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## School election set for Tuesday

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

When Doña Ana County voters go the polls Tuesday, Feb. 3, they will decide on school board members in three districts and more than \$20 million bond question for Doña Ana Community College (DACC), which serves all three districts.

DACC officials emphasize that the bond election involves retiring old debt to keep a 1 mill levy in place so approval of the bond will not raise property taxes.

If approved, DACC will use the money raised for needed capital and operating funds.

Capital funding will be used to address safety and technology issues, according to the DACC advisory board made of school board members from Hatch Valley, Gadsden and Las Cruces Public Schools. Crumbling infrastructure in the 40-year-old Central Campus Main Building will be corrected. Other capital funding will purchase new technology and equipment to prepare employees to enter the workforce, according to a DACC press release.

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## Turner's resort spa opens



Media Mogel Ted Turner addresses the crowd gathered Tuesday, Jan. 27, at his Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa in Truth or Consequences. Turner bought the historic lodge and spa in 2013. The Restaurant at Sierra Grande is led by Tatsu Miyazaki of Las Cruces.

TURNER ENTERPRISES PHOTO FOR THE LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

## Documentary returns for 25th massacre anniversary

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

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, it will be 25 years since two men entered Las Cruces Bowl and shot seven people execution-style, killing four that day and one other from complications related to the gunshot injuries.

Five years ago, Charlie Minn made a documentary film about what has been called the Bowling Alley Massacre and his film, "A Nightmare in Las Cruces," returns Feb. 10 with added footage of interviews with

family members and the current Las Cruces Police detective assigned to the case, Amador Martinez.

Minn said the 25th anniversary is the last significant milestone for his documentary to make a difference in helping police solve the crime that changed Las Cruces forever.

"The next time the massacre will get this kind of attention is the 50th anniversary," he said.

It is largest U.S. unsolved shooting case, he said.

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## Jewell OKs SunZia line through WSMR test area

Bulletin Staff Report

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced Saturday, Jan. 24, she has approved a route for the \$2 billion SunZia transmission line that opponents say threatens the future of testing at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR).

The transmission line would carry electricity generated by renewable resources in New Mexico to Arizona for distribution in western states.

Jewell told The Associated Press that New Mexico is blessed with sunshine and

wind, but those resources will remain stranded unless investments are made in transmission infrastructure.

SunZia represents a win for the environment and for the economy, Jewell told the AP.

"This is a sustainable industry that will create jobs," she said.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce is opposed to the SunZia route through a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) section frequently used by WSMR, commonly called the northern call-up area. WSMR

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#### Las Cruces visit Legislature, Gov.

A weekend of events precede Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Monday, Feb. 2.



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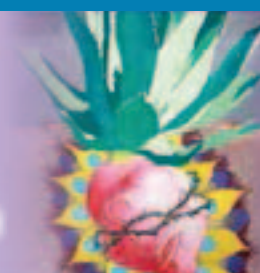


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## Manager reassigns Animal Control/Codes

Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown has moved Animal Control and Codes enforcement from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department.

The move — which became effective Jan. 26 — was coordinated with the cooperation and approval of Doña Ana County Sheriff Enrique 'Kiki' Vigil.

The move will not affect the ability of the officers in the field to enforce all relevant county ordinances, but it will allow them to work with the Zoning Codes personnel who have long been under the umbrella of Community Development.

"This move will allow the Sheriff's Department to focus on community policing, but it will not affect the ongoing working relationship between

ACO/Codes officers and deputies in the field," Brown said. "It will allow us to coordinate all codes education and enforcement through one department in which the personnel can cross-train and support one another for added efficiency across the board."

Brown said there will be no disruption to the popular Animal Control Environmental Survey — ACES project — in which county workers from Animal Control, Codes Enforcement, Planning and Zoning and Vector Control split into teams and go door-to-door in selected communities to offer education on weed control, pest control and animal ordinances so residents can come into compliance with county codes and beautify the areas where they live.

"The ACES project will continue unabated," she said. "We've had hugely positive feedback to that program that we intend to build on under the new alignment of services."

In all, 23 employees — and all their gear and supplies — will be affected by the change.

Community Development Director Daniel Hortert said the only substantive change will be the provision of new uniforms for the officers in the field, as well as new decals on the ACO/Codes vehicles. Those changes will be phased in and implemented in both the current and coming budget cycles.

Vigil said he, Hortert and Brown will work closely together to make the transition seamless for both the affected personnel and the public.

### *Detention Center cadets to graduate*

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

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



District 4 Doña Ana County Commissioner Wayne D. Hancock will deliver the commencement address, and Doña Ana County Probate Judge Diana Bustamante will administer the oaths of service.

Graduating detention officers are: Uriah Archuleta, Andres Borunda, Miracle Garcia, Robert Gilliam, Carmen Ochoa and Paul-Isaac Warpula.

The public and the media are encouraged to attend.

## Fire-training facility opens Jan. 30

County officials will set fire to a bright red ribbon open at 11 a.m. today to formally open the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department's new burn tower, where volunteers and paid firefighters will train going forward. The tower is located at 1430 Portland Dr., in Las Cruces.

Construction of the three-story burn tower began in September of 2014 by Las Cruces Structural, Inc., general contractors, who worked closely with WHP Training Towers of Overland Park, Kansas.

The facility has burn rooms on both the first and second floors, and it features an external stairwell, standpipe with sprinklers and rappelling hooks from the top of the tower. It stands just over 133 feet in height on a footprint



**Doña Ana County's new fire-training facility will be formally opened at an 11 a.m. ceremony on Friday, Jan. 30, at 1430 Portland Dr. in Las Cruces.**

**PHOTO: Corrie Stone-Felder**

of 1,342 square feet (61 x 22).

Total land preparation and building costs came to \$556,900.

"This building opens up exponentially better training opportunities for our paid staff and volunteers," said Doña Ana County Fire Marshal Robert Monsivaiz. "We will also host training opportunities for other departments from other jurisdictions. Every resident of Doña Ana County will be better served by the training that will occur at this remarkable facility."

Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown will be the featured speaker at the ribbon-burning ceremony, and the public is encouraged to attend,

alongside county elected officials and other invited dignitaries.

Monsivaiz and other trained fire personnel will be on hand to extinguish the ribbon after it is ignited to open the new facility.

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# SUNZIA, FROM PAGE A1

officials have opposed the line's route because it would interfere with low-elevation testing of systems such as drones.

"It will dramatically impair the mission of WSMR to test defense systems critical to the protection of our nation and troops," Pearce said. "New Mexicans rightfully have questions about the impact SunZia will have."

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich hailed Jewell's decision, citing a compromise proposed by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to bury five miles of the line at three strategic sections.

"The SunZia transmission line will finally unlock New Mexico's stranded wind and solar resources and move that energy to market," Heinrich said. "This infrastructure investment will not only spur many permanent clean energy jobs in generation, but it will also put

thousands of people to work on the construction of this line.

"I commend Secretary Jewell for her leadership and the tremendous work that all of the agencies involved in the review of SunZia have done to responsibly site this line and reach common ground along the way. But this isn't just about SunZia. This is about New Mexico diversifying its economy and building a prosperous clean energy future."

Jewell made the announcement in Albuquerque with Heinrich and Congressman Ben Lujan Jr.

"It appears that, with one stroke of a pen, Secretary Jewell will permanently damage our national security and trample on our state's Native American heritage," Pearce said. "Green-lighting the completion of SunZia along the chosen route is a reckless rush to judgment without thorough examination."

Pearce said the approved route would encroach on ancient pueblo sites.

"I am extremely surprised that Sen.

Heinrich and Congressman Lujan would agree with the destruction of sites fundamental to New Mexico's history and heritage," Pearce said. "Regardless of our different views on national security and the role of the military, I am taken aback by their support for crony corporate welfare at the expense of our culture."

"This rash and rushed action by Secretary Jewell makes it clear that she and some in our Congressional delegation are not concerned about the views of hard-working New Mexicans."

"Once again, I do not oppose the construction of SunZia. What I oppose and find deeply troubling are the tactics being used to complete it. The Obama Administration and its aligned New Mexico representatives should not sacrifice national security and New Mexico's cultural heritage on the altar of corporate profit."

WSMR is the nation's premier development and test facility, Pearce said.

# SCHOOL, FROM PAGE A1

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

The operating funds will help DACC with costs associated with the number of students taking dual-credit classes or enrolling in early college high schools in Doña Ana County. Dual-credit and early college high school students require wrap-around services to ensure success.

Several DACC learning centers have experienced growth and a portion of this funding will go to student support services. Certificate programs are in high demand, so operating funds will ensure DACC can meet the needs of students at these centers.

As for the school board election, two seats on the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education have attracted six candidates.

Las Cruces school board member Connie Phillips, who has served as the board's president in the past, is being challenged by retired math teacher Edward Frank for her District 5 seat.

With Bonnie Votaw not running for reelection to her District 4 seat on the board, there are four candidates - Troy Tudor, Paul Garcia, Paul Blevins and Maury Castro.

Much of the campaigning has revolved around how heavily the schools are testing students. Phillips has responded to the criticism saying the board has done as much as it's allowed by law by giving parents permission to request their children opt out testing.

For the Hatch Valley school board, one position also attracted a field of four candidates. For Hatch District 3, the candidates, in order of ballot position, are Lupe Castillo, David Franzoy, Johnny Lucero and Bobby Cordero.

In Hatch District 5, the candidates, in order of ballot position, are Cameron Whitlock and Greg Mitchell.

Paul Dulin was the only candidate to file for the Hatch District 2 position.

In the Gadsden Independent School District, Maria Saenz was the only candidate in an uncontested race for District 3.

For the Gadsden District 1 position, the candidates, in order of ballot position, are Daniel Estupian and Gloria Irigoyen.

For the Gadsden District 4 position, the candidates, in order of ballot position, are Maria Carter and Daniel Castillo.

# MASSACRE,

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Twenty-five years ago, Feb. 10 was a Saturday as workers at Las Cruces Bowl - now 10 Pin Alley - arrived that morning to prepare to open. Two men entered and, at gunpoint, had everyone in the bowling alley gather in an office. They included Manager Stephanie Senac; her daughter, Melissia Repass, 12; Ida Holguin, 30, a cook; and 13-year-old Amy Houser. Steve Teran, 26, a New Mexico State University student, walked into the attack with his daughters 6-year-old Paula Holguin and 2-year-old Valerie Teran. The seven people were shot at close range with 25 .22-caliber bullets.

Repass, with a gunshot wound to her head, called 911. She, Holguin and Senac would be the only ones to survive.

While the suspect took some cash and set a fire, Minn said he believes the shooting was meant as a message to the Las Cruces Bowl owner, Ronald C. Senac, a retired military pilot who was in Arizona at the time of the killings, in connection to alleged drug dealings.

The Senacs have both died. Holguin still lives in Las Cruces. Repass is now 37 and living in Albuquerque, Minn said.

Speaking at a NMSU class with Minn Tuesday, Jan. 27, Martinez said he couldn't officially confirm the killings were some kind of "hit," but admitted that Ronald Senac's dealings were "questionable, at best."



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY TODD DICKSON

Filmmaker Charlie Minn shows the trailer for his film, "A Nightmare in Las Cruces," to a class at New Mexico State University Tuesday, Jan. 27. The documentary shows in Las Cruces Tuesday, Feb. 10, the 25th anniversary of the Bowling Alley Massacre.

Minn said the movie's debut five years ago resulted in slew of fresh leads to the unsolved case and hopes this new film will produce fresh leads.

"It's my belief that there's someone out there who knows something," he said. "It's about time that person stepped forward."

Not helping police efforts to solve the case, Minn said, is general community apathy. "A Nightmare in Las Cruces" had better crowds in El Paso than in Las Cruces, he said. Minn criticized Mayor Ken Miyagishima for not attending the documentary's showings and speaking publicly about it.

"Miyagishima's apathy is disgusting," the filmmaker said.

Minn said the lack of any kind of memorial for the victims illustrates the community's reluctance to deal with the scars the massacre has left in Las Cruces.

Martinez said the film's last showing did yield some helpful tips and he hopes that the new showing will bring out more leads.

"I'm a firm believer that we're at the doorstep," Martinez said. "We're just a little bit off from that one break we need."

For more on the documentary, visit [www.bowlingmassacre.com](http://www.bowlingmassacre.com).

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# Opinions



## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

### Can the Roundhouse come around?

First impressions don't work in government the way they might in other facets of life.

For example, it's difficult to determine anything about how a New Mexico Legislative session might go based on the first day.

Last week, as I have for the past few years, I was on-hand for the first day of the new session. I also was at the State Capitol building – the Roundhouse – the evening before the first day, delivering the Bulletin's Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide.

It's cool to be there the evening before, when the Roundhouse is quiet. While I was bringing in boxes of the guide, Gov. Susana Martinez was alone in the empty House of Representatives chamber, practicing the State of the State address she would give approximately 18 hours later. The only other people were a couple of security guards and a few maintenance people.

The next day, when Martinez took to the podium for real, around 1:30 p.m., the House chamber was packed with not only the representatives, but the senators too, all of them with a guest or two. There were probably more than 100 other guests and dignitaries, too. They included various tribal governors, former governor and current New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers and county and municipal leaders from around New Mexico.

The guest who received the longest and most heartfelt ovation was former longtime U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, who served the state of New Mexico on Capitol Hill for more than 30 years. He is about as universally revered as a politician can be. One of the things that marked Domenici's tenure was his ability, his willingness, to periodically, strategically, work across party lines. To do what was best for New Mexico.

Indeed, for much of his time in office, Domenici, the Republican, worked alongside U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, the Democrat. Each occasionally made concessions for the state that might have gone against the party line.

On Capitol Hill, those days seem to have left with the likes of Domenici. Nowadays, Washington politicians seem to be willing to sacrifice almost anything to stand with their party.

The 60 days of this year's New Mexico Legislative session offers the chance for a throwback. In fact, if anything is to get done, it might require some nostalgic aisle-crossing.

Now that the New Mexico House has a Republican majority, things will be much more difficult for Democrats to sail something through the House and then sail it through the still-Democrat-led Senate.

When Martinez, a Republican, talked about Right to Work in her address on Opening Day, she carefully avoided the words Right to Work. She termed Right to Work a way to "protect the paychecks of New Mexicans." There was no aisle crossing at that moment. Every Democrat I saw sat still and unsmiling, hands folded.

I hope that's not a sign. With the mix of parties in the branches of state government, our politicians may actually have to resort to – shudder – compromising.

Martinez talked about putting people above politics.

Let's hope the folks in Santa Fe this year can turn that into more than an alliterative slogan.



### Letters to the editor Support DACC success

It is a well-known fact that the Doña Ana Community College is the greatest success story in Doña Ana County over the past 40 years. I want to retell that point.

The discussion in our county has always been about educational preparation of our graduating students for university studies or for lifelong vocational careers in a well-prepared workforce. DACC has brought both to the graduating high school students and the general population at all levels, from the very young to the elderly young. It has increased its student population from 500 in 1973 (the year the three school districts approved its creation by voting to tax themselves in a 1 mill tax levy) to more than 13,000 students currently

studying for associate degrees, GED high school diplomas, ESL preparation and community education classes for enjoyment.

DACC employs 853 unduplicated individuals who account for 63 percent of the instruction and general portion of DACC's \$63.5 million budget. The remaining 36.5 percent is for student services and operation of the institution. DACC began operating on zero square footage via borrowed buildings, barracks and some classrooms, but today Doña Ana County citizens are the proud owners of a 543,867-square-foot educational plan at a cost of \$87 million. I must say emphatically that all buildings at DACC are the most completely utilized of any community college in New Mexico

Your community college needs you

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# The war on the War on Drugs



**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion

Our society is insane about the War on Drugs.

We have followed one major strategy for dealing with drug addiction for decades. Over those decades, we have gotten exactly the same results which were not what we wanted. We consider this from time to time and then continue doing what does not work.

It started with the prohibition of alcohol. During Prohibition, the percentage of Americans drinking alcohol increased dramatically. The crime syndicates made out like bandits when people learned they could flout the laws.

