessary documents to claim your state and federal income tax credits for 2014.

In this month's column, I will offer some guidance to help you determine if you are ready to claim those tax credits. Just to review, if your solar energy system was complete and operational in 2014, you can claim your two income tax credits – the state of New Mexico's 10 percent credit, and 30 percent credit from the federal government.

This column is not intended to be tax advice, but a primer on how to complete your tax returns. We will focus on the supporting documents you'll need when filing your state and federal returns.

We always recommend you seek advice from a professional tax preparer. Tax credits are valuable components of your solar energy system investment, and a professional tax preparer may help ensure the best result for you.

A tax credit letter must be submitted with your New Mexico state income tax return. To receive this letter, a specific set of documents detailing your solar energy installation must be submitted to the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD).

The EMNRD will review the submitted documents. If the documents are deemed complete and correct, the department will issue and mail the tax credit letter directly to the homeowner.

My company, Sunspot Solar, handles the submission of the documents to EMNRD for each of our clients. Some, but not all, solar companies offer this service. If you have not received your letter from the ENMRD, you may want to contact the company that

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Sharing the news about your big day

The etiquette surrounding announcing your engagement

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

So he popped the question and you joyfully said "yes." Now what?

Before you run to social media and post endless photos of the gorgeous new rock that adorns your finger, remember the etiquette surrounding sharing the news of your engagement.

First and foremost, tell your family – both of them. The last thing you want is his mother to hear from her sister in Alabama that her daughter in Ohio saw on Facebook that you two are tying the knot. Take the time to call the parents, siblings, grandparents and any other relatives you feel particularly close to.

If either partner has children, they should be the first told – preferably in person.

After the immediate family members have been informed of the happy news, then you can move on to telling close friends. This doesn't mean you have an obligation to tell your best friend in second grade or the lady you chitchat with in Pilates – save the personal phone conversations for those who are truly important to you.

Once you have informed everyone you feel needs to be told personally, then you can take to social media.

For couples interested in sharing their good news in a more old-fashioned avenue, there is always the time-honored tradition of the

"Once you feel you have informed everyone you feel needs to be told personally, then you can take to social media."

newspaper announcement.

You will need to call your local or hometown newspaper to get their guidelines, deadlines and fees, however, typically, engagement announcements include information on you two, such as career, education and parents' names.

Specific details about the wedding, such as date, don't need to be included in the announcement. However, adding a sentence such as "The couple will have a spring wedding," will help reduce the number of "When is the wedding?" questions you will get.

Another way you can share the news of your engagement is by mailing out formal engagement announcements.

These can be beautifully embossed cards, a collage of professionally taken engagement photos or a keepsake, such as a magnet.

The announcements can include whatever informa-



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Getting engaged to be married is a happy occasion, and the best way to keep the good energy about your announcement is to make sure you are taking the right steps when sharing your great news.

tion you would like. If you include the date of your wedding, however, they can double as save-the-date cards.

When sending your formal engagement announcements, remember to send them to only people who will be invited to the wedding.

Another way you can inform your loved ones of this life-changing event is through an engagement party – after all, who doesn't love a party?

The great thing about an

engagement party is that you can celebrate with all of your friends and family in a setting that is as fancy or casual as you would like. Traditionally, the parents of the bride host the engagement party, but it's OK to talk at tradition.

Again, don't invite anyone to your engagement party you don't plan on inviting to your wedding.

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installed your system and inquire about the status.

If you are not satisfied with the response, you can also contact ENMRD directly and request a status update. In fairness to ENMRD, during periods of high volume six to eight weeks, or more, may be necessary to process your submission and issue the letter.

If the company that installed your solar energy system does not prepare the documents on your behalf, then you'll need to act quickly, since there is much to do.

Your first step is to contact ENMRD and speak to their staff. They can fully explain the steps required to obtain your tax credit letter for your solar energy system installation. You can call them at 505-476-3200.

Make no mistake, you must submit a physical copy of the tax credit letter issued to you by the state in order to claim your New Mexico state income tax credit on the solar energy system installed on your

"If you installed a system in 2014, you may experience an uncharacteristic smile during the preparation of your tax return."

property in 2014.

Filing for your tax credit on the federal return is simpler. Unlike the state tax credit, the federal tax credit does not require supporting documentation be filed with your return.

But keep that documentation in a secure location. If you experience a future tax audit by the IRS, you'll need to have records of your installation.

The records should include your installation contract and any invoices paid. It might also be handy to have the documents you received from the electric company, showing the date your system was put into service.

You may wish to preserve the first electric bill you received after your system went live.

Your professional tax preparer may have some additional suggestions regarding supporting documents you should retain.

That's it. Your state and federal tax credits combined will return 40 percent of the dollars you invested in your solar energy system. If you installed a system in 2014, you may experience an uncharacteristic smile during the preparation of your tax return.

If you didn't install a system there is still time to get your tax credits, but time is running out. Not only is time running out, but I suggest you beat the rush because the pool of dollars available to the state tax credit is limited. First come, first serve.

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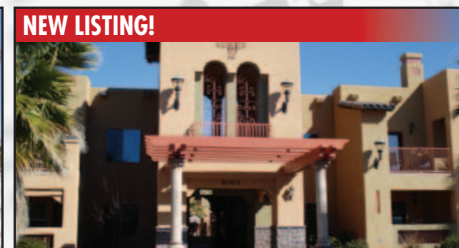
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Religion Listings

STUDY OF THE QUAKER WAY

The Quaker Meeting at 622 Mesquite St. is offering a study of the Quaker way, starting 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. There will be four sessions: Feb. 21, March 7, March 21 and April 4. Come to one or all.

For more information, call Vickie at 541-9093.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission has changed its Sunday worship time from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. We are making this change to benefit our members with small children and those who live at a distance. St. Anthony of the Desert is located in Kendrick Chapel at the corner of Hadley Avenue and Alameda Boulevard. Vespers and other services will remain at the same times.

STUDY BHAGAVAD-GITA WISDOM

The Bhagavad-gita, a class in the exploration of spiritual philosophy as it applies to daily living, will be offered from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Thursdays in Jett Hall, Room 203, 1040 S. Horseshoe St., on New Mexico State University campus.

Taught by Vimal Chaitanya, the ongoing series of classes provide students with a synthesis of New Thought for today's challenges of life with the ancient wisdom of this Hindu work, which pre-dates the Hebrew/Christian Bible by half a millennium.

For information, call 650-7344.

INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION

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

Vipassana meditation, also called insight or mindfulness meditation, is the oldest and most traditional meditations

of the Buddha. The core of insight meditation is the practice of mindfulness, the quality of awareness that comes from being present to our moment to moment experiences and seeing without judgment.

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

TEMPLE BETH-EL PARTICIPATES IN SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA/CANADA

Members of the greater Las Cruces Jewish community will gather at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., Friday, March 13, to take part in Shabbat Across America/Canada.

This program seeks to renew interest and teach about the weekly observance of the Sabbath (Shabbat in Hebrew) as a time for rest and spiritual renewal.

Temple Beth-El will be one of approximately 700 synagogues across the continent that will simultaneously open its doors for this Shabbat/Sabbath celebration.

Led by Rabbi Larry Karol and other members, attendees will experience a Shabbat dinner and a Friday night Explanatory Service. Dinner will begin at 6:15 p.m. followed by the service at 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to make a reservation for dinner, contact 524-3380 or rabbi@tblc.org.

MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY

Men are invited to gather from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Well-spring Church, 140 Taylor Road, to discuss "Spiritual Issues and the Male Persona."

All are welcome for coffee, camaraderie and gut-level topics for guys in search of a path that works.

For more information, call 647-2560.

MODERN BUDDHISM CLASSES OFFERED

The Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, offers Modern Buddhism meditation classes. The classes are 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.

Open to the public. A \$10 donation is suggested.

For more information, call 496-4271.

BOOK STUDY

New, open, spiritual book study meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every other Wednesday at the Bahai Interfaith Information Center, 525 E. Lohman Ave.

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

NEW LOCATION

Mountain View Baptist Church announces a new location, 705 N. Main St., across from City Hall, just north of the roundabout, with 10 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages and 11 a.m. worship service each Sunday.

All are invited to get acquainted with the church's new home. A nursery service is provided.

For more information, call Pastor Robb Redlin at 680-6274.

MORNING PRAYER AT HOLY FAMILY

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

For more information, call 644-5025.

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING

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

For more information, call 523-4847.

SALT & LIGHT PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, has begun its yearly Salt & Light after-

school community program. The program is open to community children in grades Kindergarten through 12 and takes place Wednesday evenings. Designed to offer a kid-friendly atmosphere, activities for the program include snacks, recreation, Bible classes, music, worship and dinner. The cost is \$50 per child, or \$100 for families. Some scholarships are available.

For more information, call 526-5559.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Calling all men: A Christian men's luncheon meets at noon every Tuesday at I-HOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Open discussions held. Bring a friend.

For more information, call 635-7262.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

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

For more information, call the church office at 522-7119.

SILENT MEDITATION

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., offers a 20-minute period of silent meditation after a brief reading at 9 a.m. Saturday mornings.

A "sacred word" is selected and is returned to during times of distraction. All faiths are welcome.

For more information, call 647-5684 or 522-7119.

DISCOVER THE FAITH

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

For more information, call 522-0465.

COURSE IN MIRACLES

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

Presented by instructor Edward Alvarez, the class is a three-volume curriculum consisting of a text, workbook for students and manual for teachers, teaching that the way to universal love and peace is by undoing guilt through forgiveness of others.

There is no charge for the program and all levels of students and spiritual seekers are welcome.

For more information, call 993-4903.

SATURDAY VESPERS

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

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

KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces hosts a radio ministry at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on local station Kelp 89.3 FM. The program features the ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr. as he teaches from the Word of God.

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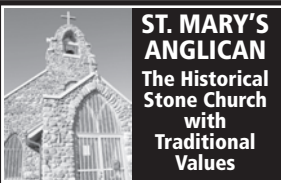
RELIGION NEWS DEADLINE

Items for the Religion News section are due the Monday before it will be published. Entries must include: name of event, time, date, location with address, a short description, cost and contact information.

Entries and questions may be emailed to marissa@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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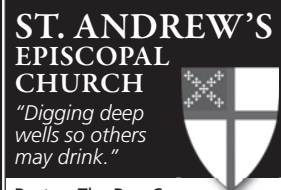
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A red carpet journey of well being

By **Penney McClarin**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

If you used your imagination while walking through the Well Being Hallway, you might have expected the flash of a camera from the paparazzi.

Decorations of gold and black tastefully lined the halls, while two very large golden Oscar figures stood watch on each side of the doors opening into the auditorium. Later in the evening, these golden statues would be the welcoming faces seen upon entering the auditorium to view the featured Good Samaritan Oscar performance.

Ascending the staircase in my evening gown, I could immediately take in the excitement, laughter and chatter of the evening.

Residents came dressed in their glitter and evening attire, and there was even a tuxedo in the crowd. The Good Samaritan staff, also sporting their formal attire, added to the fun and excitement of the evening. Those present had a million dollar smile, and the joy that emanated in that room was tremendous.

Non-alcoholic cocktails of pina colodas, mimosas, and refreshing cucumber beverages were passed out while guests eagerly awaited their turn to walk the red carpet.

This red carpet would escort them to an elaborately decorated Oscar star-studded dining room, where a five-star, well-prepared feast fit for movie stars and kings lay waiting to be eaten.

Those who partook in this fun-filled evening may not have been directly thinking in the back of their mind, "I am actively contributing to my emotional well-being," but they most certainly were.

When one thinks of their well-being, most commonly we think of exercise and eating right. However, according to Diana Rodriguez who writes for Everyday Health, (www.everydayhealth.com), "Emotions are one aspect of a person's

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LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARISSA BOND

Rosa Solis, who works in medical records at Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2029 Sagecrest Court, takes a turn at the grill for Sagecrest's employee cookout on Feb. 26. The cookout was part of a thank you from Sagecrest's administration to their employees for their hard work and good review from the state board's annual survey. Sagecrest Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center specializes in short-term rehabilitation but also offers long-term care. The staff includes certified nursing assistants, registered nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, as well as wound care specialists and rounding physicians.

Prevention can keep seniors out of the hospital

As Las Cruces slogs through the end of the winter season, the risk of local seniors being hospitalized spikes to its highest of the year, despite the fact that almost half of these hospitalizations (49 percent) can be avoided with proper prevention.

Home Instead, Inc. completed telephone interviews with a random sample of 400 nurses who work with seniors in North America. The nurses surveyed work in the following community-based settings: hospitals; doctor offices and clinics; adult day care; and home health companies.

According to a new study based on the results of these interviews, January, February and March are

the height of hospitalization season for seniors, due primarily to respiratory infections, such as flu or pneumonia, and other winter hazards.

The critical factor in reducing this spike in area hospitalizations this winter is family involvement.

Nearly all nurses (99 percent) surveyed say the role families play in keeping seniors out of the hospital is just as important as the role of the medical community.

Knowing that a hospital stay can actually lead to more serious health declines, local senior care experts are mounting an informational campaign to educate families and decrease hospitalizations so seniors may remain at home

and healthy year-round.

"Keeping seniors safe at home and out of the hospital starts with family intervention," said Jan Wimsatt, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care franchise serving Las Cruces.

"It could be as simple as making sure your parents are using assistive equipment to avoid falls or suggesting they see a doctor for any new aches or symptoms."

The most common action by seniors that puts them at risk of hospitalization is waiting too long to seek medical attention, according to the nurses surveyed. They estimate that nearly half of all seniors (47 percent) put off medical appointments or

have problems accessing medical care.

"Not following doctor's orders also puts seniors at risk," Wimsatt said.

"Families play a critical role in making sure they fully understand and comply with medical instructions."

To help families identify and act on potential warning signs, Home Instead Senior Care is offering The Five Ways to Prevent Senior Hospitalizations guide, that was developed with Dr. Carolyn Clevenger, incoming president of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association.