During Prohibition, law enforcement became well-funded and robust. When Prohibition was repealed in 1933, law enforcement had to find another mission for these people. Our leaders became addicted to the War on Drugs to save those jobs.

They said addiction was the scourge. If ordinary citizens took an illegal drug even once, they would be hopelessly addicted. Therefore, law enforcement would take all illegal drugs off of the streets to keep us safe.

Over these decades, the government has locked up millions of Americans in the War on Drugs. This is while millions of people have had good jobs in law enforcement, the courts, jails and as social workers.

Partly personal: I have never been interested in drugs. This is true for many Americas. The effect of the Drug War is felt by me with a now military style police force and being asked my citizenship by Border Patrol checkpoints a hundred miles inside our border. They are looking for drugs, not people in our country illegally.

Lots of normal citizens who used illegal drugs for a while simply stopped.

The data does not support the notion that a few uses of illegal drugs makes an addict. But we have not had a competing explainer to why some people are slaves to drugs and others are not.

According to new studies, society may have spent decades on the War on Drugs and not come close to the cause of addiction. British journalist Johann Hari, writing for The Huffington Post, has a recent column attacking the traditional myth of addiction.

Citing researchers who have studied addiction for decades, Hari builds a case that addiction is not caused as the authorities maintain in the War on Drugs. In his article, "The likely cause of addiction discovered, and it is not what you think," Johann Hari makes a compelling case that everything we think we know about addiction is propaganda.

Hari notes experiments on rats by Canadian professor Bruce Alexander that explain addiction in rats differently. In people, according to Time magazine, at the height of the Vietnam War, 20 percent of soldiers used

*After these billions of dollars spent, illegal drugs are as easy to get today as they were in the 1960s.'*

heroin daily. But they did not come home as heroin addicts in the same percentages. Some stopped cold.

Hari points out when people are given heroin (Diamorphine) in hospitals for pain, most are not a slave to heroin when they leave the hospital. The circumstances of their lives, whether they live rich lives with loved ones around, is the key to whether addiction to anything is compelling or not.

The thing making addicts is not drugs; rather, it is social isolation. Like all things human, the sense of isolation is all in the head of the person.

Hari says the key to reversing or preventing addiction is not eliminating access to drugs in the society. Rather, our drug problem is a social problem in which some people become addicted out of isolation from family and friends.

We have a societal problem with other addictions, such as gambling and pornography. There are no addicting chemicals but lots of isolation triggers. And, after these billions of dollars spent, illegal drugs are as easy to get today as they were in the 1960s.

The problem with hearing that social message is the millions of people hired in the War on Drugs. It is big money with lots of lobbyists pushing it politically. As a society we are addicted to the money, so making fundamental changes will be very difficult.

Let's say we only need a quarter of those cops, judges, jailers and social workers. Do we as a society have the guts to eliminate those jobs? That is the War on the War on Drugs. Stay tuned.

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

## LETTERS, FROM PAGE A4

again to assure that on Tuesday, Feb. 3, the bond election is a success. You will be voting for the same 1 mill levy (split into two votes) that was passed in 1973. The community college is seeking \$20 million for capital and operating expenses. Your taxes will not be raised by your "yes" vote, but it will ensure that your greatest success story in Doña Ana County will continue to flourish.

*Patricio Quintana*

## For Phillips

Dear neighbors in the Las Cruces school board District 5: Connie Phillips is an exceptional candidate for re-election. She has been on the

board for eight years and is a remarkably persistent person in advocating for students, parents, teachers and citizens.

Our district turned around a stagnant building program by adding new elementary, middle and high schools, including two early college high schools and the current remaking of Las Cruces High School. Student performance has improved steadily.

Voters, beware of magical thinking by naive candidates who say they can end testing and avoid Common Core Standards. Ask yourself if they are familiar with state law and judicial review.

Phillips understands the proper role, duties and responsibilities of a school board member.

*Margaret Hoeksema  
retired LCPS educator*

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**FEB. 3 BOND ELECTION — NO NEW TAXES**



# DACC bond election is different, not new

By **Karen Bailey**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

There is a countywide bond election Tuesday, Feb. 3, and, as part of the election, Doña Ana Community College (DACC) asks voters to approve a .75 mill for capital and a .25 increase for operation.

This election will not raise taxes on county residents, but will provide \$20 million in needed funds.

DACC has not asked voters to approve a bond issue in six years, and it is time to help DACC accomplish its mission in developing a workforce for the county and providing classes to offer students a chance at a rewarding career.

DACC students are part of the fabric of the community, they are our neighbors, our friends

and their children.

This election is different in that there will be two questions on the ballot. The first will authorize up to \$15 million of general obligation bonds for capital projects and reflects a .25 mill reduction from the previous bond. The second question will allow for an additional .25 mill to be used for current operations. These two bonds, when approved, will result in no net increase in the tax levy in Doña Ana County.

Capital projects include needed repairs to existing buildings. For example, the Central Campus main building has foundation settling issues. Structural engineers have assured DACC is safe for now, but without new footings to stabilize the walls, it will not be safe in the future.

The Central Campus houses part of the water technology lab and would be very expensive to replace.

Other capital funding projects include \$2.5 million for central campus renovation, \$1.5 million for workforce center renovation, \$2 million for East Mesa campus improvements, \$2 million for infrastructure upgrades and replacement, \$2 million for technology and equipment needs and \$5 million for the Gadsden learning center.

The increase in operating funding addresses several key strategic areas. It assists with costs associated with the enrollment growth, particularly with increased dual-credit classes and early college high schools offered tuition-free.

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

A dedicated group of business professionals composes the Friends of the Community College. Our job is to help inform the community of the issues, answer questions and encourage two yes votes for the bond issue. We will be glad to speak to any group that needs further clarification on the bond issue.

Remember, "Two votes yes equals workforce success" in Doña Ana County.

*Karen Bailey is president of Friends of the Community College.*

# New speaker speaks

By **Don Tripp**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

There is a lot of excitement in Santa Fe – the result of last year's election. For the first time in 60 years, the people of New Mexico have chosen Republicans to lead the House of Representatives.

A lot of people ask me, "What does it mean now that Republicans are in the majority?" No matter whom I talk to, my answer never changes: Our goal is to put New Mexico's families first.

Voters want an end to the politics as usual in Santa Fe. They want their leaders to reject the political dysfunction and gridlock that has become the hallmark of Washington, D.C. In the end, political games hurt our families and derail progress.

Some say it's impossible for Republicans and Democrats to work together. I disagree. I believe we can come together. We can start by working on common ground on creating good jobs for all New Mexicans.

There are too many regulations that work against us. Both parties

can come together to support stronger incentives to encourage economic investment to attract more businesses to New Mexico.

Another area of common ground is protecting our children. Above all else, Democrats and Republicans care about the safety and well-being of our kids. Several lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have introduced legislation to crack down on child abuse.

We need to make sure our children are prepared to take the jobs in tomorrow's economy. Improving schools will set our children up for success.

A majority of New Mexicans agree reading must be a priority. If our kids cannot read, they are destined to fail. With better reading initiatives, we can target those who are falling behind and get them back on track. We can also end the failed policy of social promotion, which passes our children on to the next grade even when they cannot read.

*Rep. Don Tripp of Socorro is the new speaker of the state House of Representatives.*




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# LookingBack

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Zak Hansen**  
Reflections

### 100yearsago

**1915**

• “We still have in this great town of ours some pests who persist in talking about being descendants of great families – and they are still descending,” the Las Cruces Citizen opined on its front page.

• The Citizen also made this offer, to those locals with vociferous opinions: “Those with axes to grind can have space in this sheet at regular advertising rates. We have troubles of our own.”

• “The general merchandise store of Albert Fountain Jr. was robbed Thursday night of about \$500 worth of goods,” the Citizen reported. Swift justice was meted out: “Sheriff Lucero caught the culprits yesterday and recovered the goods.”

• Resident Silvestre Varela was thrown Monday night by a “fractious” horse. “He lit on his head and has been dazed ever since,” the Citizen reported.

### 75yearsago

**1940**

• “Two faded old record books, Doña Ana County’s first District Court Docket and Record, after an

absence of 84 years, are again among the archives of Doña Ana County,” the Citizen reported. The books were located at Albuquerque and returned here through the efforts of Judge Bryan G. Johnson, who ordered the books to be returned to Doña Ana County. It was assumed the tomes were probably carried there during the Civil War. Their final entries were dated 1856, when Doña Ana County was 5 years old, and probably had been fully organized as a county only since September 1853.

• “President Roosevelt Monday asked Congress to appropriate \$1,017,000 for transmission lines and substations for the Elephant Butte hydroelectric power project,” the Citizen reported. The sum would pay for transmission lines to Silver City, Deming, Las Cruces and Hot Springs (later renamed Truth or Consequences).

### 50yearsago

**1965**

• The trial of Joseph E. Sneed, 19, charged with the 1964 murder of his parents in their Silver City home, continued. Dr. Edward Thorpe, a New Mexico State University mathematics professor and statistical probability specialist, would be called as a witness for the prosecution. According to the Citizen, Thorpe was “expected to testify on the improbability of more than one person satisfying a given set of circumstances – believed the first time in New Mexico a prosecutor has centered a case at least in part on the law of mathematics.” Thorpe was also the author of “Beat the Dealer,” a handbook on how to beat the odds at a blackjack table.



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY RIO GRANDE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS PHOTO  
This photo shows the expansive lobby of the Amador Hotel, circa 1910.

### 25yearsago

• “Las Cruces City Manager Dana Miller ‘was totally surprised’ when the City Council terminated his employment following a routine semi-annual performance evaluation,” the Las Cruces Bulletin reported. It was believed Bruno Zaldo, then finance director, would be named interim city manager. Mayor Tommy Tomlin offered little in the way of explanation, saying only that the decision was made “in the best interests of the city at this time.” Councilor John Haltom, too, demurred, saying it “was a personal matter that couldn’t be discussed.”

*Information gathered from New Mexico State University Library’s Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections.*

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Two good ol' Nebraska cowboys were given the task of rebuilding a barbwire fence on an 80-acre pasture. First, they removed the clips and stays from the old top wire on the

long side, a quarter mile long. Being a progressive outfit, they were using modern agriculture technology. They backed their pickup to the gatepost on the southeast corner of the pasture, allowing them to hook the ranch's homemade wire winder to the free length of wire. The homemade winder contraption was secured to

the pickup bed and powered by a 5.5 Briggs and Stratton gasoline engine they robbed off an old lawn mower.

They jerked the little engine to a coughing start with a few tugs on the manual cord, then each jumped up on the tailgate, one on each side of the winder. They appreciated the modern machine marvel that replaced the pain-in-the-buttocks of rolling 1,320

*As our cowboys' brains began to puzzle this out, looking first at the taut wire, then the straining winder, back to opened doors, then at the smoking motor..'*

feet of rusty barbwire through the overgrowth, rocks and trash, by hand.

They were daydreaming of goin' to the Zorn Theater in Benkelman, just takin' it easy. They were stirred out of the fantasy when the wire began to tighten; the little engine that could was going all out and starting to whine.

To paint a better picture of the

situation, it would help to know:

No. 1 – The truck battery was weak, so when they parked the pickup in the gate, they left the truck engine running

No. 2 – The parking brake, as in most old farm trucks, was broken

No. 3 – It was a manual shift

No. 4 – The gate was 9 feet wide

No. 5 – They had left the doors open and

No. 6 – The gate post on the passenger side was an old telephone pole

Ya know, when you are part of a big wreck, time seems to slow down? "The Little Engine That Could" dug in, the truck began moving backwards. As our cowboys' brains began to puzzle this out, looking first at the taut wire, then the straining winder, back to the opened doors, then at the smoking motor. ... "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can ..."

The little engine tore off both doors, starting smoking, then, with a screech, froze solid! The cowboys leaped to safety. The pickup died.

Sigh.

When they recovered, they sorted through their options and finally applied another commonly used 21st century technology to save the day; they called the boss on the cell phone.

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

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# Police issue tickets

Las Cruces Police issued 24 citations in two hours Wednesday, Jan. 28, during a special traffic operation held along Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

Of the 24 citations written during the operation, 14 were issued to drivers who failed to come to a

complete stop at the intersection of Calle Jitas and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

Another seven citations were issued to motorists who were unable to provide proof of insurance or registration. The remaining citations were issued for other infractions.

# December arson

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the person or persons responsible for a December fire that caused significant damage to a mobile home on Branding Iron Circle.

Shortly before 7 a.m. Dec. 20, 2014, Las Cruces firefighters were dispatched to a mobile

home fire at 1315 Branding Iron Circle. The fire caused more than \$25,000 in damages.

Fire investigators discovered two areas inside the mobile home where fire was believed to have originated. Investigators found damage to the front door of the home and learned that some property was missing, including a 32-inch flat

# CrimeStoppers

screen television.

The fire is believed to be deliberately set. No injuries were reported and the homeowners were out of town at the time of the fire.

Anyone with information that can help identify the person or persons responsible for the fire is asked to call Las



Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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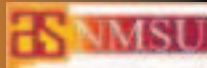
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# Human Systems Research Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

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Volunteers and friends of Human Systems Research arrive at the Amador Hotel lobby.



Ann Lewis, standing, greets Jim and Carolyn Wakeman at the Human Systems Research Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Amador Hotel. Human Systems Research is a nonprofit scientific and educational institution pursuing basic and applied research in archaeology and related scientific endeavors, such as providing research assistance to the restoration efforts at the Amador Hotel.

John Verploegh visits with Las Cruces City Councillor Miguel Silva.



Juan Morales tells Dr. Eva Wanger of Germany about the adobe restoration work being done at the Amador.



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Delton Estes, center, shows Shelby and John Schue pictures from his recent skiing trip in Ruidoso.



Volunteers and guests enjoy the catered lunch served in the grand hall of the Amador Hotel, which is seeking an historic registry designation.



# Coming up

## Consumer debt and bankruptcy workshop

A consumer debt and bankruptcy workshop will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Law Office of Kenneth Egan, 1111 E. Lohman Ave.

The free workshop includes a presentation by volunteer attorney Kenneth Egan, an open question-and-answer period and a one-on-one consultation with an attorney. The event is open to the public.

Sponsored by the New Mexico State Bar Foundation and the State Bar of New Mexico Bankruptcy Law Section, the program is a partnership that seeks to educate the public on consumer issues and on the resources available to meet legal needs.

For more information, call 876-6227

## Renee's Bridal open house

Renee's Bridal will celebrate its new location opening at 855 Spruce Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Receive storewide discounts on stock as well as reorder items.

## Moongaze

A moongaze will be held from sunset to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, in front of the International Delights Cafe, 1245 El Paseo Road.

Explore the moon and other celestial sights for free through the telescopes of the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces.

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

## Birds of Costa Rica

Ray Bowers will give a photo talk on the "Birds of Costa Rica" for the Doña Ana Photography Club 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

## Chile Conference

The New Mexico Chile Conference will take place on Monday, Feb. 2, and Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Guest speaker Jeffrey Mitchell from the University of California at Davis will speak on cover crops and strip tilling, while additional presentations will include research solutions for disease and pest management, the latest updates for mechanization and plant and food biosecurity.

The conference will also feature commercial

booths and current New Mexico State University research poster displays.

The conference will hold a welcome reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, with appetizers and a no-host bar.

To preregister or for more information, visit [www.chilipepperinstitute.org](http://www.chilipepperinstitute.org) or call 646-3028. The cost of preregistration is \$105. You may also register the first day of the conference for \$115.

## Federated Republican Women

Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Trails West Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla.

This monthly business meeting meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Members are urged to attend.

For more information, call 527-5574.

## DWI checkpoints

The Las Cruces Police Department will hold at least four sobriety checkpoints and two saturation patrols within city limits in February.

Police will also conduct additional traffic safety activities in the next few weeks including at least two Operation Buckle Down seatbelt enforcements and two operations in support of the city's cell phone ordinance.

It is illegal to operate or manipulate an electronic device, such as a cell phone, within city limits unless doing so is completely hands-free.