The free guide includes information about common risk factors and the steps that families can take to

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health that often gets neglected. If your emotional health is suffering, your physical health will, too.”

According to Rodriguez, looking into our emotional well-being, we need to make sure our daily lives maintain a healthy balance between our leisure time, our activity level and work.

It's very important for all of us to really take the time to enjoy life.

We need to learn to have fun and take the time to laugh. We should also take the time to groom our relationships with family and friends.

With these tools in hand, a happy and content life should be your reward.

Get started today on your emotional well-being journey down the red carpet, so you may secure the happiness and contentment Oscar in life.

Penney McLarin is the director of resource development and marketing for Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village. The Evangelical Good Samaritan Society is the largest not-for-profit provider of senior care and services in the United States, with more than 240 locations across the country.

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help ensure a healthy lifestyle.

The recommendations include:

- Make sure the senior is taking preventative health measures – like getting a flu shot or shingles vaccination
- Encourage the use of assistive equipment
- Monitor and/or assist with medications
- Attend doctor's visits and be a medical advocate for your senior
- Assess your senior's balance
- Make sure your senior is able to safely drive
- Check in on aging loved ones regularly

Additional free resources to help prevent hospitalizations are available, and can be found at www.preventseniorhospitalizations.com.

To obtain a copy of the Five Ways to Prevent Senior Hospitalizations guide, call 522-7133.

Founded in 1994 in Omaha, Nebraska, by Lori and Paul Hogan, the Home Instead Senior Care network provides personalized care, support and education to help enhance the lives of aging adults and their families. Today, Home Instead is the world's leading provider of in-home care services for seniors, with more than 1,000 independently owned and operated franchises.

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Pet Briefs

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Meet April, a spunky little Chihuahua who has the sweetest face and an awesome personality to match it.

When April isn't charming you with her affectionate kisses, she will amaze you with her dancing skills. She's been dancing since she was a pup and hopes that one day she'll make it on her favorite show, Dancing with the Stars. Please help April find her forever home today.

April has been at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley – located at 8551 Bataan Memorial West – for approximately seven months.

The shelter can be reached at 382-0018.



APRIL

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.

Applications for volunteers may be picked up at 3551 Bataan Memorial West daily, or online at 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,

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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.

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

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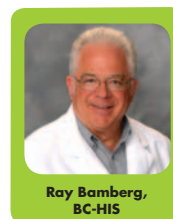
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Free samples so you can taste for yourself. Reservations not needed. First come, first seated.

FREE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

Well Being Wednesday will be held at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Well Being Room at the Good Samaritan Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Each free workshop last about an hour.

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

For more information, call 556-2179 or prodgers@good-sam.com.

BIKE AND CHOWDER

All levels of recreational bicyclists welcome to join in a friendly, fun bike rides. All rides start at Mesilla Plaza. Saturday start time is 8:30 a.m. Saturday rides are social, stay together rides averaging about 17 to 20 miles. There will be an opportunity for breakfast during or after the ride.

For more information, call Dona at 647-0757 or Mike 649-6276 or Gabe at 524-2296 during summer months.

Meet Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Mesilla Plaza at 9 a.m. Thursday rides are 15 miles; Tuesday and Sunday are longer rides. Coffee and/or food are available afterwards.

For more information,

call Helen at 649-6150

T'AI CHI CHIH AT SENIOR CIRCLE

T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez Diosdado are 8:45 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Wednesdays in the Blue Room at Senior Circle Center, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind the Walgreens on the corner of Lohman Avenue and Roadrunner Parkway.

During the month of March, get a daily cup of T'ai Chi Chih sunshine at an outdoor class held 10 a.m. every Thursday at Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave.

Additionally, Breathing for Health: T'ai Chi Chih with Meditation is held at 11 a.m. every Friday.

For more information, email rositaad4@gmail.com or visit www.taichichih.org.

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 MountainView 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.

SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP MEETS MONTHLY

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.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico meets the third Tuesday of the month at MountainView Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave.

For more information, call John Roberts at 702-217-0450.

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

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

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Heritage inspires big dreams

Bulletin Staff Report

Guest speaker Adrian Perez, president of Heritage Hotels & Resorts Inc., showed impeccably lit, professionally photographed slides of the company's eight New Mexico properties at the 2015 Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

banquet. But Perez's family slides of his son making tortillas with his great-grandmother and Perez himself as an Ironman competitor, may be the ones banquet guests remember in years to come.

Far from random, the seemingly unrelated slides served to illustrate

Perez's talk, "The Building of a Dream," in which he outlined six things he said anyone can do to build their own dream.

"Tell your story," he said. "Tell people all over the world how amazing New Mexico is."

Don't be afraid to experiment with crazy

lights or body painting, he said, adding Nativo Lodge in Albuquerque is the only hotel property he knows with "a beautiful tepee you can hang out in at the pool."

"Every one of us can create a memorable experience," he said. "Ask yourself and your colleagues, 'Are we

creating a unique experience, or are we doing something 20 others are doing?'" he said, showing slides of the lodge, which celebrated the area's heritage by inviting contemporary Native American artists to paint the story of their heritage inside the hotel.

"I never forget we're part of your life forever," he said. "I never want to take for granted people coming to my business and spending money."

Even the tortilla, a staple of New Mexico cuisine his son learned to roll alongside his great grandmother, is celebrated as heritage at the Hotel Chimayo in Santa Fe.

"A hot dog in a tortilla, the Chimayo hot dog is

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J. Paul Taylor, the recipient of the Legacy Bi-lingual Educator award, first given in 2015, poses with presenter Belia Alvarez at the 2015 Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday, Feb. 27, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.



Susan McGonnell, with President Richard Aguilar, presents the Nonprofit of the Year award to Rosa De La Torre-Burmeister, Doña Ana Community College Career Services.

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BRIEFS

NMSU to hold employment fair

New Mexico State University will present its last general career fair of the academic year, Employment Extravaganza 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, on the first floor of the Corbett Student Union to connect students with employers.

Employers addressing staffing requirements for internships, cooperative education, temporary, summer work or professional employment are invited to attend.

To register as an employer, contact Yvonne Franco at yrel@nmsu.edu 646-1631.

IEC to offer electrician training

Independent Electrical Contractors Inc. (IEC) announces an EEO opportunity for training as an electrical apprentice in southern New Mexico, in preparation for a career as a journeymen electrician.

At the completion of the training program, apprentices earn 37 college credit hours. Apprentices are "paid to learn" through on-the-job training, with tuition for related Instruction classes paid by their sponsor.

The program is open for applicants to submit an application 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at IEC, 2215 S. Main St.

For more information, email pfranzoy@zianet.com or call 524-2533.

Design firm creates scholarship

Design firm Dekker/Perich/Sabatini (D/P/S) is donating its prize money after winning the 2015 Jeff Harnar Award for the design of Centennial High School

The firm received \$5,000 for the design, which will be given to the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation to establish a scholarship fund for Las Cruces Public School students who plan to study at the University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning.

"We are very excited and honored to receive the Harnar Award for Contemporary Architecture," said Bill Sabatini, principal at D/P/S and lead designer of Centennial High School, "and we're even more excited to support the next generation of architects by giving the prize money for Centennial back to Las Cruces high school students."

Centennial High School opened in 2012 and was designed by Dekker/



Members of the audience watch as New Mexico State University engineering students give alternative versions for redesigning El Paseo Road and a community workshop Saturday, Feb. 28, at Las Cruces High School.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Engineers propose El Paseo redesign Drive

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Engineering students unveiled concept plans for the redesign of El Paseo Road on Feb. 28, touting the safety and business advantages of slowing traffic on the commercial corridor.

At a community workshop in Las Cruces High School, six teams from New Mexico State University presented and gathered feedback on alternative plans that aim to make the El Paseo corridor safer, more efficient, more inviting and more sustainable.

The student engineers took what is known as the Complete Street approach to planning, simultaneously addressing the needs of motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and bus riders who travel along the corridor.

Common to all their proposals, requested by the City of Las Cruces, was lowering the speed with which traffic moves along the corridor and reducing the number of lanes open to vehicular traffic.

Professor advocates slowdown

Peter Martin, head of the NMSU civil engineering department, set the stage, saying traffic moving at 35 mph along the corridor will go from the university to Main Street in 103 seconds, while at 25 mph the trip would take 144 seconds.

"The big concern about capacity and traffic being slowed up is really very superficial," he said. "El Paseo traffic should be going to businesses and play places on El Paseo."

"Nobody complains about things being slow in Mesilla." Martin said lanes could be reduced without compromising the motor vehicle capacity of the street.

The most important factor determining how efficiently traffic flows is not speed or the number of lanes, he said, rather it is traffic signal optimization.

"You can replace a whole lane of traffic by traffic light optimization," he said.

Martin also spoke in favor of using roundabouts to calm and slow traffic, a change he said has been implemented successfully on La Jolla Boulevard in La Jolla, Calif.

Student presenter Dusan Jolovic said La Jolla reduced traffic lanes from five to one in each direction, improving safety, adding parking and increasing business visibility.

"People are actually stopping and buying things, and that's a plus," he said.

His teammate Jelena Karapetrovic said when Tempe, Ariz., replaced two lanes with on-street parking and widened its bike lanes, taxable sales doubled and destination traffic jumped from 16 percent to 60 percent.

Other measures suggested by the engineers included reducing the number of overhead power lines and on-street poles to increase safety and improve aesthetics, improving laterals to create a park-like setting, increasing bus turnouts for safety and traffic flow and adding speed tables (wide speed bumps) at intersections.

Access and accidents

Another suggestion was to limit the number of access points to businesses in an effort to reduce the accident rate. One team proposed continuous raised medians and continuous sidewalks and bike paths.

To counteract the affect of limiting vehicular access, the team suggested rear access to businesses by way of minor streets or shared rear-access parking.

One student, advocating for roundabouts, said they reduce accidents by 36 percent and result in an even more dramatic increase in traffic fatalities. In addition they are more sustainable, he said, since they eliminate the need for a traffic signal, which doesn't work during power outages and requires \$3,000 to \$4,000 in annual maintenance.

Presentations praised, challenged

Few business people were in the audience to hear and discuss the proposals with the students at the small-group sessions that followed.

Martin said he spoke with three or four business owners who were very positive about the plan.

Business owners attending included Russell Allen, owner of Video 4 on El Paseo Road and board chairman of



Jake Maya outlines his team's vision for El Paseo.

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the Greater Las Chamber of Commerce, and Renee French of Association of Realtors and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

French called the work of the student engineers "terrific."

"I think it as more impact when our own NMSU students are doing the studying and making the recommendations," she said.

Having multiple teams making recommendations produces a greater variety of ideas, French said.

"People need to hear that cities doing the same thing increase revenue and become more attractive – that these kind of changes can make a street a destination," she said.

"I think on paper and in theory it's a brilliant idea," Allen said, adding it might work in the future but not now on El Paseo Road.

"They're comparing La Jolla and Mill Avenue with El Paseo, and they're apples and oranges," he said. "In both other cases, the necessary real estate necessary for commerce and residential development is already existing. Clearly, that environment doesn't exist on El Paseo at this point in time."

Allen said it would take millions of dollars to build or rebuild the necessary real estate.

"Nobody is addressing any type of incentives to get private money to invest in El Paseo," he said. "They're missing the other half – getting people to invest in the area."

Allen added he also is concerned, as chair of the board of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, with the fate of people who currently own businesses along the corridor.

He said if the neighborhood were to be transformed, "the guys who are there won't be here later. As chairman of the chamber, I have to be opposed to that. We represent all businesses, whether or not they're members."



Following the presentation, attendees look over the teams' sketches and discuss their suggestions.

Realizing El Paseo

City Community Development Director David Weir told workshop participants the objective of "Realizing El Paseo: Implementing the Vision through Redesign and Redevelopment" is to ensure the 1.7 mile El Paseo corridor linking the university and Main Street is "as vital and vibrant as possible."

The project is funded by a one-year federal grant that will underwrite the work until July 1.

An implementation team includes representatives of city government, New Mexico State University, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber and the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

The workshop presenting the students' initial efforts to develop a concept plan was the first in a series of opportunities for all stakeholders to give input.

Martin said they will now develop more detailed drawings informed by the opinions expressed at the workshop. They will present their ideas at the end of the semester.

Meanwhile, Weir said, will host Portland, Ore., consultant Michele Reeves, who will be in Las Cruces March 17-18, who works with property owners on site improvement.

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Save the Date

TUE. 3/10

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Business in the Borderplex Forum, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd., with New State University economics professor Chris Erickson and UTEP professor Tom Fullerton speaking on the economy of the regional markets that make up the Borderplex. Advance registration is \$25, payable by major credit card. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30. Reservations are required. Registration closes Friday, March 6. Register online at mveda.com/blog.

WED. 3/11

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Employment Extravaganza 2015 on the first floor of the Corbett Student Union. To register to participate as an employer, contact Yvonne Franco at yrel@nmsu.edu or 646-1631.

THU. 3/12

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

TUE. 3/17

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

THU. 3/26

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

SAT. 3/28

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Las Cruces Volunteer Fair, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.



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WestStar bank turns 25

Las Cruces Market President Mike Cheney, CEO Larry Patton and Annette Barela, branch manager and assistant vice president, cut the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce ribbon celebrating WestStar Bank's 25th anniversary and the opening of the Las Cruces office at 555 S. Telshor Blvd.

PHOTOS
BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ



Las Cruces Economic Development Director Gary Camarano, New Mexico State University Development Officer Donny Grooms and Councillor Ceil Levatino at the WestStar Business After Hours

Profile Mike Cheney: Banking on the region

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mike Cheney's LinkedIn profile doesn't tell the whole truth.

According to his profile, he took his first banking job at age 17. True enough – but at that time he'd been working four years.