Las Cruces police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver for their transportation.

Anyone who needs a safe ride home on Fridays, Saturdays or holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. can take advantage of Project

Home, a program sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi. One or two people can receive a \$5 taxi ride home from anywhere in Doña Ana County. For up to four people the fee is \$10. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges.

For Project Home taxi service, call 524-TAXI.

## Las Cruces Academy plan open house

Las Cruces Academy, a private school at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, invites the public to visit the school on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Visitors can watch classes in Chinese, Singapore math and English, talk with teachers and view the facilities.

For more information, visit [www.lascrucesacademy.org](http://www.lascrucesacademy.org) or call Head of School Lou Ellen Kay at 521-9384.

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### VOTING CONVENIENCE CENTERS

Regardless of the precinct you may live in, you can vote at any of these locations:

- **Thomas Branigan Library**, 100 East Picacho, Las Cruces
- **Desert Hills Elementary School**, 280 Roadrunner Pkwy., Las Cruces
- **Sonoma Elementary**, 4201 Northrise Dr., Las Cruces
- **Doña Ana County Government Center**, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces
- **NMSU Corbett Center Student Union**, Las Cruces
- **DACC Hatch Learning Center**, 219 E. Hill St., Hatch
- **Doña Ana Community Center**, 5745 Ledesma Dr., Doña Ana
- **Mesilla Elementary**, 2363 Calle del Sur, Mesilla
- **Anthony Elementary School**, 500 N. 4th St., Anthony
- **Desert View Elementary School**, 1105 Valle Vista St., Sunland Park
- **North Valley Elementary School**, 300 Cascade Ave., La Mesa
- **DACC Chaparral Center**, 755 Prescott Anthony, Chaparral
- **Garfield Elementary School**, Highway 187, Garfield



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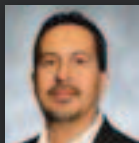
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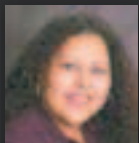
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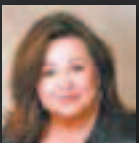
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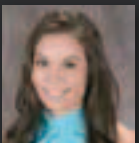
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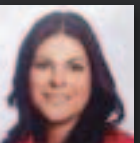
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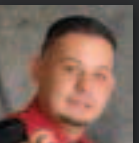
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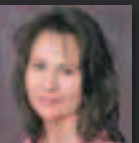
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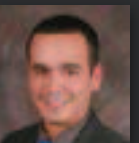
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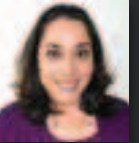
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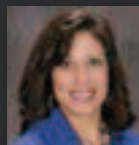
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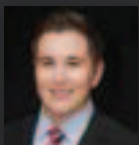
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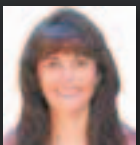
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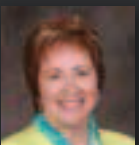
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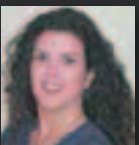
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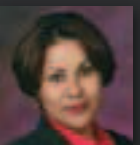
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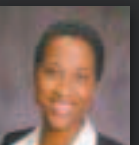
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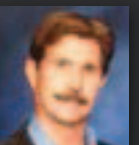
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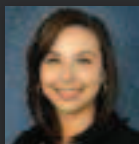
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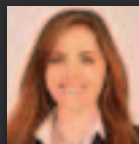
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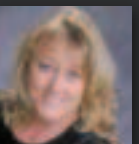
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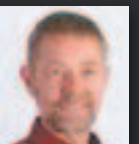
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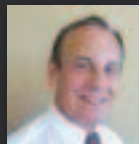
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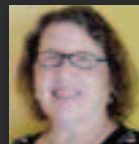
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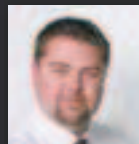
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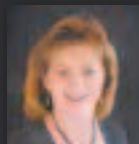
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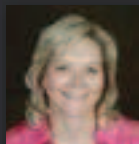
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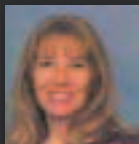
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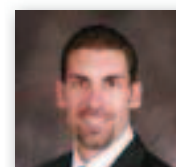
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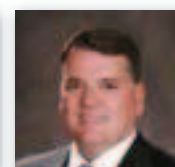


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## Hawks roll into 3-5A play on win streak

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

The Centennial Hawks started their district schedule strong; winning their first three games to take an early lead in district 3-5A.

The Hawks began district play with a 77-42 win over district foe Los Lunas at home before traveling south to rout Chaparral 94-28.

The Hawks continued the streak after defeating Valencia on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 74-30.

Centennial's recent victories have placed them back on track after falling to West Mesa and Albuquerque high back to back a few weeks ago. Head coach Steve Heredia has quickly established a winning pattern with his basketball team.

"Offensively, we are sharing the ball really well right now," Heredia said.

"Guys believe in their teammates and we are really preaching the extra pass. That's what is getting us going offensively."

The Hawks have found some momentum and are working toward topping last seasons' record of 22-8.

Centennial (15-4) is loaded down

*"Our pressure defense has been key for us all year and we are not going to change."*

**STEVE HEREDIA**

Centennial High boys basketball coach

with upperclassmen and team leadership, boasting six seniors on the roster.

Senior point guard Angel King is running the floor while fellow senior and forward Vince Carrillo has proven to be a presence on the hardwood for the Hawks. Six-foot three Carrillo has done well sparking the offense for the Hawks and putting up valuable contributions during his minutes on the floor.

Despite their lack of height, the Hawks seem to have no problem on defense.

"Our pressure defense has been key for us all year and we are not going to change what we do, no matter who we play," Heredia said.

"If we can bring suffocating pressure, then it leaves easy baskets for us and that's what we have been

doing all year," he said.

Centennial has held its opponents under 30 points or less six times this season, winning by an average margin of 48.2 points in those games.

While district 3-5A may not be a power district, Belen could prove to be Centennial's main challenge in the latter half of the season. Only 15 games into their schedule, the Belen Eagles have shown that defense is their strong suit.

The Eagles are allowing an average of 47.3 points per game, a number well below Centennial's offensive production of 69.3 points per game.

With strong floor movement and effective passing, the Hawks offense is showing no signs of slowing down.

Belen and Centennial are comparable in size on the court, which may give the Eagles a slight

advantage playing on the road, tallying a 5-2 mark in away games this season. Although Centennial's path back to the state tournament may be clear, playing efficient and fundamental basketball with high offensive production is what will help them along the way.

One reason why Centennial may be such a strong team is the outstanding team chemistry.

Heredia believes that this team is closer than most and this may translate to the fluidity of their play on the court.

"This team is like a family, these guys hang out together, eat together, shoot free throws at lunch and they are all real close," he said.

"Every now and then one guy tries to wander off and they reel him back in, it's a really tight knit group and that's the key to our success this year."

Centennial was defeated in the semifinals of last year's state tournament by Roswell. However, at the top of their district, the Hawks seem to be headed in the right direction to overcome last year's early exit.

## Private baseball complex proposed near Field of Dreams

By **Todd Dickson**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A private "field of dreams" is the works near the Field of Dreams athletics complex on Tashiro Drive.

At the Las Cruces City Council work session Monday, Jan. 26, Scott Bannister shared the plans to convert a parcel of farmland east of the Field of Dreams into a complex of one high school-sized, 350-foot baseball field, five youth baseball fields and three youth T-ball fields, along with 10 sand volleyball courts and indoor facility with two basketball courts or three volleyball courts.

Bannister said he is proposing the complex because the city's ball fields at the Meerscheidt recreation complex off E. Hadley Avenue are maxed out. Mark Johnston, city parks and recreation director, confirmed that his department has had to reduce the number of teams using the Meerscheidt fields from more than 20 to about 12 to protect

*"I wish we had more citizens who want to build something like this at no cost to the city. I'm kind of speechless."*

**KEN MIYAGISHIMA**

Las Cruces mayor

the baseball fields' grass.

Bannister said he believes there is more than enough support in the community for a new baseball field complex. To keep prices affordable for local teams, he said he hopes to attract large tournaments to the complex.

The land will need to be rezoned from agriculture to commercial, he said. After rezoning, Bannister said he should have the ability to plant grass in late May. Infrastructure will be built around the grass and the complex could start hosting games by March 2016, he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said while there is a concern for preserving farmland, this particular parcel is located well inside city limits and "poorly located" for farm use.

Councillor Gill Sorg said he was impressed by the proposal.

"This is pretty big," Sorg said.

Bannister said the 42-acre private baseball complex would be larger than Meerscheidt.

When asked why he wasn't proposing artificial turf, Bannister said it would be too costly - at least eight times the cost of grass seeding,

which should run about \$10,000 including irrigation. The total cost of the complex should be between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, he said.

Councillor Nathan Small said he would like to see what the city could do to partner with the project, but Councillor Ceil Levatino countered the city's parks and recreation have a lot of other pressing needs.

"As long as you have the finances, I think the city should stay out of it," she told Bannister.

Councillor Miguel Silva said the city should be open to helping the project if it hits a snag.

"I don't want it to become the 'fields of gleam' - a bright idea that fades away over time," Silva said.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima thanked Bannister for sharing the proposal with the council.

"I wish we had more citizens who want to build something like this at no cost to the city," Miyagishima said. "I'm kind of speechless."



# Mayfield High grad pitching in at UTEP



**Barbara Boxleitner**  
*Keeping up*

Daeshianna McCants has been productive for the University of Texas at El Paso women's basketball team.

One of three freshmen on the squad, the Mayfield High

School graduate has played in the first 16 games and started twice.

The 6-foot-1 forward averaged four points and 3.7 rebounds. She was second on the team

in blocked shots and fourth in steals.

She has played nearly 16 minutes a game, second most among the freshmen. "A lot of freshmen don't come in thinking they're getting that much time," she said.

McCants has had multiple games with impressive contributions

defensively and offensively, though she is aiming for consistency in performance, not unlike other first-year players.

"I have my days," said McCants, who had a season-high 11 points and added two steals against Prairie View A&M University. "I'm OK with it."

Two of her best

games statistically have been against programs from her home state: University of New Mexico and Eastern New Mexico University. She had six rebounds, four points and two steals in a start at New Mexico and nine rebounds, six points and two steals against Eastern New Mexico.

She said her primary duties are to rebound and play defense. McCants had a team-high eight rebounds with six points against Marshall University on Saturday. She led the squad with eight rebounds and added seven points against Northern Arizona University.

"She (the coach) wants me to focus on rebounding and after rebounds, the rest of my game will come



**MCCANTS**

along," McCants said.

Opponents aren't making it easy for her under the boards, however, because some of the players have a size advantage. "I'm not the biggest post player," she said, "but I'm guarding bigger post players."

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## Aggie softball picked to win conference title

The New Mexico State softball team is the preseason favorite to win the 2015 Western Athletic Conference softball title according to the Preseason Coaches Poll.

The conference also announced its Preseason All-WAC Team and preseason player and pitcher of the year. NM State led all teams by placing four players on the all-conference team, led by senior outfielder Staci Rodriguez who was honored as the WAC Preseason Player of the Year.

The Aggies and Grand Canyon University split the six first-place votes, three apiece, but NM State had the edge for the top spot with 23 total points.

Rodriguez, a native of Paramount, Calif., has led the conference in home runs each of the last two seasons. She will be seeking her second WAC Player of the Year award as she took home the honor in 2013 as a sophomore. That season she finished with 20 long balls to lead the WAC and place 10th in the country.

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# Young golfers must cope with frustrations



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

Anyone who has watched junior golfers in competition can't help but be impressed by how quickly they have adopted certain fundamentals of the golf swing as well as some of the fine mannerisms of the game.

I have found this to be true not only with AJGA and PGA Junior Tour players, who often have abundant tutelage, but also with high school golfers, whose latent talent may be due to less experience. Be that as it may, junior golfers, as a group, sometimes struggle with some common emotional and behavioral problems.

Young golfers often have a restricted capacity to handle adversity. That's also true of many grown adult competitors, but they should have been taught and learned, and should know better.

One basic psychological concept and term for this situation is "low frustration tolerance," or LFT. Golf is all about difficulty and dealing with setbacks

When it comes to misfortune and the resulting necessary problem-solving, some kids seem less resilient than others. Bad breaks, bad luck, wrong decisions, injuries and adversity of every sort are bound to happen in competitive sport; the more resilient and more mentally tough player definitely does have an advantage over his or her emotionally weaker foes. The resilient player treats disaster and adversity by almost immediately dismissing it, while proceeding to go about his business in a calm stoic manner.

Following a complete catastrophe, often accompanied by awful luck, some youngsters collapse with LFT-

induced temper tantrums, other kids withdraw helplessly and give up, while still others go on an emotional roller coaster. And it turns out that certain core beliefs or attitudes seem to lie at the root of LFT reactions. Some kids start thinking that golf is (or ought to be) fair.

They don't realize that when the Scots cleverly invented this rude game some five centuries ago they didn't pretend to establish golf as a game that would always be fair, which is probably why they came up with the euphemistic phrase "rub of the green." Since most kids today in these United States of America have life pretty easy, they understandably start thinking that life is fair; and they think it should carry over to golf. Bad luck, bad lies, missed putts, awful bounces, an off day – these things happen.

We'll never know why bad things happen to good golfers.

Another factor contributing to LFT, or

perhaps its root cause, may be unrealistic expectations. Often when kids develop some mastery in golf, their expectations skyrocket.

These feelings are not usually goals, posted on their bedpost, but rather, talented kids start to expect, even

assume, that things will go right and in their favor.

The reoccurrence of performance frustration may even be exaggerated for young players who are naturally impulsive and do not have a great attention span.

Experience is the best teacher in most cases.

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

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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**CRYSTAL VASQUEZ**  
is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. She plays guard on the Lady Knights basketball team. This season, Vasquez has averaged 12.5 points, four assists and three steals per game. She is a good motivator and leader on the court. Vasquez is also a dedicated student, with a 3.24 GPA. Her interest outside of basketball is spending time with family.

**KOBE ORGAIN**  
is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. He is in the 138-pound weight class on the Knights' wrestling team and placed third at the Chapin Invitational in El Paso – the majority of wins coming by fall or major decisions. Orgain is an open-minded, self-disciplined, hard-working and reliable individual. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.20 GPA. He also is in the Oñate band and outside of school and wrestling, Orgain enjoys music and long boarding.

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# Keep your bullets to yourself please



**Brook Stockberger**  
*On the field*

You always know lightning could strike you, a falling tree limb could crack open your head or a piece of space debris could crush your car.

Really, though, what are the odds? I would guess the overwhelming majority of you do not stay awake at night thinking of those possibilities.

But, dang it, what are the odds a bullet fired in the air from a .40 caliber handgun will travel more than a mile, come through the roof of my house, punch through the ceiling of my bedroom, miss my wife and 5-year-old son by mere feet, smack into a child's book and hit the photo of a baby on the cover, smack dab between the eyes.

I mean, truthfully, what are the odds?

Maybe I should play the lottery because just such a scenario punctured the calm of

my family on a Saturday afternoon earlier this month – Jan. 10 to be exact.

So let me write it down, carve it in stone and shout it from the heavens: “For the love of all that is holy, stop firing your weapons up in the air, especially in the city limits!”

OK, I feel better.

We all know the expression, “What goes up must come down.”

I hope the unthinking set – a minority among gun owners I am willing to bet – will take this story to heart.

I hate to be overly dramatic, but my wife and son dodged death that day. Unexpectedly, like a thief in the night to paraphrase the Bible.

Sure, some people have told me that the bullet would not have had enough energy to actually kill someone, but the dang thing came through my roof and ceiling and made a loud thud on the carpet. You have to assume the worst could have happened.

I was not home at the time, but received a cell phone photo from my wife of what I instantly recognized as a large caliber bullet telling me the object had come through the ceiling.

“Call the police,” I told her and headed home.