"My first job was in a grocery store when I was 13," said Cheney, who is now market president of WestStar Bank with offices in Las Cruces.

At 13, he had no intention of taking a job, but his dad, who was chief of police in Hobbs, nudged him into the work force.

"My dad asked me about what I was going to do that summer. I thought I would take it easy, but he said, 'No, you're going to get a job.'"

Cheney later took an after-school job at First National Bank of Lea County, returning the following summer to join the accounting department. The next summer found him in the audit department.

"One summer, I said I needed more money, and they said I should go work in the oil field," Cheney said.

His pay at the bank might not have measured up to his youthful expectations, but the experience was invaluable, he said.

"If you want to know what makes a company work, get a job at a bank," Cheney said. "It's very rewarding working with small business owners, and you get to see they have so many challenges."

Being in business requires a lot of time and focus, he said. Business owners need some help with the finances, but don't want to spend a lot of time dealing with a bank.

A banker who understands their challenges can be sensitive to their needs.

"We can talk about trends, analyze their financial statements," he said of the role of the commercial bankers.

WestStar knows small business

After earning his bachelor's degree at New Mexico State University, Cheney began his career in earnest.

He continued in banking, becoming regional president for Wells Fargo & Co., where he five times won a top performance award.

"Because I was doing a lot of traveling, I felt I didn't do a good enough service for Las Cruces," he said. "I started to think about getting back into where I could better serve the community."

He joined Bank of the Rio Grande in 2011 and then WestStar, headquartered in El Paso, in 2013.

"My beliefs and culture are very similar to (WestStar CEO and President) Larry Patton's," he said. "This is a real family culture. I like my family here – in 2014 I've had the most fun I've ever had in banking."

The bank is an S Corp., owned by local shareholders, he said.

"I was actively involved in finding this location and getting it ready to open the doors," he said of the Las Cruces office at 555 S. Telshor Blvd.

He said WestStar was top-ranked in 2014, based on such factors as regulatory compliance and performance.

"We really are a commercial bank, as well as working with successful individuals. We are full service, and our wealth management department is growing," he said.

"We're very safe and sound."



The regional perspective

Cheney said when WestStar first opened in Las Cruces, it held focus groups that confirmed the City of the Crosses is part of a regional community.

"More companies than you would think are doing business in El Paso and vice versa," he said. "Do you know who's the largest employer of Doña Ana County residents?" he asked. "It's (employers in) El Paso. That's an indication of the fact that if we're not working together, we're missing the boat."

"By building collaboration with businesses and governments across the region, all stakeholders can have success," he said.

Cheney said the Borderplex Alliance at the board and staff level are organized to ensure that "everybody's rolling together."

The Las Cruces area can benefit from both collaboration and competition with its near neighbors, he said.

MKE CHENEY

WestStar Bank

Las Cruces market president

Previous positions

Bank of the Rio Grande

- Southern New Mexico president
 - Board chair
- Wells Fargo & Co.
- Regional president

Education

New Mexico State University bachelor's degree in finance

Organizations

- NMSU Board of Regents chair
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce former board member
- Rotary International
- San Juan United Way former chair

"Everything we do up here, we need to ask what they're doing in Texas. "If we're creating a competitive disadvantage by the time it takes to get permits or the cost of doing business, we need to look at that."

Beyond business

Cheney has a history of contributing his time and talents to community groups such as Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and New Mexico State University, where he just completed his third year as chairman of the Board of Regents.

"We have real opportunities," he said of NMSU. "We've got good leadership now, as indicated by the quality of new leaders we've attracted to complement our already outstanding team."

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NMSU to present local USDA grant application workshops

Grant-writing workshops designed to help potential applicants understand, develop and submit their federal grant applications for the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program are being offered across the nation this spring through a unique collaboration between federal, state and regional partners.

In Las Cruces, the workshop will be Wednesday, March 25, at the Doña Ana County Extension office, 530 N. Church St. Workshops also are scheduled for Farmington, Roswell and Albuquerque.

New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Western Regional Center for Rural Development, is partnering with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service and

National Institute for Food and Agriculture to conduct workshops in New Mexico.

This effort is known as the Agricultural Marketing Service Technical Assistance Project.

With \$30 million authorized annually by the Agricultural Act of 2014, better known as the Farm Bill, through fiscal year 2018, AMS's Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program awards competitive grants to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local and regional markets.

The Farmers Market Promotion Program supports farmers markets and other direct producer-to-consumer activities, while the Local Food Promotion Program supports enterprises that aggregate, store, distribute

and process local and regional food.

"The Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program is a key to U.S. Department of Agriculture's efforts to revitalize rural economies by supporting local and regional food systems," said Anne Alonzo, AMS administrator.

"The grant workshops will ensure that more communities and businesses across the country can participate in the competitive grant process with proposals that create real economic opportunities and help meet the growing demand for locally and regionally produced food."

NIFA is coordinating the workshops through the Regional Rural Development Centers. Cooperative Extension Service educators will provide training in all regions of the country.

NIFA and all partners will conduct outreach to raise awareness of AMS grant opportunities and increase participation in the programs. A list of upcoming grant workshop dates and locations can be found at <http://www.amsta.net>.

Visit <http://rsvp.nmsuedu/rsvp/grant-writing-lascruceres> to register.

USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative coordinates USDA's support for local and regional food systems.

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For more information on AMS, visit www.ams.usda.gov, and for more on NIFA, visit www.nifa.usda.gov.

Engineering aloft



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY TODD DICKSON
Tuesday, Feb. 24, New Mexico State University's campus was graced with the Intel hot air balloon as the celebration of National Engineers' Week began. More than 500 high school students from across the state were on campus to tour the College of Engineering. Intel is a founding supporter of Aggie Innovation Space.

Do-gooders look to be cause of financial crisis



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Economists are often criticized for not predicting the Great Recession, and rightly so. If economists can't foretell the most important economic event of our lifetime, then what good are they?

Perhaps we can redeem ourselves by coming up with an explanation of what happened. That way, perhaps policies can be adopted to avoid a future disaster.

Clearly, the cause of the Great Recession is the housing bubble and the subsequent collapse. The flow of funds in to sub-prime mortgages financed an unsustainable increase

in housing prices, which, when it ultimately collapsed, threw the economy into turmoil.

The best estimate of housing prices is the S&P/Case-Shiller 20-City Composite index, which peaked at 206 in July 2008, before dropping 35 percent to 134 by February 2012. The consequence, as is well known, was many homeowners found themselves under water on their mortgages. Many were forced into foreclosure.

The mortgage meltdown wreaked havoc on financial institutions, resulting in the failure

of three out of five investment banks, and more than 500 bank failures.

The Federal Reserve had bailed out Bear Sterns, then refused to do the same for Lehman Brothers. The perceived sudden withdrawal of Fed support caused financial markets to seize up, instigating massive economic disruption.

So what caused the run up in housing prices in the first place? Why did lenders start making sub-prime loans when they hadn't before?

Many analysts point to deregulation of the banking sector, especially the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which repealed the long stand-

ing prohibition against mergers of commercial banks with security underwriters. This is popular explanation, which unfortunately, doesn't hold up to scrutiny. Banks with security underwriting affiliates were neither more nor less likely to fail during the crisis than were banks without underwriting affiliates.

Another common explanation is the deregulation of investment banks by the Securities & Exchange Commission. In fact, the opposite happened, due to rule changes, the five major investment banks needed a prudential regulator to continue operating in the EU after 2000. They chose the SEC. Thus the investment banks went

from completely unregulated to regulated just prior to the onset of the housing bubble.

The seeds of the crisis are found with the passage in 1992 of affordable-housing goals by congress. The mortgage market is dominated by two government sponsored enterprises the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). To meet their affordable-housing goals, both Fannie and Freddie were forced to purchase more and more sub-prime loans, until ultimately they held three-quarters of all sub-prime loans in the market.

As affordable-hous-

ing goals were ratcheted up, Fannie and Freddie became ever more willing to purchase mortgages issued to questionable borrowers. When housing prices finally began to go south with the onset of the 2007 recession, well, you know the rest of the story.

Had Congress not imposed affordable-housing standards on Fannie and Freddie, providing a market for subprime mortgages, the 2008 financial crisis would have been much less likely.

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HERITAGE,

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the most popular dish on the menu, because we're telling a real story," Perez said.

The Chimayo celebrates heritage with original works by more than 70 New Mexico artists.

Perez also advised business owners and managers not to take employees for granted.

"At the end of the day, it's about your people," he said. "You have to tell people you love them and they're doing a great job"

An overhaul of your culture and an examination of what you're doing may be in order, Perez said.

"If it doesn't make sense after asking for the fifth time why you're doing something, don't do it."

"Fear is a liar," he said. "If you're a leader, don't be afraid to lead. Your employees may do what you tell them to do, but they won't follow you with passion if you don't lead with your heart."

Dreaming big can become the foundation of every aspect of your life, in business and in your personal life as well, Perez said as he displayed slides of himself weighing 260 pounds and later competing in an Ironman Triathlon.

"Anything is possible," he said, adding he didn't believe in himself, but his wife believed and invited him to join her for a run.

That run led to a new life, a new dream for Perez.

"I want you guys to dream big in Las Cruces," he said.



Lizeth and Daniel Loya bid on a necklace at the silent auction

2015 HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

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What are foreign assets and how do you report them?

By Loretta Sharp

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Swiss bank accounts. Cayman Islands. Hidden assets. Subpoenas. FinCEN. IRS. Penalties. Disclosure.

It seems like the crackdown on unreported foreign assets is in the news regularly.

What are foreign assets? To whom should we report? How do we avoid horrific penalties? Can we stay out of jail? It's a quagmire.

Let's start with simple definitions.

Financial assets consist of the following:

- Accounts maintained in a financial institution such as bank accounts (checking, savings, CDs, demand), brokerage and securities accounts
- Commodity futures or options accounts
- An insurance policy with cash value
- An annuity policy with cash value
- Shares in a mutual fund

The IRS's stated mission is:

Provide America's taxpayers top quality service by helping them understand and meet their tax responsibilities and enforce the law with integrity and fairness to all."

This mission statement describes the IRS's role and the public's expectation about how it should perform that role.

In the United States, the Congress passes tax laws and requires taxpayers to comply.

For these purposes, a "United States person" means an individual U.S. citizen or U.S. resident or They are U.S. citizens, U.S. residents and nonresident aliens who are bona fide residents of American Samoa or Puerto Rico or elect treatment as residents for purposes of filing a joint return.

What are foreign assets?

- Interests in a foreign partnership
- Foreign stocks or securities not held in a financial account
- Interests in foreign trusts

This isn't an all-inclusive list, but it contains most common situations.

Who needs to know this information? The U.S. Department of the Treasury is very interested in this information. In fact, it has two branches that take particular interest, FinCEN and the IRS.

FinCEN is the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. FinCEN's mission is to safeguard the financial system from illicit use, combat money laundering, and promote national security through the collection, analysis and dissemination of financial intelligence and strategic use of financial authorities.

FinCEN regulates and requires reports from banking institutions, money services businesses, insurance industries, precious metals/jewelry industry, mortgage companies, brokers and everything in between.

The form individuals, businesses and trusts need to be concerned about is FinCEN Form

114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).

This form replaces Form TD F 90-22.1 used in the past. The form must be filed by a "United States person" whose interest in, or signature authority over, aggregate foreign assets exceeds \$10,000 at any time during the year. The FBAR must be filed electronically by the following June 30. There is no extension.

So what happens if you don't file?

The FBAR carries a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per failure to file. If there is reasonable cause and the balance has been properly reported, the penalty can be waived.

If a person willfully neglects to file or properly report an account, the penalties increase to the greater of \$100,000 or 50 percent of the balance of the account at the time of the violation. Willful noncompliance can also carry criminal penalties.

The IRS has a plethora of other forms to complete to provide

information about foreign interests.

Let's focus on Form 8938. Certain people must file this form if they meet the aggregate foreign financial asset values outlined in the table below. By indicating on Form 8938 that you filed one of the other IRS forms listed above, you will not have to duplicate the information. The IRS recently did away with the requirements to complete Form 8891 for people who are beneficiaries of certain Canadian registered retirement plans.

Like FBAR, Form 8938 carries a \$10,000 penalty for not filing. If the IRS sends you notice of your failure to file, you have 90 days to comply or be subject to an additional \$10,000 per month, up to \$50,000, until you do file.

There is a 40 percent penalty for any tax underpaid on foreign financial assets not reported. That penalty jumps to 75 percent if the underpayment is due to fraud.

Failure to file Form 8938 can also carry criminal penalties. These

penalties are severe to ensure compliance. The government has procedures in place to help taxpayers become compliant in cases of non-willful failures to file.

You can go to www.irs.gov/Businesses/Comparison-of-Form-8938-and-FBAR-Requirements to find a chart comparing Form 8938 and Form 114 filing requirements.

The days of the secret foreign account used to squirrel away "tax-free" money are coming to a close. Last October, 51 countries signed the Multi-lateral Competent Authority Agreement on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information.

Know your obligations and make sure to let your accountant know what assets you may have so you can receive professional assistance in meeting your filing requirements.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Legal Notice

"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-10-28 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Petition for Inclusion of Additional Lands. The request is made by the Salopek 6U Farms Inc. and Salopek Foundation, who requests that the Board change District boundaries and include lands located south of Las Cruces and Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Sections 3, 10, 14, Twp. 24S, Range 2E, NMPM of the USGLO Surveys containing 664.89 acres of land, more or less. The place of the hearing is the District Office located at 530 S. Melendres St., Las Cruces, NM, and the date of the hearing is March 11, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Any person or parties interested may appear at the hearing to show cause, in writing, if any they have, why the petition should not be granted. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Petition."