One of the officers who responded told us, “You’d be surprised by how many calls we get

# Big Brothers, Big Sisters Regional Office



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY TODD DICKSON

Dawn Starostka, Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region regional director for Doña Ana and Grant counties, cuts ribbons from the three local chambers of commerce Tuesday, Jan. 27, for the organization's new offices at 221 W. Griggs Ave. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico recently merged with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico to gain greater financial stability.

about people shooting off guns.”

The police were nice, looked at the hole and confiscated the bullet, but admitted we may never know who fired the firearm – probably a handgun.

I took my wife and son out for a dinner – my two older kids were not with us at the time – and was surprised to receive a call from the police during the middle of my endless pancakes at IHOP asking if they could come back and

take photos. I was informed there might be a lead on the shooting.

Surprised but pleased, I cut off my pancake bacchanal and headed home. My wife and son had to get on the bed – my wife was fighting off a cold and napping while my son watched cartoons – and recreate where they were when the bullet made its appearance.

My son enjoyed the attention and when the police photographer told him he was a good actor,

he said “Thanks” in a very serious, one-professional-to-another voice.

The best we can tell, a domestic situation escalated to the point someone fired a .40 caliber handgun a little more than a mile away, south of U.S. Highway 70 – we’re on the north side – at about the same time the bullet came through our roof.

I would say that is a very good chance of being our culprit, but the police report we obtained says the case is still open.

For a night or two, my son had trouble falling asleep because a “bomb”

might come through the roof.

Now life has returned to normal, an insurance adjuster has been called and the holes will be fixed.

Hey, I sometimes love to get out and shoot firearms. There is something very therapeutic about the report of a pistol, the crack of a rifle and boom of a shotgun.

But I never expected to be greeted by a bullet hole above my bed every morning.

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## In the news

### Las Cruces mayor pro tem changes registration to independent

Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith announced Wednesday, Jan. 28, that he has changed his voter registration to independent.

In a letter to the editor that was preceded by discussions on Facebook, Smith said he acknowledged the change would prohibit him from voting in primary elections and could result in “political repercussions if I choose to run for public office again.”

Smith, who represents District 2 on the



SMITH

City Council, was previously a registered Democrat.

“All too often, elections are decided in the primaries because there are only candidates from one party, with the result being that those registered with the other party or as independents have no say in who represents them,” Smith wrote. “More often, though, there are candidates from both parties, but independents are still excluded.

“This de facto form of voter suppression is why I am urging New Mexico to do as three other states have done and go to a ‘blanket open’ or ‘top-two’ primary system.

“In such a primary system, all registered voters get to vote in the primaries. All qualified candidates get to run in the primaries. The choice of candidates is then not limited to only those who can garner the support of one party or the other, and we are more

democratically represented.

“If enough people register as independents, the way we do primaries will have to change, and I believe more people will feel empowered to vote and know that their vote does make a difference”

### Bill to stop coyote killing contests introduced

Republican state Sen. Mark Moores of Albuquerque has introduced Senate Bill 253 to ban coyote-killing contests in New Mexico.

Co-sponsored by Democratic state Rep. Jeff Steinborn of Las Cruces, the legislation would make it illegal for anyone to “organize, cause, sponsor, arrange, hold or participate in a coyote-killing contest,” which is defined as “an organized or sponsored competition with the objective of killing coyotes for prizes or entertainment.”

The Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC) and other groups had pushed for legislation that would ban all wildlife killing contests, but the sponsors decided that a bill limited to coyotes had a better chance of passage.

Coyotes are currently the main targets of killing contests in New Mexico, according to SWEC. There have been at least 20 wildlife killing contests held in New Mexico over the past 12 months – the most in any state.

SB 253 has been assigned to two committees, Senate Conservation and

Senate Judiciary.

If the bill makes it out of both committees and wins passage on the Senate floor, it will move to the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

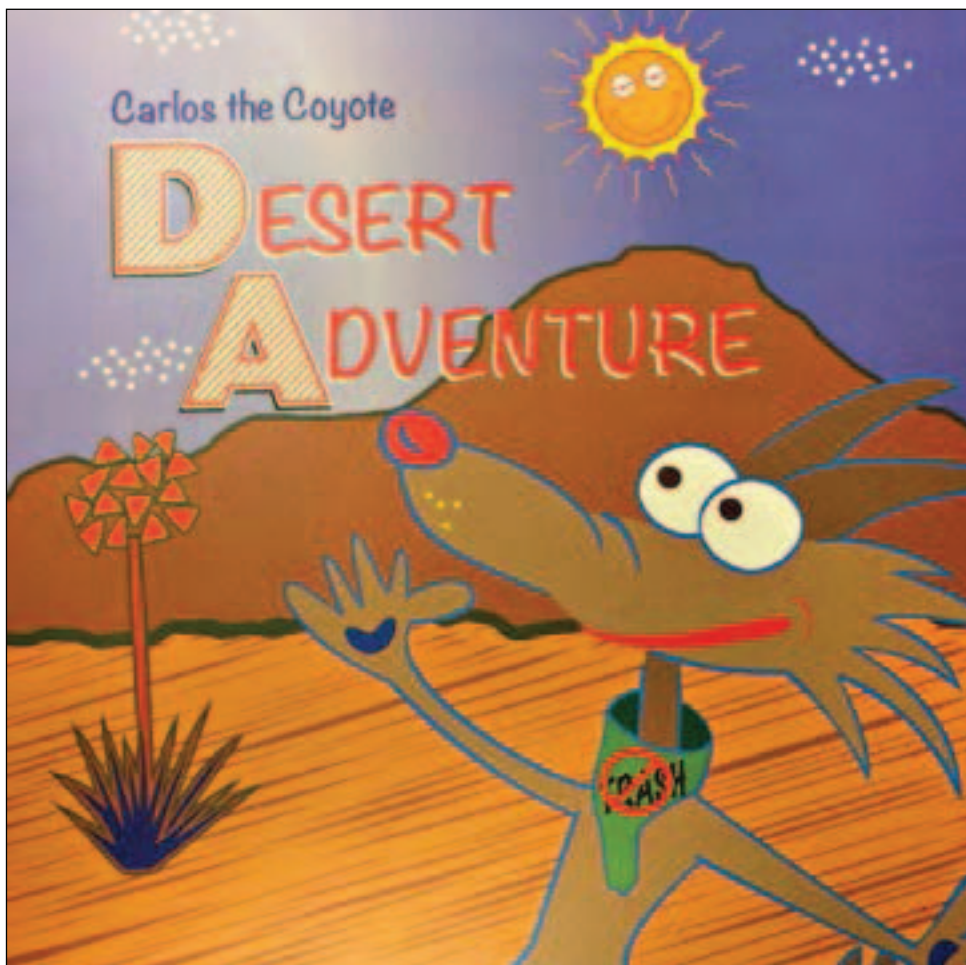
“Having a conservative Republican and a liberal Democrat as sponsors should help its prospects,” SWEC stated in an email to its supporters. “If passed and signed by the governor, New Mexico will become the first state to enact a legislative ban on such contests.”

### ‘Pay 2 Play’ to be shown in Las Cruces

The Green Party of New Mexico is sponsoring the showing of the 2014 documentary “Pay 2 Play” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, in the Roadrunner Room of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave

“How do we get past the pay-to-play system?” director John Ennis asks in a voice-over narration. “Because I’m ready to be a board flipper.”

That reference is to the Monopoly game and tossing all the pieces on the floor when you’re losing,” the Washington Post wrote about the film. “Ennis uses the Hasbro game and its cartoon mascot, the mustachioed Uncle Pennybags, as a leitmotif throughout the film. In his view, the spirit of Monopoly — the player with the most money wins — is emblematic of what’s wrong with government today.”



Carlos the Coyote is a character created by local agencies to teach children about how to spot and report illegal dumping in book that will be used area schools.

## County produces children's book to teach youth about illegal dumping

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

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

Authored by Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement supervisor

Lt. Mary Lou Ward, “Desert Adventure” will be handed out at area schools during anti-dumping presentations and other community outreach events.

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

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

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Registration begins Monday, Feb. 2, at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center. The program is held from 8 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, from March 2, through May 29. The fee is \$36 per walker and includes tracking of progress for the 12 weeks of the program.

For more information call 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2772.

## BINGO

Bingo will be held at

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

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

For more information, call 526-9139.

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

Free bingo is offered from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Benavidez Center, 1045 McClure Road. Players have a chance to win a prize and have fun with friends and neighbors.

For more information, call 528-3000.

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Call Helen Glover at 805-4920 for more information,

## BRIDGE CLUB

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

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

Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600

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## DANCESPORT

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

The first class is a beginner class and is free.

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

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

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## CHAIR EXERCISES

Chair exercises led by Lisa Ortega are from 8:30

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A \$1 donation is suggested.

## CALL FOR LOCAL SENIOR ARTISTS

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

The work medium is paint and the surface is the exterior of the Tornillo side of the building. Submit résumés by Saturday, Jan. 31, to Lori Crummet at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

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

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# Martinez names nominees for NMSU regents

Gov. Susana Martinez recently announced nominations to fill two vacancies on the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.

Most recently, Martinez announced the NMSU regents nomination of Jerean Hutchinson, who owns La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant with her husband, Tom.

Hutchinson is an alumna of NMSU and has served on the NMSU College of Business Advisory Committee since 1999. She has served on presidential and College of Business dean search committees.

Hutchinson's community involvement has included the roles of president of the Las Cruces Catholic School, director of Jardin de los Niños, president of Old Mesilla Association, and member of the Board of Councilors for Citizens Bank.

Hutchinson is a member of the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the New Mexico Restaurant Association. She was awarded the Governor's New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award in 2014.

Hutchinson holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, business systems analysis, from NMSU and master's degree in information management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

In December, Martinez announced her nomination of Debra Hicks of Hobbs to the NMSU regent board.

An alumna of NMSU, Hicks is a business owner with more than 30 years of experience in engineering and public service.

She is president and chief executive officer of Pettigrew and Associates, a leading civil engineering, surveying and testing firm.

Hicks served on the board of Regents for the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology from 2013-2014.

Her community state, and national involvements are extensive, with various appointments and memberships, including to the Economic Development Corp. of Lea County, the New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, and the National Society of Professional Engineers, among others.

Hicks has been recognized for her contributions to economic development and success in women-owned businesses by numerous business publications and associations, such as the New Mexico Business Weekly and the American Council of Engineering Companies.

She has worked extensively to promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education initiatives through

partnerships with organizations such as MATHCOUNTS and by serving on task forces for Hobbs and Tatum Municipal Schools. Hicks holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering from NMSU.

Hutchinson and Hicks replace regents Isaac Pino and Javier Gonzales, who were not reappointed after their terms expired.

"It is vital that our higher education institutions graduate students who are well-prepared to thrive in the diverse economy we are working to create in New Mexico," Martinez said when she announced nomination for regents board across the state. "The individuals I am nominating today come from a variety of backgrounds and are well-suited to help manage our state's universities. They will provide thorough financial oversight and planning for these institutions, and I am confident they will adopt reforms designed to graduate our students more quickly and prepare them for the workforce New Mexico needs."

Martinez also recently announced the appointment of Lila Martinez of Las Cruces to the State Rehabilitation Council for the Commission for the Blind. She is a diagnostician for Las Cruces Public Schools and has a daughter who is blind. Martinez holds master's degree in educational diagnostics specialization from NMSU.

# HSSNM supported



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# School transfer requests being taken by district

Parents of students who want to transfer to a school outside of their home attendance zone next school year should apply for a transfer now.

The open enrollment transfer period for all grade levels is open through Monday, March 2, said Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, director of secondary instruction for Las Cruces Public Schools.

"The district will accept transfer applications only during this specific time period," Miller-Tomlinson said. "All requests will be date-stamped and carefully reviewed before a decision is made as to which students can switch schools."

Miller-Tomlinson said there will be a second opportunity for high school students to request a transfer. Next fall, they will also be able to request a transfer for the second semester of next school year, effective January 2016.

Parents can obtain a transfer request form at their child's school. Elementary and middle school requests must be turned in by the deadline to their original school principal. The principal, and the principal of the school to which the student wants to transfer, must sign the form before

it is submitted.

High school students can get a transfer form at the Instruction Department in the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main, Loretto Towne Centre. The transfer request form is also online. Click on form JFB-E1 under the parents' section of the district website: [www.lcps.k12.nm.us/for-parents](http://www.lcps.k12.nm.us/for-parents).

Students who are already attending a school outside of their attendance zone do not have to resubmit a new request form to remain at that school, officials said. However, if the student is moving from elementary to middle school, or from middle school to high school, they must request a transfer if they do not want to attend the school in their home zone.

Miller-Tomlinson said the district transfer policy outlines the priorities for which students can move to another school.

For more information about transfers, parents of elementary students should contact Elementary Instruction Director Lydia Polanco at 527-6011 or [lpolanco@lcp.k12.nm.us](mailto:lpolanco@lcp.k12.nm.us); inquiries for middle and high school transfers can contact Miller-Tomlinson at 527-6657 or [wmiller-tomlinson@lcp.k12.nm.us](mailto:wmiller-tomlinson@lcp.k12.nm.us).

# Vista team wins state electric car competition

A group of 10 Vista Middle School students won first place in the annual New Mexico Middle School Electric Car Challenge held in Albuquerque.

Competing against 46 teams from across New Mexico, it was the second year in a row that the Vista team won the first place trophy, said adviser Joshua Wisner, a seventh-grade Vista science teacher. They also won \$750 in prize money.

Wisner said the students also won first place in the oral presentation and third place in the design challenge.

Wisner said this year's theme focused on electric fuel and the competition consisted of a battery-powered model car race, design competition, as well as the option to compete in an oral presentation focused on the challenges of electric fuel vehicles.

The seventh- and eighth-grade students had to present the design of their car to a group of scientists from Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories, he said.

Those who competed on Nov. 22 were: Abrianna Morales, Logan Sage, David Bussell, Tyana Zapien, Zelia Barela, Leah McDonald,



The Vista Middle School team won trophies and cash in the competition against 46 other teams that designed and raced electric-powered cars.

Diane Schulmeister, Katherine Jaramillo, Anahi Almanza, Michael Herrera, Alejandro Pando, Maribel Sanchez, and Nelson Burciaga.

"I am extremely proud of our students," Wisner said. "This competition was a great way to show the kids that they will get something out of their efforts, depending on what they put in."

Competition officials said building a battery-powered car requires skills in both math and science. The primary goal of the competitions is to generate enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills at a crucial stage in the development of middle school students.

"It was a very enriching experience that one could never

forget," said eighth-grade student Abrianna Morales.

"The teams exemplified attributes of perseverance and teamwork to reach their goals," added co-adviser Rebeca Fuentes, a seventh grade Vista math teacher.

"Skills that cannot be taught but learned through discovery."

"The Vista school community is extremely proud of our students and their commitment to this challenge. They showed courage, flexibility, and teamwork," said Wendi Hammond, Vista Middle School principal.

"Our students and staff love science and engage in science content easily. I also am thankful for the support of our Vista families. Without them, we would be lost."



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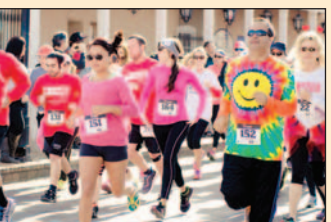
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## February celebrates For the Love of Art Month

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

For 17 years, February has been all about art in the Mesilla Valley, as artists, performers and patrons alike fill their calendars with all manner of events and Las Cruces celebrates For the Love of Art Month, organized by the ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico.

This year, those 28 days are fuller than ever with gallery openings and exhibits scattered across the city, along with live music, theater and performing arts events, artist lectures and presentations, studio tours and more.

From the first day of the month – Sunday, Feb. 1 – art galleries and studios, community centers, performing arts venues, restaurants, businesses and other spaces throughout with city will take part in Art Around Town, bedecking their walls with works created by talented Las Cruces. For 28 consecutive days, art will be featured at venues as varied as Funky Karma Incense & Tea, Old Tortilla Factory, La Jardin de Las Cruces, Lundeen Inn of the Arts, Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, Black Box Theatre, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Tombaugh Gallery, the New Mexico State University Alumni and Visitor's Center, NMSU University Art Gallery and Casa de mi Alma Healing Center. Of course, the city's numerous unique galleries will feature their own monthly programming as well – check our gallery listings (page B4) for more information.

From Rebecca Courtney's acrylic paintings on display at Lundeen Inn of the Arts and Old Tortilla Factory to the Southwest Calligraphy's Guild's work at the NMSU Alumni and Visitor's Center to the lathe-turned wood of Les Fairchild at La Jardin de Las Cruces to the "My Masterpiece" show at Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, in the month of February, it seems all of Las Cruces is an art show.

While these exhibits all begin on the first of February, For the Love of Art Month really kicks into gear as the first weekend of the month rolls around – Friday through Sunday, Feb. 6 to 8, will be a whirlwind of arts and activities.

As one of the month's highlights, members of ArtForms – 13 in all – will together host a group show at three venues – Mas Art, Main Street Bistro and El Paso Electric Gallery, located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre – featuring 31 works of art in a variety of media including paintings, wood, ceramics, fiber, jewelry, sculpture and more. All three locations will hold opening receptions from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, to

coincide with the monthly first Friday Downtown Art Ramble.

That same evening, beginning at 7 p.m. directly following the close of the Art Ramble, the Rio Grande Theatre will screen a selection of films produced and shot in southern New Mexico by Las Cruces-based film production company PRC Productions. The evening will feature trailers, webisodes and short films, including Troy Scoughton Jr.'s thrilling directorial debut "Last Night on Mars," Cody Dalton's acclaimed "Anti-Minute," Aron Hethcox's creature feature "Quimera" and four backstory webisodes of the soon-to-be-released feature film "Truth," which will premiere at the Rio Grande Theatre at the end of the month (Feb. 27-28). Tickets to the screening night are \$2 and will be available at the Rio Grande Theatre Box Office during the Ramble. Do note these screenings are intended for mature audiences.

Friday is also the kick-off evening of Las Cruces Connects, described by organizers as "a celebratory weekend of art exhibits, art-based events and performances (...) an art-tastic weekend to create a connection between the University Art Gallery, Las Cruces Museum of Art and all the various art galleries and arts organizations within our community." From 5 to 8 p.m., the University Art Gallery will host a reception for "Las Cruces Creates," a group exhibition featuring work from 21 different artists currently creating work in Las Cruces – Chris Bardey, Nancy Begin, Karen Bucher, Sharbani Das Gupta, Greg Decker, Carlos Estrada-Vega, John Garrett, Stephen Hansen, Amanda Jaffe, Suzanne Kane, Robin Labe, Rosemary Mcloughlin, Brack Morrow, Louis Ocepek, Mary Robertson, Joshua Rose, Jesse Reinhard, Jacklyn St. Aubyn, Isadora Stowe, Jean Reece Wilkey and Mary Wolf.

Continuing that partnership, the Las Cruces city museums will debut three new exhibits from 5 to 7 p.m. during the ramble. "Las Cruces Collects," opening at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, features work culled from the collections of three local art collectors – Billy and Cynthia Garrett, Lynn Wiley and John Purcell and the NMSU University Art Gallery. Across the courtyard, Branigan Cultural Center welcomes the 2015 Las Colcheras Quilt Challenge exhibition, "Number, please," and "Mesilla Valley Scenes" by Artamants, and "Wheels & Wings: Tracing Our Heritage," an exhibit of the work of members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter, will open at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. For more on Las Cruces Connects weekend, check back in with us next week or visit [www.lascrucesconnects.com](http://www.lascrucesconnects.com).

During two weekends – Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14-15 and 21-22 – artists spread throughout Las Cruces will open their studios to the public to give visitors an intimate look into the creative spaces and places of the local artistic community. Bailey Jewelry Design, Cathouse Glass, Blue Gate Gallery, La Jardin de Las Cruces, Tres Manos Weaving Studio, Casa de Puertas, Lundeen Inn of the Arts and the studios of Jeri Desrochers, Storm Sermay, Rosemary McKeown, Jan Severson and Marilyn Reed are just a few of the stops on these expansive weekend tours.

By no means is this rundown all inclusive – for more information on For the Love of Art Month, call 635-6683, visit [www.artformsnm.org](http://www.artformsnm.org) and check back in with the Las Cruces Bulletin in coming weeks for updates and features throughout the month.

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Donna Vesely's "Heart Flowers," above, and "Sacred Heart" by Jesse Cross, below, are just two of the hundreds of works of art on display in Las Cruces as the city celebrates For the Love of Art Month in February. Events throughout the month include art openings and exhibits, artist talks and demonstrations, live music, theater and performing arts, film screenings and more.



William Dean, Johnny Tabor and Sabrina Gomez play students who stumble on a secret government conspiracy in a remote hospital in the suspense thriller "Truth." Four webisodes of "Truth" will air at the Rio Grande Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, part of For the Love of Art Month.



# In 'The Odd Couple,' big girls don't cry

Review by **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

I must start with a confession that is a caveat and also perhaps a bit more revealing about my character than I would like to share: I am not a Neil Simon fan.

It is not that he isn't funny – his plays are slathered with wit – but they are not particularly insightful and the almost vaudevillian style of his farce is very difficult to successfully portray. In that sense, however, "The Odd Couple (Female Version)," currently playing at Las Cruces Community Theatre, overcame all of my reservations with a performance that kept me laughing and engaged through both acts.

The pacing of the play is superb – crisp and quick, it clips along without dwelling on any particular line. The beats fall evenly, each line dropping lightly and lifting again in expectation of the one to follow. This is exactly how I feel you have to play Simon – the wit is constant, a metronome of humor, and the beats must be light and steady or else the burden of the jokes will kill the inertia. In this respect, particularly, the production was exceedingly successful. The jokes all land – and in a play that is composed almost entirely of jokes, that is quite an accomplishment.

The story is familiar, the male version having been first a 1965 play, a 1968 movie, and a sitcom from 1970-75.

Olive Madison, divorced slob and sports fan, invites neurotic and undiagnosed obsessive-compulsive Florence Unger to move in with her after the latter's husband kicks her out. Hilarity ensues.

Simon doesn't throw us any curveballs with his female cast, and there is nothing revelatory in switching



Jade Diaz, Karen Buerdsell, Lynn Linde, Nora Brown, Jamie Bronstein and Erin Wendorf star in the Las Cruces Community Theatre production of "The Odd Couple (Female Version)" by Neil Simon, now playing through Sunday, Feb. 8.

the genders. However, it does not feel forced, either; and perhaps, despite my skepticism, that is what is revelatory – the universality of character traits, loneliness and growth, despite the gender they are dressed in.

The play is definitely representative of a certain time, with aspects that do not age comfortably. However, rather than shying away from the temporality of the script by blurring the scenery and costumes to ambiguity, the production embraces the time in which it was set. A perfectly 1980s collection of costumes designed by Autumn Gieb and a delightfully, deliberately dated set by Larry Chandler and Doug Roby puts everything in perspective.

As Olive Madison, Lynn Linde has perfect comedic timing and off-hand casual delivery. Her dry wit in this pivotal role was an absolutely necessary lynchpin in the success of this play.

As Florence Unger, Jamie Bronstein deftly balances her character's need to be both unbearably annoying and appealingly sympathetic. It is a difficult balance to

strike, but Bronstein rises to the challenge.

All of the women in the group of friends have realistic, enjoyable chemistry with one another. Karen Buerdsell delights me every time she is on stage. Her Sylvie is natural, amusing and infinitely relatable. I found myself wishing Simon had written more of her into the script.

As single, worldly businesswoman Renee, Jade Diaz is appropriately brassy and just racy enough; while Erin Wendorf, playing down-to-earth police officer Mickey, injects reality and perspective.

Nora Brown's Vera was endearingly naïve but not cloyingly saccharine, and for a character that could have been wet, she was instead sparkling with suggestion of complexity in subtext.

The characters of the Costazuela brothers, as written, are not without their problems. However, Teddy Aspen-Sanchez and Victor Zamora embrace their roles perfectly and play them with dignified class and spot-on comedic timing.

The play feels like a sitcom, realism with the lens just askew enough

to blur sharp edges to a warm indistinction. This is not a criticism – it suits the play perfectly, making it exactly what it was intended and bringing a rare liveliness to the stage.

I may not love you, Neil Simon, but in director Larry Chandler's hands you made me laugh – and really, that's the most satisfying way to prove me wrong.

"The Odd Couple (Female Version)" runs through Sunday, Feb. 8. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$13 for students/seniors/military, \$12 for groups of 10 or more, and \$10 for children 6 and under.

In celebration of "For The Love of Art Month", a showing of "Nine Year Deviation" by Chris Bardey, managing partner of the West End Art Depot, will be on display in the inner theater lobby. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org) or for patrons without Internet access or email capabilities, tickets can be obtained by calling 523-1200.

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## MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN

It's Really happening

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**FRI JANUARY 30** **3:00 P.M.**  
Fantastic Friday Story/Craft Program for ages 7-11  
Branigan Library

**SAT JANUARY 31** **7:30 P.M.**  
Cirque ZumaZuma  
Grande Theatre

**TUES FEBRUARY 3** **10:30 A.M.**  
Read to Me stories for ages 3 and up  
Branigan Library

**TUES FEBRUARY 3** **4:00 P.M.**  
Teen Game Night  
Branigan Library

**TUES FEBRUARY 3** **5:30 P.M.**  
Beginning Crocheting Class  
Branigan Library

**TUES FEBRUARY 3** **6:30 P.M.**  
Every other Tuesday - La Union Maldita  
Rio Grande Theatre

**WED+THU FEBRUARY 4+5** **10:00 A.M.**  
Toddler Time stories for ages 1-3  
Branigan Library

**WED FEBRUARY 4** **11:00 A.M.**  
Mother Goose Time Activities for Infants  
Branigan Library

**THU FEBRUARY 5** **4:00 P.M.**  
Team Anime (grades 6-12)  
Branigan Library

**THU FEBRUARY 5** **5:30 P.M.**  
Beginning Knitting Class  
Branigan Library

**FRI FEBRUARY 6** **5:00-7:00 P.M.**  
Artist Reception El Paso Electric Gallery  
Rio Grande Theatre

**FRI FEBRUARY 6** **7:00 P.M.**  
Short Film Showcase  
Rio Grande Theatre

### ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents "Scale," an exhibit of the work of Roy van der Aa featuring non-objective geometric work from 2014-15, both squares and rectangles varying in size from 5 inches to 5 feet. "Scale" opens with an artist's reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, and will remain on display through March 7.

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

**MESQUITE ART GALLERY** presents "Fractured Landscapes" by Deming artist Megan Lemcke. "Fractured Landscapes" opens Thursday, Feb. 5, and will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 28. A reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

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

## LAST CHANCE

**WEST END ART DEPOT** presents "(RE)COLLECTIONS," an interactive public writing and community memory exhibit. This exhibit promotes audience participation and opens up the innovative composition space that might occur between and beyond institutional and social boundaries. Fill in your wishes on the "Before I Die" wall, collect and shelve your memories with hands-on media and collaborate with others on a public collage. Discover the collective voice of the vibrant Las Cruces community. A special closing reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, featuring music by folk/rock group Pero No and refreshments from El Luchador food truck.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The cultural center also presents "Continuing Traditions," an exhibition depicting the culture and lifestyle of the Pueblo people of New Mexico, in particular the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of Las Cruces. The exhibit features jewelry, art, textiles and more from members of the Pueblo tribe, including artists Tonio LeFebre and Louie Garcia, will be on display. "Continuing Traditions" will remain on display through the end of January.

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

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

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

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** presents Rayma Claessen and Merideth Loring as its featured artists for the month of January. Claessen is noted for her landscape paintings, and Loring combines her lifelong love of fabric and needlecraft with her vision of developing objects and materials reborn into new forms. In addition, the 31 member artists of the gallery continue to offer paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused-glass art jewelry, woodturning, stained glass, mixed media, photography, natural quality gemstone jewelry and more.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

## ONGOING

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

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

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit [www.unsettledgallery.com](http://www.unsettledgallery.com) or call 635-2285.

**ART OBSCURA GALLERY** presents "Bioluminology," an exhibit of the surrealist paintings of Cody Jimenez. In this body of work, Jimenez explores his concerns involving our society and its fascination with technology. When Jimenez had the realization his phone had become a social "crutch," he began to notice the different levels of obsession people had with their own devices. "Bioluminology" will remain on display through the first week of February.

Upstairs, in the Tiny Room Gallery, Art Obscura is hosting the Tiny Collage Show, works no larger than 5 by 7 inches, also opening Jan. 10 and running through February.

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

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

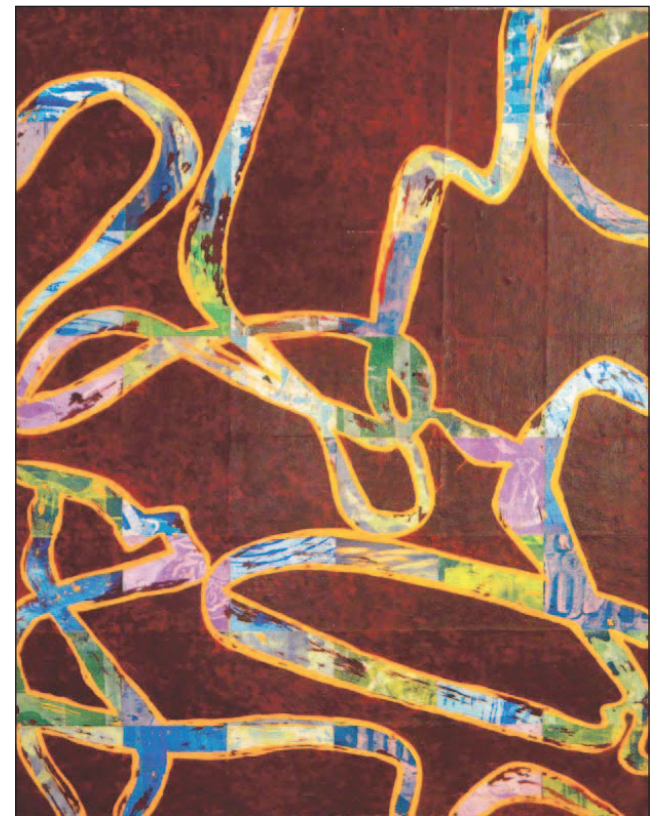
The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum also presents "Heavy Metal: Vintage Farm Equipment by Richard Ondrovic," photographs emphasizing the complex shapes that make up the machinery on display at the museum. "Heavy Metal" will remain in the museum's arts corridor through April 5.

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

**DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER** is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more.

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

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.0



Roy van der Aa's "Scale" opens at Tombaugh Gallery Sunday, Feb. 1, featuring non-objective geometric work from the past year, including "Rabbit in the Hole," above.

## OPENING SOON

### Feral Friday: Expressions of Illegal IV

West End Art Depot  
401 N. Mesilla St.  
Opens Friday, Feb. 6

### Las Cruces Collects

Las Cruces Museum of Art  
491 N. Main St.  
Opens Friday, Feb. 6

### The Wild: Worth Loving

Southwest Environmental Center  
275 N. Main St.  
Opens Friday, Feb. 6

### Naida Zucker: New Mexico Backroads

Main Street Gallery  
311 N. Main St.  
Opens Friday, Feb. 6

### Las Colcheras Quilting Guild: Number, Please

Branigan Cultural Center  
501 N. Main St.  
Opens Friday, Feb. 6

### New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter

Quillin-Stephens Gallery  
217 N. Main St.  
Opens Friday, Feb. 6

### Wheels & Wings: Tracing Our Heritage

Las Cruces Railroad Museum  
351 N. Mesilla St.  
Opens Friday, Feb. 6



# NMSU requests \$1.5 million for D.W. Williams renovation

New Mexico State University is requesting \$1.5 million in planning and design funds for the renovation of D.W. Williams Hall, in preparation for the general obligation bond in 2016. Currently, private contributions and pledges for the renovation total \$801,568. The renovation of D.W. Williams Hall will have a tremendous long-term economic and cultural impact on students and faculty at NMSU, as well as the larger community of Las Cruces and southern New Mexico.