Dates: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 16, 2014, Charles P. Florez and Yolanda Chavez-Florez, PO Box 1221, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-1506-POD8 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1506, located on land owned by Larry Walker within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Projected Sec. 35 T24S R02E NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°10'46.645"N, 106°42'54.553"W, WGS84 and drilling a replacement well with a 4 inch casing at a depth of approximately 120 feet to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Projected Sec. 35 and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°10'35.806"N, 106°43'0.798"W, WGS84 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, NM, combined with surface water from EBID, for the irrigation of 1.66 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Projected Sec. 35 as described by Subfile Order Nos. LRS-28-005-0090 and LRS-28-005-7040 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, NM. Well LRG-1506-POD8 can be found approximately 10 miles southeast of Las Cruces, NM city hall ap-

proximately 3500 feet southwest from the intersection of Sayles Rd. and Highway 478. Existing well LRG-1506 will be retained for other rights. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

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: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 3, 2015, David Salopek, on behalf of William W. Bivins, Jr. and Deane S. Bivins, 1985 Salopek Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1689-POD33 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill a Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a well 600-feet in depth for 18-inch casing to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected

Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM and more specifically described as X = 1,476,193 Y = 439,061 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement the following wells:

LRG-1689 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 1 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-POD31 located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 1 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-2 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-3 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-4 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-5 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-6 located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-7 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-POD26 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-9 located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-10 located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-POD27 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of

projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-12 located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-POD28 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-POD29 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-15 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-16 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-17 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-18 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 1 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-19 located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 1 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-POD30 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 1 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-21 located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-POD32 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-1689-S-23 located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

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 476.23 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the following:

Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$	19	24 South	2 East
Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	24 South	2 East
Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$	29	24 South	2 East
Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$	32	24 South	2 East
Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$	33	24 South	2 East
NE $\frac{1}{4}$	5	24 South	2 East
NW $\frac{1}{4}$	4	24 South	2 East

as described in part by Subfile No.: LRS-28-003-0002 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed supplemental well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site for proposed supplemental well LRG-1689-POD33 is located south of La Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately 1.75 miles southeast of the intersection of County Road B6 and Mesilla Dam Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate,

with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 15, 2015, Jack and Olivia Younker, 5775 Tres Sendas Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-4-POD14 under OSE File No.: LRG-4-AAD with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a well to a depth of 250 feet for 10-inch casing to be located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described as X = 1,457,782 Y = 463,140 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicants, to supplement well LRG-4-AA, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where X = 1,457,989 Y = 463,743.8 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, located on land owned by Keystone Management Systems, LLC, 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 14.24 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRG-28-012-0092 Right C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed supplemental well LRG-4-POD14 is located southwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 5775 Tres Sendas Road. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-94.


Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer,

575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 21, 2015, Lee Jane Esslinger, 1320 Avenida De Mesilla 2-124A, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and Tracy Esslinger, agent, 224 Esslinger Rd., La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-15925-POD2, File No. LRG-15925-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-15925-POD1, on land owned by the applicant located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 30, T25S, R3E NMPM and drilling replacement well LRG-15925-POD2 to an approximate depth of 250' with a 4" casing to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 30, on land owned by the applicant at a location where Latitude 32°06'40.745"N and Longitude 106°40'57.893"W WGS84 meet, for the continued diversion of up to 3.00 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use, as described by Subfile Order No. LRS 28-010-1050 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,

Any person, firm or corpora-




City of Las Cruces

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INVITATION
BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Choreographed Fireworks Display	14-15-135	n/a	March 17, 2015 / 4:00 p.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
Dates 03/06/15



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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. 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

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 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.

Dates 1/2/15-12/25/15

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Dates: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 26, 2015, Ronnie L. Robinson, 1737 W Union Ave. #10, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-00812-POD2 File No. LRG-00812 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-00812, located on land owned by Ronnie L. Robinson within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Projected Sec. 31, T23S, R02E, NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°15'56.97"N, 106°46'53.838"W, WGS84 and drilling replacement well LRG-00812-POD2 with a 4" casing approximately 200' in depth, to be located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Projected Sec.31, and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°15'57.478"N, 106°46'55.732"W, WGS84 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana, NM, combined with surface water from EBID for the irrigation of 2.00 acres of land owned by the applicant located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Projected Sec. 31 as described by Subfile No. LRS-28-013-0408 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin

Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-1-2-2.3. Well LRG-00812-POD2 can be found South of Las Cruces at the physical address of 1737 W Union Ave. 1 and approximately 1,188' southeast of intersection of N Highway 28 and W Union Ave. Existing well LRG-00812 "shall be properly plugged."

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 18, 2012, Stafford Thurmond of Five T Farms, Inc., 5737 Burning Tree Drive, El Paso, TX 79912-4105, filed application numbered LRG-4641-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-4641-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-4641 POD5 to a depth of 100 feet with an 18-inch casing to be located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 05, Township 19S, Range 3W (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40'50.459"N & 107°10'0.302"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-4641, LRG-4641-S,

LRG-4641-S2, and LRG-4641-S3, located within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sections 4 and 5, Township 19S, Range 3W (NMPM), on land owned by the applicant, 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 for the irrigation of 116 acres of land owned by the applicant located within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sections 4 and 5, Township 19S, Range 3W (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRR-28-007-0001 of the Third Judicial District Court, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site for the proposed supplemental well LRG-4641 POD5 is located north of the village of Hatch, NM and may be found at the physical address of 2710 Highway 187.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 2015

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting Held on March 2, 2015:

1. Council Bill No. 15-028;

Ordinance No. 2747: An Ordinance in Accord with the City of Las Cruces Local Economic Development Plan, Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Act as Fiscal Agent for a Local Economic Development Act Project Known as the Franco Whole Foods - Southwest LLC Project.

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 3rd day of March 2015.

Esther Martinez-Carrillo, MMC, City Clerk

Date: 03/06, 2015

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NO. D-202-SA-2014-78

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOSEPH KEVIN NEVAREZ, Step-parent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

TO: Daniel P. Granado:

This Notice of Pendency notifies you that a Petition for Adoption has been filed by Joseph Kevin Nevarez to adopt your son, Daniel Martin Granado. You are further notified that unless you file a response to the Petition for Adoption WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE LAST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OF PENDENCY, THE ADOPTION MAY BE GRANTED, TERMINATING YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

If you wish to contest the adoption, you must file your response with the Clerk of the District Court and you must mail a copy of your response to the attorney for the Petitioners within 20 days. Failure to respond will be treated by the Court as a default.

Address of District Court: 400 Lomas NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Name and address of Attorney for Petitioners: Stephen M. Torres, 505 Marquette Ave., NW, Suite 1805, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120 PHONE: (505) 839-0123.

WITNESS the Honorable Elizabeth Whitefield, District Court Judge for the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County this day of JAN 06 2015.

THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH

WHITEFIELD SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Clerk of the Second District Court By: DENISE SEPULVEDA

Dates: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2015-00014 Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES D. CARDON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: February 26, 2015

/s/ Alice M. Wade
Alice M. Wade
Personal Representative of the Estate of James D. Cardon, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY: JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A. PO Box 366 Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366 (575) 524-0833 holmespa@zianet.com

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No SA-2015-6 Judge Fernando Macias

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JAMES W. FERGUSON INA M. FERGUSON Petitioners.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: John Doe

Please be advised that there is currently pending in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201

W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005, USA, an Adoption Petition and a Motion to Terminate your Parental Rights. In their adoption petition, Petitioners, James and Ina Ferguson, and the natural mother of the adoptee Ani JD Ferguson, have named you as the presumed father of the adoptee.

You are hereby requested to respond to this notice by informing the Petitioner, James and Ina Ferguson, in care of their attorney strahan & smalls L.L.C. at 138 W. Mountain. Las Cruces, NM 88005, USA, telephone number (575) 523-9052, of your current address and position concerning this matter.

If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days your parental rights, concerning the adoptee, will be forever terminated.

Respectfully Submitted By: strahan and smalls, LLC ,

/s/ Ann Strahan
Lara A. Smalls
Ann Strahan
Attorney for the Petitioner
138 W. Mountain
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-523-9052
575-523-9055 fax

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01903

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

JUANA R. RUIZ, and if married, JOHN DOE A., (true name unknown), her spouse; and AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **April 1, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2225 Turrentine Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 20 and south half (1/2) of Lot 19, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 447, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on July 24, 1956, and recorded in Book 7, Pages 73, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 7, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. After accounting for the amounts paid by the Defendant Juana R. Ruiz while protected under the bankruptcy action with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Mexico, Case No. 14-10024-t13, entitled "Juana R. Ruiz," in which bankruptcy action the Plaintiff obtained an Order Lifting Automatic Stay, and additional advances made by Plaintiff after the Judgment, the amount due on the Judgment including interest is \$110,074.13 plus interest thereon at the rate of 2.00% per annum from February 13, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00561

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIETTE SANCHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SANCHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SANCHEZ-PADILLA, AKA JULIETTE SANCHEZ-PADILLA, JULIETTE G. PADILLA, AKA JULIETTE S. LOZANO, AKA JULIETTE G. LOZANO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **April 1, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2120 Windsor Place, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 101 OF AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 28, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 62-64.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 20, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$196,762.33 and the same bears interest at 6.350% per annum from January 31, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The

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Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01634

BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM W. PERKINS and NICHOLE PERKINS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 12330 Fort McRae Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK D, FORT

SELDEN ESTATES, PHASE II, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 29, 1995, IN BOOK 18 PAGES 370-371 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on March 20, 2015**, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded Judgment on February 6, 2015, in the principal sum of \$75,118.45, plus interest due on the Note through January 15, 2015, in the amount of \$6,439.92, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.250% per annum (\$12.86 per diem) until paid, plus late charges of \$244.28, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$1,695.83, for NSF fee in the amount of \$30.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 15, 2015, in the amount of \$950.00 and costs through January 15, 2015, in the amount of \$931.56, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.250% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
c/o 5120 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01266

CAM VII TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

IRENE NUNEZ aka IRENE VARELA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **March 11, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 9624 Paetz Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 4 IN BLOCK NUMBERED R OF BUTTERFIELD PARK, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID BUTTERFIELD PARK, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 18, 1962 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 72,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 2007 Clayton DW, VIN No. CSS008693TXAB, title to which has been deactivated with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 30, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$125,301.46 and the same bears interest at 5.840% per annum from November 27, 2014, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7975 Calle Picaso, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3B, LUCERO DORADO DEL CAMINO REAL, REPLAT NO. 1 IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 19, 1990, IN BOOK 16, PAGES(S) 349 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015**, in front of the

closed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00686

WASHINGTON FEDERAL (formerly known as First Federal Bank), a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

v.

G&N VENTURES, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company; et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7975 Calle Picaso, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3B, LUCERO DORADO DEL CAMINO REAL, REPLAT NO. 1 IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 19, 1990, IN BOOK 16, PAGES(S) 349 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015**, in front of the

main entrance of the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho Ave., City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Washington Federal.

Washington Federal was awarded a Judgment in their judicial foreclosure action on January 8, 2015, in the principal sum of \$183,130.82, for accrued and unpaid interest, reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable expenses incurred by Washington Federal through January 6, 2015, plus accrued and unpaid interest accruing thereafter at the rate of \$20.56 per diem, plus reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable expenses incurred by Washington Federal through the date of the foreclosure sale, i.e. March 18, 2015.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ John A. Darden, III
John A. Darden, III
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Dates: 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-PB-2015-00004
Judge Douglas R. Driggers

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DOROTHY STORM MUNOZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative at 8425 West

side Road, Anthony, New Mexico 88021 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2015.

/s/John Storm
JOHN STORM
Personal Representative
8425 Westside Road
Anthony, NM 88021

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC
SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2014-00301

MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

WAYLON J. ROBINSON, LAS CRUCES MEDICAL CENTER LLC D/B/A MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WAYLON J. ROBINSON, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **March 18, 2015 at 12:30 pm**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 4, MIA WEST SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on October 6, 1989, in Book 16 Page 136 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5430 Vista Real, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street

address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 23, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$76,762.24 plus interest from April 1, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jennifer Taylor
Special Master
Ancillary Legal Support Inc.
Post Office Box 91988
Albuquerque, NM 87199
Phone: 505-433-4576
Fax: 505-433-4577

Dates: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-02790

MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

RAMON ANTONIO SOTO, Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **March 18, 2015 at 12:30 pm**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 24, BLOCK 1, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 3772 ON JUNE 11, 2003, IN BOOK 20, AT PAGE(S) 351 AND 352 OF PLAT RECORDS AND CORRECTION FILED JUNE 26, 2003 IN BOOK 435, AT PAGES 904 THROUGH 908, OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 114 Desert Sage Ct, Sunland Park, NM 88063. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 21, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the

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above-described real estate in the sum of \$110,673.22 plus interest from April 1, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2012-02553

MGC MORTGAGE, INC, Plaintiff,

v.

SERGIO MARTINEZ, SARAH-JEAN H. MARTINEZ, RANDY FARMER, CYNTHIA S. FARMER AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **March 25, 2015 at 1:30 pm**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 29, Block A, Amended Montecito Subdivision, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 29, 1954 in Book 7 Page 55 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1905 Smith Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001-3152. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 19, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$70,653.58 plus interest from July 1, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2014-00569

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

FRANCES V. SAUCEDO AND CARLOS SAUCEDO, Defendants.

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Lot 190, ENTRADA DE SIERRA SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 10, 2007, in Book 22 Page(s) 291-293 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 7498 Monte Verde Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 8, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$153,450.74 plus interest from May 1, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 15-002

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BELVA M. MORRISON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd 1-201, Las Cruces, N.M. 88007.

Dated: 17-Feb. 15.

/s/James L. Jaramillo
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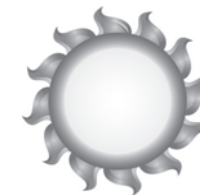
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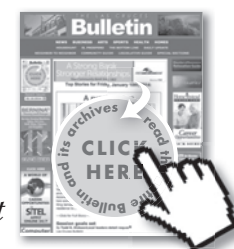
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