The list of academic opportunities provided by NMSU's Department of Art at D.W. Williams Hall on the NMSU campus is abundant. Students have significant opportunities to work in the fields of ceramics, drawing and painting, graphic design, metals, photography, printmaking, sculpture and art conservation. Unfortunately, space is so limited in the building, the College of Arts and Sciences is unable to meet the needs of the number of students wanting to enroll.

D.W. Williams Hall was built in 1938 as a gymnasium. The original 27,000-square-foot building served as a venue for athletic and campus events for almost 35 years before becoming home to the Department of Art in 1972, when the building's area was increased to 36,857 square feet by the addition of a second floor over portions of the building. An annex was constructed in 1984, adding more than 11,926 square feet, including a 450-square-foot addition built in 2002 for the Museum Conservation Program – bringing the total existing building to 48,783 square feet. A 2012 programming study determined that 91,180 square feet was needed to properly house the current programs.

While the renovations did increase the number of programs offered, they came at a cost. There are ventilation issues and a lack of appropriate space. Original concrete bleachers are situated throughout the building and leave wasted square footage, as the tighter spaces under the bleachers are not accessible. Because the additions to the building were tacked on piecemeal and over a period of several years, the flow through and

around the building is not efficient. This makes it difficult for students to get from one class to another in a timely way.

“What it all boils down to is the students, and the opportunities they deserve,” said College of Arts and Sciences Dean Christa Slaton. “We could teach more students, but we just don't have the space. This is one of the greatest needs on campus, because we are not maximizing our student credit hours when classrooms and studios can only accommodate six to 12 students per class.”

The Museum Conservation Program at NMSU is one of only three undergraduate programs of its kind in the United States. Despite the ever-increasing interest among students, the conservation lab can only accommodate six students at a time – an unfortunate dilemma when studies show more and more students are moving into the workforce to serve in arts- and culture-related jobs, while serving as active participants in economic growth.

Jeffrey Mitchell, director of the University of New Mexico's Bureau of Business & Economic Research, created a report titled “Building on the Past, Facing the Future: Renewing the Creative Economy of New Mexico.” The report shows arts and cultural industries in New Mexico have a national reputation that is far beyond the state's size or economic standing. These industries employ 43,031 people in New Mexico, equal to 1 of every 18 jobs in the state.

The report also shows that an abundant arts and culture industry in a community highlights a thriving economy, which, in turn, attracts business leaders. The arts create jobs, attract investments, generate tax revenues and stimulate local economies through tourism and consumer purchases.

“You can't talk about economic development without talking about the arts,” Slaton said. “Art is essential to economic development. Businesses are attracted to cities with good schools, quality medical care and a rich



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cultural life.”

The proposed renovation will include studio and classroom space for each area of specialization: ceramics, drawing and painting, graphic design, metalsmithing and jewelry, photography, printmaking and sculpture. Special attention in a new facility will be paid to environmental sustainability, safety, storage, lighting and creative space based on the particular needs of each art form. The new facility will also house adequate faculty offices and studios and student gathering spaces.

In addition to educational facilities, a new art museum and gallery will enhance visual art exhibitions and will be supported by permanent collection storage that meets conservationist standards. An art conservation laboratory, adequate to serve the art museum and gallery, as well as meet the growing demand of students in the field, will be conveniently located in the building.

Enhanced, state-of-the-art space will allow NMSU to attract faculty and students with the most potential and expertise. They will, in turn, help to enhance our creative potential, economic health and quality of life.

## Sudoku

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

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

### BEGINNER

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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EXPERT

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9	2	1	7	4	6	8	3	5



# 'The Immigrant' a dark and dreary tale, well told

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

It is the early 1900s and people from Europe and other places are arriving in America, at Ellis Island, in droves. My own grandmother, my Dad's mom, probably arrived here just a few years earlier than the 1921 setting of

"The Immigrant."

She, like Ewa (Marion Cotillard) was Polish.

Ewa's religion is what gives her strength and the vision to meet and conquer all difficulties that come her way. And there is a multitude of same heading her way, before she even leaves Ellis Island.

She is with her sister, Magda, who is quarantined for suspected tuberculosis.

Ewa begs, pleads and prods for her sister to no avail, until the dapper but sleazy Bruno, played by Joaquin Phoenix, enters the scene.

He has been watching

Ewa's plight from nearby and is able to (wink, wink) make a deal that at least gets Ewa off of Ellis. Seems he does this for a living, so you kind of know where this story is headed.

My grandmother, fortunately, didn't have to deal with a guy like Bruno, and eventually ended up in Chicago, working in restaurants before meeting my grandfather, whose farm had failed in Nebraska.

Their marriage, her second, was OK until he took up drinking and, later, accidentally killed a man who crossed in front of the streetcar he was driving.

His drinking increased and she gave him the boot. He died in 1944 or so.

Ewa might wish for such an "easy" life, but it would again be for naught. Bruno, a showman of sorts, soon has Ewa on stage with him in his show, while her focus remains on getting her sister away from the medical lockdown that she has been put in.

Bruno's other focus becomes Ewa, and he soon develops intense but conflicting feelings for her. He is a violent man, counting on force

to get his way, while Ewa uses her pride, religion and strong family ties to Magda to keep her from flailing as Bruno does.

This becomes the main part of this intriguing although often unfocused drama, which takes place in a well constructed and defined version of 1920s New York. The whole film is shot in an amber tone, giving it a somewhat antique look and effect.

As Bruno's finances become sparse, he reluctantly has Ewa start selling herself to help make ends meet. She remains emotionally closed, never allowing Bruno or any of the other men she shares herself with become close. This becomes a maddening situation for Bruno, which is fueled by a, shall we say, spirited competitor for Ewa's soul, a magician named Emil.

He is able to offer Ewa a glimmer of hope – two, actually – one being a way out of her current situation with

Bruno and another to reunite with Magda, who remains quarantined for a disease she probably doesn't have.

The ensuing love triangle somewhat mars what to now has been a very interesting picture.

It feels like the filmmakers were puzzled about what to do next. Hence the introduction of another major character to muck things up.

Bruno and Emil do not get along, of course, but a plan by the now lovesick Emil to get Magda and escape the city is upstaged by a terrible act of violence, which Bruno tries to redeem by finally trying to help.

"The Immigrant" is not for the light of heart.

It is a dark and dreary story, well told and well framed in the amber/sepia tones used by director James Gray.

I'm not a big fan of his work, which includes "Two Lovers" and "We Own the Night," but this piece kept my attention.

One can truly feel for Ewa's plight, as I did when I thought about my grandmother whose life was hard, but nothing like this.

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# AtTheMovies

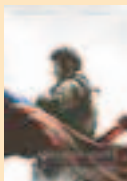
## Picking the Flicks

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

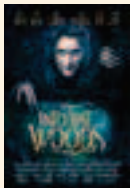
**Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb**  
 Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** Larry sets off on an epic quest, uniting new and favorite characters to save the magic.  
**Starring:** Ben Stiller, Robin Williams  
**Director:** Shawn Levy




**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



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




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



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



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




**The Boy Next Door**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** After her divorce, a teacher falls for a young man who lives next door, but their affair takes a dangerous turn.  
**Starring:** Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman  
**Director:** Rob Cohen



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



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




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




**Mortdecai**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** International art dealer Charlie Mortdecai searches for a stolen painting.  
**Starring:** Johnny Depp, Gwyneth Paltrow  
**Director:** David Koepp




**The Loft**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** Five married men share a secret penthouse, but when the dead body of an unknown woman turns up, one of them must be guilty.  
**Starring:** James Marsden, Rhona Mitra  
**Director:** Erik Van Looy  
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**Project Almanac**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A brilliant teenager and his peers discover blueprints to construct a time machine, putting lives at risk in the process.  
**Starring:** Amy Landecker, Sofia Black-D'Elia  
**Director:** Dean Israelite  
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**Black or White**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A widower is drawn into a custody battle over the granddaughter he raised her entire life with the family of her absent father.  
**Starring:** Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer  
**Director:** Mike Binder  
**OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 30**



## New on DVD Tuesday, Feb. 3

**The Best of Me**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Genre: Romance, drama  
**Starring:** James Marsden, Michelle Monaghan  
**Director:** Michael Hoffman

**John Wick**  
 Rated: R  
 Genre: Action  
**Starring:** Keanu Reeves, Adriaane Palicki  
**Directors:** David Leitch, Chad Stahelski

**Dracula Untold**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Genre: Action, horror  
**Starring:** Luke Evans, Dominic Cooper  
**Director:** Gary Shore

**Ouija**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Genre: Horror  
**Starring:** Olivia Cooke, Ana Coto  
**Director:** Stiles White

## Top-grossing Jan. 23-25

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| <b>1</b> <b>American Sniper</b> (Week No. 5)<br>\$64,628,304    | <b>6</b> <b>The Imitation Game</b> (Week No. 9)<br>\$6,946,076 |
| <b>2</b> <b>The Boy Next Door</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$14,910,105  | <b>7</b> <b>Strange Magic</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$5,504,441      |
| <b>3</b> <b>Paddington</b> (Week No. 2)<br>\$12,266,287         | <b>8</b> <b>Selma</b> (Week No. 5)<br>\$5,418,572              |
| <b>4</b> <b>The Wedding Ringer</b> (Week No. 2)<br>\$11,309,381 | <b>9</b> <b>Mortdecai</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$4,200,586          |
| <b>5</b> <b>Taken 3</b> (Week No. 3)<br>\$7,412,597             | <b>10</b> <b>Into the Woods</b> (Week No. 5)<br>\$3,884,471    |

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## FRI. 1/30

**Noon, Promoting Art in Las Cruces: Using Blogs to Promote Your Art**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Panel discussion with local artists/bloggers Ouida Touchón, Jean Reece Wilkey and Julie Ford Oliver. Free. Call 523-6403.

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

**7 p.m. Boba Café and Cabaret presents "I Heard the News Today,"** Boba Café, 1900 S. Espina St. A retrospective treatment of the day of John Lennon's assassination, "I Heard the News

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**Noon, Crystal Creations: Salt Painting for Kids**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The cultural center will host a workshop on creative ways to make art with salt. Did you know salt comes in a range of natural colors, based on the minerals present? Salt can also be dyed, act as an agent to carry pigment or absorb watercolor paint off a canvas. Free. Call 541-2154.

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

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**7 p.m. American Southwest Theater Company 1960s Fashion Show**, New Mexico State University Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) will host a retro fashion show featuring clothes created by the NMSU Theatre Arts costume shop, with students modeling the clothes and rocking to the music of the swingin' '60s. There will also be live music directed by NMSU Theatre Arts Assistant Professor Megan McQueen. Tickets are \$15. Call 646-4515 or visit [www.nmsutheatre.com/fashion15.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/fashion15.php).

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**7:30 p.m. Cirque ZumaZuma**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council continues its 2014-15 Performance Series with a celebration of Black History Month, as the ultimate African circus brings all the mysticism, magic and excitement of that rich continent to Las Cruces for a night of astonishing physicality that will have the audience poised at the edge of their seats. Reserved seat tickets are \$45.50 main floor and \$34 balcony, and may be purchased at [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com) or the Rio Grande Theatre box office. Day-of-show tickets are \$51 main floor and \$39.50 balcony. Student rush tickets are \$10 and available 10 minutes before showtime with a student ID. For more information, call 523-6403.

**8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Spanish guitar duo Da Tierra Meiga**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No

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

**2 p.m. Bluegrass, country and folk music jam**, Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. All players are welcome. Free. Call 405-1290.

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

## MON. 2/2

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

## TUE. 2/3

**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.

**6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with La Maldita Union**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents La Maldita Union, the South American cumbia branch of DAMN Union. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.

**7 to 11 p.m. Live music with Booze Bombs (German rockabilly)**, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

## WED. 2/4

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## THU. 2/5

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

**FRI. 2/6**

**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.

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**SAT. 2/7**

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**TUE. 2/10**

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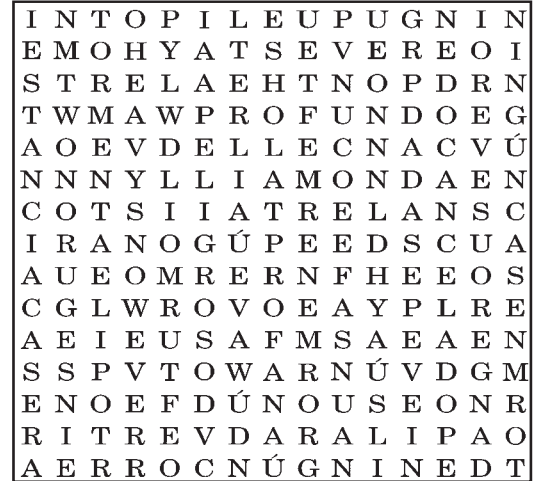
## Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

### AN EARLY BLIZZARD

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>ENGLISH</b> | <b>SPANISH</b>  |
| CANCELLED      | CANCELADO       |
| DANGEROUS      | PELIGROSO       |
| DEEP           | PROFUNDO        |
| HEAVY SNOW     | NIEVE PESADA    |
| NO MAIL        | NINGUN CORREA   |
| ON THE ALERT   | ALERTA          |
| SEVERE         | SEVERO          |
| STAY HOME      | ESTANCIA CASERA |
| TO PILE UP     | APILAR          |
| TO WARN        | ADVERTIR        |
| TURMOIL        | TORMENTA        |
| UNSAFE         | INSEGURO        |

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## Crossword Puzzles

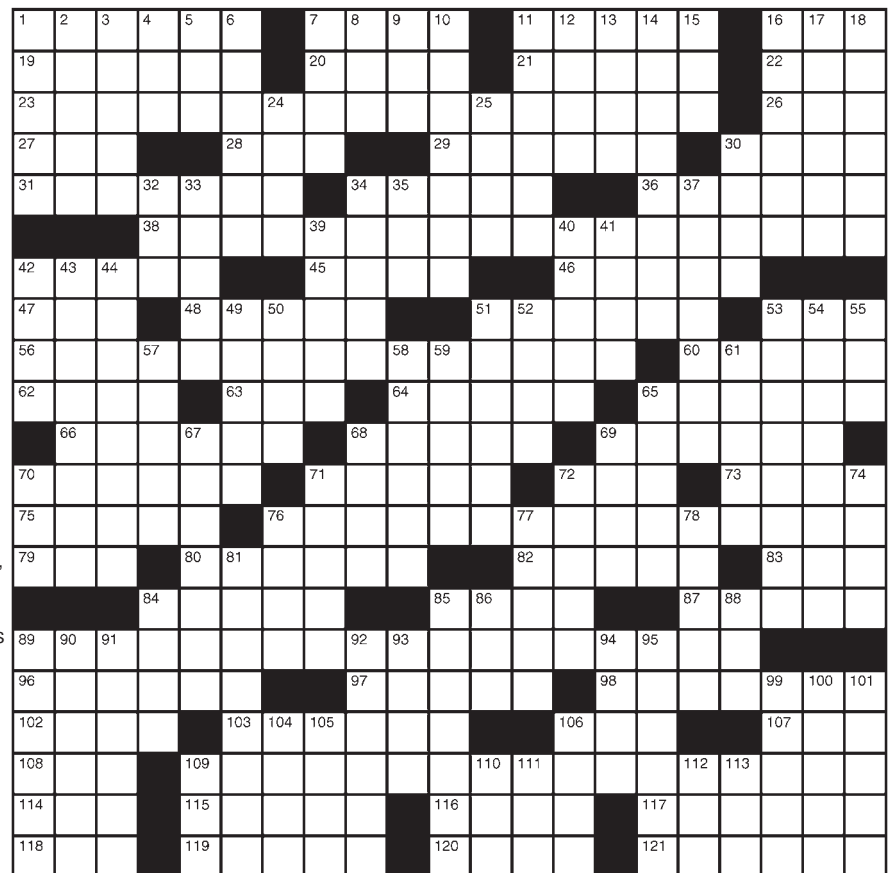
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

- ACROSS**
- Massage center
  - Started
  - Lady's
  - Hall and Oates song, "Smile"
  - Lecter's first initial
  - Red deer
  - Christmas worker
  - Touch off
  - Bombard
  - Access
  - Price reduction opportunity
  - Rhine tributary
  - Courageous
  - Springsteen's birthplace
  - Nepalese recluse
  - Refine
  - Gloom
  - Baseball's Hank
  - What a scarecrow would say if he could talk
  - Outdoor eaters
  - Dumbo's likeable trait
  - Roll call answer
  - Memory loss sufferer
  - Longing
  - Ancient civilization
  - Callas's forte
  - Got alert again
  - Sediment
  - Aquatic organism related
  - Symbol of peace
  - Preconception
  - Beauty shop employee
  - Slippery character
  - Highway tie-up
  - Madras material
  - Dissertation
  - Titan
  - Parched
  - Imagined
  - Black gold
  - Wise trio
  - Gulp
  - Butterfly or man?
  - Getty aesthetics
  - "Live and Die" movie
  - "Law and Order" concern
- DOWN**
- Change gears
  - Fondle
  - Half-circle
  - Devout non-clerics
  - Fish-feeding eagle
  - Pops
  - Bake eggs
  - Back street
  - Government by elite
  - Wrigglers
  - Ox-like antelope
  - Utmost degree
  - Top of the head
  - Heat source
  - Snow or Canadian
  - Game official, abbr.
  - Fashion designer, Anna
  - Go on and on
  - Formerly, for Keats
  - Peak
  - Homeland Security replaced it
  - Wind instrument
  - Bended or Wounded?
  - Tree with winged fruit
  - Black or Red?
  - Over-acting actor
  - Roth, maybe
  - Silicon rich rock
  - Sign, a contract
  - Completed successfully
  - River oarsmen
  - Sniffer-related
  - Writer, Murdoch
  - Zilch
  - Old pistol
  - Cool in the 80's
  - Civil War General, John
  - Years
  - Nicolas Cage is an arms dealer in this movie: "Lord of \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Adam's apple girl
  - Pa. neighbor
  - Eagle type
  - Rub the wrong way
  - Uncover
  - Fasten
  - "Tender Buttons" writer
  - Wing
  - Drive by force
  - Slang
  - Main artery
  - Challenge
  - A million bucks
  - Schoolboy
  - Decorative vase

### PRODUCT PLACEMENT

- ACROSS**
- Cartoon apparition
  - Overcharge
  - Premiere notables
  - File marker
  - Programs with pop-ups
  - Glazier's piece
  - Ruthless
  - Buckeyes' sch.
  - Offer really big reward?
  - One-eighth of a byte
  - Stephen of "The Crying Game"
  - Sent to the canvas
  - Editorial symbols
  - Tibetan monk
  - Display of oils
  - Rubberneck
  - Equal-angled figure
  - Watch over fledgling avian?
  - Slope contraptions
  - Like many cheeses
  - One of the "Pump you up!" duo
  - Hockey defensive great
  - Curly-tailed pooch
  - Vacation option
  - Resort amenity
  - Promote West African nation?
  - Info-gathering mission
  - Title city in a Russell
  - Crowe flick
  - Armed hostilities
  - Livid
  - Crazy Horse tribe
  - Bonnet holder
  - Scoffs
  - Printer fill-up
  - Barbecue locales, often
  - High winds
  - Pod find
  - Ball-shaped cheese
  - Features of faces
  - Wreak havoc on hidden forest clearing?
  - Cul-de-\_\_
  - Tanker mishaps
  - Unhurried runner
  - Fortune
  - Motor or mechanism starter
  - Sch. groups
  - Bridge seats
  - Flatter muscular Trojan
  - War hero?
  - Except that
- DOWN**
- Fluctuates repeatedly
  - Word for word
  - Muffed
  - Gaucho domain
  - Gumshoe
  - du Diable
  - Sock end
  - Observe
  - Kilauea's huge outpouring?
  - Resinous secretion
  - Florida city
  - Novelist
  - Murdoch
  - Call together
  - Compass pt.
  - Cornered
  - Reach an optimum
  - Beekeeper's milieu
- DOWN**
- "Meet John Doe" director
  - Freud colleague
  - Workout wetness
  - Beatnik's abode
  - Energy unit
  - Assault the nostrils with
  - Raced
  - Galoot
  - Diligent insect
  - Hotel room opener
  - Made a basket, say
  - Steadfast
  - Polly, to Tom
  - Greek wines
  - Furtive
  - Trinidad's partner
  - "Foundation" series author
  - Fuel for a lighter
  - Inventor Elias
  - National poet
  - Polish city
  - Old map abbr.
  - Goes after
  - Molasses base
  - Menlo Park initials
  - Enhanced combined effect
  - Gainesville athlete
  - Helpful
  - Court order
  - Drinking mug
  - Commotion
  - Fragrant
  - Fuzzy fruits
  - Lendl or Pavlov
  - Uncouth
  - Piper following
  - Tabloid fare
  - Spot pattern
  - Santa \_\_ winds
  - Smooth fabric
  - Caves in
  - Canadian tribe members
  - Architect Saarinen
  - Sound off
  - Take over
  - Monopoly corner
  - Profound
  - Networked units
  - 19th-century round dance
  - Matter-of-fact
  - Big Apple team
  - \_\_ Ridge (Derby winner, 1972)
  - Highland units
  - Fantastic
  - Potential customer
  - Brood
  - Wage receipt
  - Brace or span
  - Chopper
  - Not obvious
  - Borrowed
  - Take to the cleaners
  - Side action
  - Course
  - Writer Waugh
  - Turnip-shaped root vegetable
  - Rodeo accessory
  - Pile wood
  - Suspicious and distrustful
  - Pequod skipper
  - Colorful fabric panel
  - Assignment
  - Fluffy scarf
  - Exist
  - By way of
  - Dine
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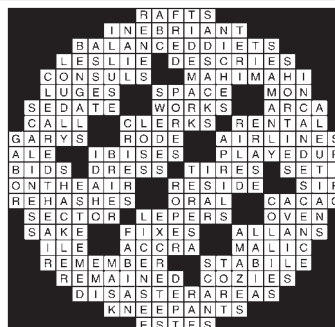


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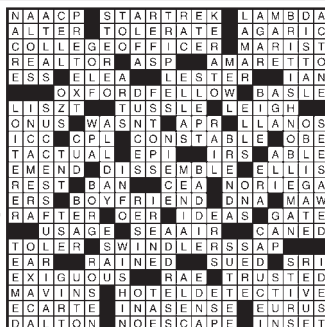
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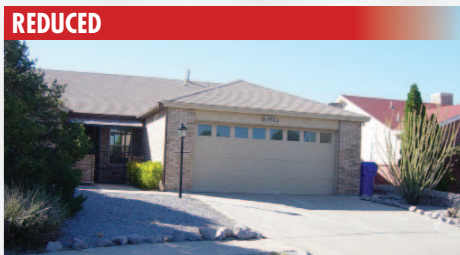
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## Tiny Arched Cabins provide big benefits

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The tiny home movement is a response to the idea that “bigger is better” when it comes to homes. Here in southern New Mexico, Arched Cabins is creating a product that is at the front edge of this movement, making homes affordable, comfortable and efficient.

The small family business has offices both in Houston and in Timberon, N.M. The latter is where partner Jeremy William Cruvey is branching his family’s business into the area where he wanted to raise his own children.

The term “tiny home” does not have strictly defined limits. Arched Cabins building kits are adjustable, varying in size from 8 feet by 10 feet to 24 feet by 32 feet.

Though they all are considered moveable structures, even when on a foundation, the

smaller ones could be put on a trailer to maximize portability, working as a hunting cabin, vacation home or art studio for those who want a stable structure but are not interested in living small full-time.

The cabins do make functional full-time homes, however. For the past three years, Cruvey and his wife have shared an Arched Cabin with their two children – a 980-square-foot, two-story, lofted-out version that unites both his principles and his practice.

Cruvey’s story is reflective of many that start a journey into a tiny home.

“My wife and I were in Houston, Texas, and we were both working 60 hours a week doing the typical get a mortgage, get cars, get in debt type thing, and it wasn’t working well,” he said.

“We had our son in Houston, we were still

both having to work full time, our son was going to day care, and our quality of life was not there. And I told my wife, I said, there’s got to be something better.”

Cruvey said his family loves the space.

“Both my kids, they live upstairs in the loft, and each of them has a room, the rooms are 8 feet by 12 feet,” he said. “And it’s really cool because the rooms are built into the arch, and my son calls his room his tent, and he loves it.”

Arched Cabins is unique, even in the growing world of tiny cabins. Though build kits are not unusual, the shape and materials are. As third- and fourth-generation blacksmith fabricators, steelwork comes naturally to the Cruveys as an alternative to the traditional stick-build construction houses.

“(Traditional houses) really aren’t that



PHOTO BY ARCHED CABINS

An art studio made by a build kit from Arched Cabins, located in Timberon, N.M.

efficient,” Cruvey said. “I mean, we’ve been doing that for hundreds of years and it seems we’ve stopped beating our head against that same wall and said there’s got

to be a better way. And I honestly believe that we’re very close to hitting the nail on the head.”

While there are some adjustments that have to be made depending on desired amenities, plumbing, air conditioning and heating can all be done just as in a larger house.

Moreover, Cruvey said the cabins are highly energy efficient because the arched walls provide a very minimal sun point radius.

The build time is also extremely abbreviated – Cruvey’s own home was a dried-in, finished structure in four days.

Of course, for most people what is truly impressive is the price. His own, including land and construction, cost approximately \$30,000.

“We believe in doing a lot for a little,” Cruvey said. “My dad has always, always said, ‘I want to bring housing to the masses.’ It’s been a life goal of his. And he’s really doing it – I mean, he’s making an

affordable product.”

Cruvey said the response to Arched Cabins has been significant, not only in New Mexico but all over the United States.

“When we started building them for ourselves, other people started saying, ‘This is a really cool idea,’ and there started being more and more interest in them,” he said.

“If you have a product that can generate its own interest, then you’ve got something, I think.”

For Cruvey, the move to live small outside of the big city was a decision he wouldn’t change.

“I’m never going back,” he said. “I’ve met wonderful people up here, and it’s just been a great journey. And it all started with an arched cabin.”

For more information, visit [www.archedcabins.com](http://www.archedcabins.com) or call 281-627-3621.

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## TEMPLE BETH-EL TO HOST CD RELEASE EVENT

At 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 there will be a CD release event for Rabbi Larry Karol's new album, "The Road Ahead," at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.

The program will include Havdalah (the special end-of-Sabbath ceremony), dessert and a concert featuring songs from the album, presented by Rabbi Larry Karol, the Temple Beth-El Choir and other musicians. Karol will reflect on his own musical influences and discuss the background and inspiration behind the songs he recorded.

This event is free and open to the public. A portion of the CD sales that night will benefit the congregation and the Las Cruces community.

For more information, call Temple Beth-El at 524-

3380 or email rabbi@tblc.org.

## NIGHT OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, Calvary Chapel Three Crosses, 4301 Bataan Memorial West, will host an evening of music and worship featuring Two or More, a Latin Rock/Pop and acoustic group.

For more information, call 993-1289.

## 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.

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For more information, contact Diane at diane.schneider09@gmail.com.

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## Self-defense is not like an action movie



**Marcy Shoberg**  
*Self-defense sense*

Have you seen movies where the hero uses fancy moves and snappy retorts, surviving grave injury while one shot kills bad guys? Movies can twist a person's perceptions relative to self-defense skills.

Most of us realize movies are somewhat unrealistic, but to enjoy them, we suspend our disbelief. Still, they may influence us subconsciously.

While not all movies are equally guilty, I hereby accuse action movies of perpetuating the following myths about self-defense.

**Myth one:** It's cooler to defeat an attacker with throws and arm-locks than simple strikes. This myth creates two problems. One, if a person in a combat situation is concerned about looking cool, they are in more danger than if they are focused on ending the confrontation quickly. Two, those who decide to learn self-defense may be inclined to study a cool system rather than one that can be learned quickly and applied more easily, such as FAST Defense. The safest choice in a self-defense situation is whatever ends it quickest – be it leaving, creating a scene or striking the attacker's groin and head until he or she is unconscious.

**Myth two:** Snappy verbal come-backs should precede physical fights and can even be inserted during breaks in the action. In fact, snappy verbal come-backs can cause self-defense situations.

We feel empowered when our favorite character gives a line like "Go ahead, make my day." However, real empowerment comes from controlling one's emotions and choice of words.

Inflammatory words are rarely in one's best interest. Speaking during a break in a fight's action

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## Run for love, health and a good cause



Runners take off from the starting line of the Cupid's Chase 5K run in Mesilla Plaza Feb. 8, 2014. The race was hosted by Community Options Inc.

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

On Saturday, Feb. 14, the 6th annual Cupid Chase 5K will begin at the Mesilla Plaza. The Valentine's theme is reflected throughout the race; from the shirts that read either "Available" or "Unavailable" to the Singles Mingle tent, love will be ever-present.

"It's really love-oriented," Jose Solis, event director for Cupid's Chase, said.

"We're going to have a Singles Mingle tent, that's one of the coolest things that we're going to have – decorated with candles, chocolate – so you're welcome to go out there if you are not taken."

But the Cupid Chase has a bigger purpose than helping you find love or even helping you stay in shape – the run is a fundraiser for Las Cruces' Community Options, a group that supports people with disabilities.

Community Options has had offices in Las Cruces for eight years. The support they provide takes many different forms, such as residential programs, residential homes, respite programs for those individuals who live with their families and supportive employment, which seeks to find jobs for people with disabilities, helping them get accustomed to their job and continue in it. Community Options also provides rehabilitation, which is

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# CHASE,

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a program to help people with disabilities enjoy the community in which they live.

“I think one of the things we’ve been able to teach people along with our staff is to not see the person’s disability but being able to see the person as a person,” Solis said.

“Kind of scraping off the mentality of people seeing the disability first and focusing on the person first.”

Community Options visibly fills a need in the community – within the first year it opened, the organization outgrew the building.

“Being somebody from Las Cruces, you know the people that you grew up with ... when a lot of individuals with disabilities knew that I was running the company out here they kind of just all started coming in. I grew up with these people, so it’s where I’m from,” Associate Executive Director Hector Johnson said.

Cupid’s Chase takes place in 28 cities in nine different states. All the money raised in Las Cruces supports the local Community Options.

“Everything raised here, stays here,” said Solis.

The only exception is the national sponsorships, which are divided among the offices. In the past, Solis said, they have used the money to buy much-needed items such as computers for the computer lab, wheelchair scales, arts and crafts supplies and funding for run trips.

The race has grown every year. The first year started with 73 runners, and this past year there were 398 participants. This year, Solis said they hope to have 450 to 500.

More than just the love theme, both Zumba and MixFit will be present to get the runners energized before the start of the race. Local DJs will be in the plaza to set the mood, and a color guard will be on hand from the local Boy Scouts.

This year will feature a Cupid dress-up competition, with the winner receiving a bouquet of flowers and gift cards.

“We’ve had lots of people dress up, but this year, because of the Valentine’s Day, we really wanted people to go all out,” Solis said.

The event will also accommodate every type of participant. Not only will there be runners and joggers, but walkers, people with strollers and those in wheelchairs.

While looking forward to the events of the future, Solis extends gratitude to all who have participated and grown the event in the past.

“Thank you to the people who have participated in the past,” Solis said.

“Our race is getting bigger and bigger, and we appreciate the people who take their time and their donations and participate in our race.

“We’re honored to have them out there with us for a good cause.”

The Cupid’s Chase 5K will take place on Saturday, Feb. 14, in Mesilla Plaza, 2114 Calle de Santiago. Registration is at 8 a.m., with the race beginning at 10 a.m.

Early registration (before Friday, Feb. 13) costs \$30; race day registration is \$50. To register, visit [www.comop.org/cupidschase](http://www.comop.org/cupidschase).

For more information, call 532-9275.

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



Alison and Mete Baykal finish last year’s race hand in hand. This year, Cupid’s Chase races will be held in 28 cities in nine states across the United States.

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is both unrealistic and dangerous. While sport-fights commonly have lulls, in a physical self-defense altercation, anyone who pauses will likely lose.

Action movies are responsible for multiple gun-related misconceptions.

For one, it is untrue that following instructions of a dangerous person with a gun is necessary – in many situations, running is the safest choice. Also, movies imply one shot will kill, yet it rarely does.

Finally, movies make shooting someone in the gun-hand, or the

leg, seem a realistic self-defense option, which it is not.

If you wish to feel like an action movie hero, you might study a martial art. However, if you wish to learn to protect yourself from other people, study a self-defense system like FAST Defense. Krav Maga is a middle-of-the-road option, with action movie aspects along with easy to learn, realistic techniques.

Many classes combine FAST Defense with Krav Maga, as I do here in Las Cruces.

*Marcy Shoberg has been teaching self-defense and martial arts in Las Cruces for 26 years. She can be contacted at [lcsd@zianet.com](mailto:lcsd@zianet.com).*

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# Healthy Happenings



## DINNER, DOCUMENTARY

The second event in dinner and documentary series, "The Truth About Cancer," will be Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Compestre. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the film, "Your First Line of Defense" beginning at 6:15. For more information, call Laura Smart at 425-233-9082 or lauralsmart@comcast.net.

## WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

Well Being Wednesday will be held at 1 pm on 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. Topics of discussion will focus on the six areas of the Well Being Wheel which include physical, emotional, social, occupational, intellectual, and spiritual health.

The first workshop will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4, featuring physical therapist Shane Sheehan who

will be discussing exercises for your heart. The March 4 workshop will host a Walgreens pharmacist who will discuss medications and how they react to each other. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their medications so the pharmacist can see if they are working together appropriately. Experience the Benefits of Laughter workshop on April 1 given by well being coordinator Pam Rodgers. Proper techniques for using a walker to be discussed by physical therapist Shane Sheehan on May 6.

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

## NUTRITION SEMINAR

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

Taking care of your heart doesn't have to be complicated. Start by uncovering some common heart care myths and then begin your journey toward heart health with three simple dietary strategies and three supplements that will pump up

your heart health. Reservations not needed. First come, first seated. Door prizes will be handed out.

For more information, call 522-1711.

## NUTRITION SEMINAR & COOKING DEMO

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

Did you know a diet containing healthy fats can support a healthy inflammatory balance? Polyunsaturated fats found in bottled salad dressings promote inflammation. Dress your greens with recipes demonstrated in this class and maintain a balanced intake of Omega 3 and 6 fatty acids, supporting optimal health. Reservations not needed. First come, first seated. Free samples will be given out.

For more information, call 522-1711.

## EAT MORE VEGGIES LIVE WELL

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

Health professionals and nutritional scientists recommend diets low in animal-based foods for protection against chronic degenerative diseases such as osteoporosis, arthritis and diabetes. Learn about the superstars of the veggie world,

along with steps for transitioning to a healthier 70-90 percent plant-based diet. Informational booklet included. Ages 18 and up. There is a fee for this class.

To sign up or for more information, email commed@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7527.

## YOGA OFFERED

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

For more information, contact 522-5350 or wildyoga@yahoo.com.

## SEXUAL COMPULSIVES ANONYMOUS

If you struggle with the burden of lust and find only passing pleasure from your intimacies, or have difficulty sustaining on-going, meaningful relationships, Sexual Compulsives Anonymous provides an answer.

This 12-step recovery program meets 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. (behind the large T-Mobile sign). For more information, contact Don B. at 908-432-7816 and leave a message.

## DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

Debtors Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m.

Saturdays at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

Debtors Anonymous is a fellowship of women and men who are recovering from compulsive debt, under-earning, overspending and living in fear.

For more information, call 647-5684.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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

\* 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133.

\* 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Mountain View Market Co-Op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Tony or Michael at 382-5200.

## BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS

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

Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation. For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

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

For more information, call Anna Cook at 527-1193.

## BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

Monthly programs vary, with information related to breast cancer and the pursuit of wellness.

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.

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# Healthy Happenings



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

For more information, call 528-3301.

## LUNCHTIME YOGA

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

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

For more information, call 647-9642.

## NEEDLE EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, 1190 Foster

Road, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and provides free information on services.

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

For more information, call 556-1622.

## CROSSROADS CLASSES

Crossroads Acupuncture, 130 S. Main St., announces new classes. Gentle Chair Yoga will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Yoga En Español (bilingual English and Spanish) will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 312-6569.

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through

shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food.

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

For more information, call 571-7864.

## SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP

The diabetes educational support group meetings are held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 522-0287.

## STROKE GROUP FOR SURVIVORS

Stroke survivors and

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

For more information, call 522-2625.

## SUICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP MEETS

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

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

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

## TOPS GROUPS MEETINGS SET

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight-loss goals.

For more information, call Doris at 524-7461.

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

For more information, call 523-6240.

TOPS Chapter 390 meets 5:45 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at Morning Star United Methodist Church.

## TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

the second Thursday of the month at 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.

## RECOVERY GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers. For more information, call 522-6404.

## 12-STEP MEETINGS

The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., hosts ongoing 12-step meetings.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meetings are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

Overeaters Anonymous meetings are held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, call 523-4847.

## Pet Briefs

### LABRADOR PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Smokey, a handsome Labrador who is sweet as pie and sharp as a tack. Smokey is something of a dog detective who loves sniffing out crime in his free time. You can also find Smokey snuggled up on the couch watching the new season of NCIS. Smokey has been at the shelter – located at 8551 Bataan Memorial West – for six months.



SMOKEY

The shelter can be reached at 382-0018.

### SHELTER SEEKS DOG WALKERS

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

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

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

### SHELTER ASKS FOR DONATIONS

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is in need of dog crates and treats as well as collars, leashes, towels and igloos. Donations can be dropped off from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, call 382-0018.

### ANIMAL FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

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For more information, call 527-4544.

### APA SEEKS OLD SLEEPING BAGS

ACTion Programs for Animals is seeking comforters or old sleeping bags to help offset cooler temperatures.

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

W. Picacho Ave.

The donations will be used as dog beds at the facility and quarantine foster homes. For more information, call 571-4654.

### PET ADOPTIONS HELD AT PETCO

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

is facilitating dog and cat adoptions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

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## SBDC names Star Client

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's easy to start a business.

Sergio Acosta, the 2014 star client for the Las Cruces office of the Small Business Development Center, needed only to suffer a torn rotator cuff and embrace a 28-hour workday to get into business for himself.

One day in 2012, Acosta, a grounds keeper for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, picked up a barrel full of leaves and branches and felt something happen in his shoulder.

His plan was to take a Tylenol and resume work, but the pain was intense and he couldn't lift a shovel. The boss sent him to the hospital.

The injury turned out to be worse than expected, and doctors told Acosta he would never again reach into his pocket for a wallet, let alone throw a ball or lift a barrel.

Surgery and therapy followed.

"I put all my heart into therapy and after seven months I told the doctor I was ready to go back to work," but he said no," Acosta said.

He resigned himself to months more of therapy and began laying the groundwork for a business that builds on his heritage and thrives on his



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With a small business loan, Sergio Acosta invested in a truck that enabled him to start a business supplying boot makers with hides from Doña Ana County. He is the local Small Business Development Center's Star Client for 2014. Acosta is pictured with Jo Ann Garay and Humberto Hajar-Alvidrez, right, of SBDC.

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## Arrowhead Park seeks development partner

*Bulletin Staff Report*

Arrowhead Park, a 200-acre business and research park owned by New Mexico State University, is reaching out to attract an investment and development partner for anchor tenant facilities and mixed-use development.

To that end, Arrowhead Center Inc. has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Responses are due March 11. An informational meeting for those interested in partnering with Arrowhead is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12. Final selection is projected for April 2.

"The time is right to add both financial and development to the park team to respond to demands we see now and in the near future, including new 'spec space' to attract businesses,

and planned additional tenant building developments in the two-to three-year horizon," said Arrowhead Park Executive Director Wayne Savage.

Commenting on the RFQ process, he said: "A formal procurement process is always good. People put their best foot forward. They get creative and a little bit competitive."

According to the RFQ, the development partner would "design, finance construct and operate multiple buildings for identified anchor tenants in the late 2016 timeframe."

The RFQ states there are known companies with strong records seeking to become tenants. These include an aerospace firm that would need 45,000 square feet of space and a biotech firm seeking 25,000 square

feet for its operations and clean wet/dry lab.

An initial buildout of 100,000-200,000 square feet is estimated.

A second phase, also covered in the RFQ, would be a 30-to 40-acre mixed use project including office, commercial, park amenities infrastructure and residential spaces that would reflect the outcome of a market economic study Arrowhead Center will conduct in spring 2015.

Savage said one reason the timing is right to identify a development partner or partners is the new team member would play a role in the creating a new master land use plan. Work on the plan will begin in February. A consultant has been engaged to craft the plan.

"It's not a skill set we have," Savage said.

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## BRIEFS

### Business info offered to vets

Military veterans, Guard/Reserve and active-duty personnel interested in starting their own business or expanding an existing operation are invited to attend a free business development breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Las Cruces Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Suite 127.

A free hot breakfast will be served to all attendees.

Topics to be covered include: how to determine if a business idea is feasible, available financial assistance for veterans, special business incentives for New Mexico veterans, how to create a business plan, how to pursue government contracting possibilities, veteran-friendly franchise opportunities and other ways the presenting partners can help a veteran business owner.

New Mexico Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) business adviser Rich Coffel and representatives from partnering agencies will present information on how the agencies can help veterans succeed with starting and expanding their own business.

"For many people, running your own business and being your own boss is part of the American Dream," Coffel said. "For veterans, it's a great way to utilize the training and skills learned in the military. But you shouldn't just jump in and start without knowing how to go about it. We will show veterans how to successfully start and grow a business at this workshop."

Veterans can take advantage of private walk-in counseling sessions immediately after the presentations for more personal assistance.

Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is strongly recommended. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 527-7676.

The workshop is part of the ongoing VBOC On The Road

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## Let's just call it now – 2015 is The Year of Downtown

**Arianna Parsons**  
Executive director,  
Downtown Las Cruces  
Partnership



### Plaza tops list of exciting Downtown news

Plazas, lofts, new leadership and more are in store for 2015 Downtown.

The biggest news in Downtown these days is definitely the plaza.

Whether or not planners opt for a temporary stage or permanent structure, the incorporation of grassy areas or not, we are sure to see a renewed interest in Downtown.

The plaza, planned for the area now inhabited by the drive-thru for the Bank of the West, is intended to provide a multi-purpose gathering space for the community. Music, festivals, weddings and birthday parties will all be welcome celebrations Downtown, with the plaza providing a bit of shade and a place to simply sit and eat lunch when not otherwise occupied. Plans for a plaza have long been in the works, but we are all looking forward to taking the next steps together.

You probably know by now that Carrie LaTour, former head of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP), has stepped down to pursue new opportunities in Austin, Texas.

Carrie's leadership took the organization to a new level of professionalism, and she will be missed, both as a friend and colleague. Our organization also has new leadership on the board, as John Hummer wrapped up his tenure as president and has turned the gavel over to Craig Buchanan.

Craig has long been an important asset to the community in his role as market president of US Bank, Las Cruces, and his service on boards and committees throughout the community. I sincerely look forward to continuing to work with Craig, John and our other extraordinarily dedicated board



A Downtown Business Breakfast was held Thursday, Dec. 4, at Nopalito's on Mesquite Street.

members in the months to come.

A crowd of anxious community members finally got a peek at the Lofts at Alameda at the grand opening over the weekend. Those who visited the newly opened complex on Saturday had a chance to tour the one-and two-bedroom floor plans, and several have taken the next steps toward living Downtown by applying to move in – as soon as next week.

Our Downtown community welcomes each of our new neighbors.

If you would like to keep up-to-date on the Downtown Lowdown, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter by sending your email address to [director@dlcp.org](mailto:director@dlcp.org).

### Downtown business birthdays

In January, both the Main Street Bistro and Ale House and Beck's Coffee celebrated their first birthdays.

### DLCP Business Breakfast Buzz

The DLCP business breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Main Street Bistro & Ale House, 139 N. Main St.

### Downtown Art Ramble

The February Downtown Art Ramble will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb.

6, along Main Street.

### Things to do Downtown this coming month

- Visit Rosie's Café at 300 N. Main for some fabulous Mexican food
- Enjoy the Main Street Bistro & Ale House at 139 N. Main St. Open for lunch and dinner
- Visit the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces for all your shopping
- Stop by Beck's Coffee for a great cup of coffee at 130 N. Mesquite St.
- Come to the Rio Grande Theatre ([www.riograndetheatre.com/calendar](http://www.riograndetheatre.com/calendar))
- Visit Happy Dog at the northwest corner of Griggs Avenue and Water Street for Happy Dog Tuesday (every Tuesday/ \$5 specials)
- Visit the Las Cruces Museum of Art, the Branigan Cultural Center and the Museum of Nature and Science (admission is free)
- Buy a book at Coas Books (and trade in some of your own)
- Buy some art at MVS Studio, Big Picture, Julie Ford Oliver studio and M.Phillips fine art gallery, all on Main Street
- Spend the day the Spa Downtown or Carmona's urban spa and salon on Main Street
- Visit Las Cruces Community Theatre: (<http://lctnm.org>)

• Visit Black Box Theatre and the No Strings Theatre Company ([www.nostrings.org](http://www.nostrings.org))

• Visit Gent's Barber Spa at 232 N. Campo St.

• Enjoy a green chile cheeseburger at Day's Hamburgers

• Visit Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana and Popular Artisan Bakery for the best loaf of bread in town

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For more information on how you can become part of Main Street and Downtown Las Cruces, call the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership at 525-1955.





# In good company: The Bombshellter Boutique

## '50s-style apparel shop opens in Las Cruces

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Customers climb an interior stairway to reach Bombshellter Boutique in the Arroyo Plaza. At the top, they catch a glimpse of a mannequin wearing an elegant sheath dress grandma might have chosen for dinner at the club.

The space ahead is filled with sailor-style blouses with broad white collars and colorful, flirty-skirted dresses.

Elvis croons in the background.

Greeted by Bombshellter owner Jeanette Jones, shoppers step into another time.

Jones said she began wearing the clothes she now sells about two years ago, buying online from high-quality companies as far away as the East Coast and England.

### Yesteryear inspires tomorrow's look

Hanging on carousels are dresses by Hell Bunny of Britain, as well as skirts, dresses and hair scarves by Sourpuss, Punkabilly dresses and the Bettie Page line by Tatiana.

The look is trending nationally, but there's nothing like The Bombshellter in southern New Mexico and West Texas, with the exception of an outdoor market in El Paso.

"So many friends my age – I'm 38 – are really into this style," Jones said. "It's a style for all sizes, even plus."

"I wanted to bring something more modern to the area. There's a lot of vintage clothing here but it's all used."

Jones said her target market is girls and women from about age 16 to early 40s.

"I was raised by my grandparents with '30s, '40s and '50s music," she said. "I've always been fascinated by the '50s. It seems everything was so peaceful. The ladies were elegant, pretty. The way they dressed was classy."

### From fascination to launch

With the idea for Bombshellter evolving in her mind, Jones visited with the owner of Pinup '66 in Albuquerque, which is thriving and, after four years, recently moved into Cottonwood Mall.

Excited by the possibilities, Jones decided to quit her job as student programs coordinator at New Mexico State University and cash in her retirement plan to capitalize Bombshellter.

"I can't retire until I'm 65," she said. "This was the time to do it."

Jones said she didn't want to incur any debt starting the business.

Friends and family pitched in to help paint the showroom a deep gray that serves as a neutral background to the colorful clothing and accessories



Jeanette Jones, owner of The Bombshellter Boutique, is introducing high-quality retro clothing to the Las Cruces market.

displayed there.

Retro color bursts out in the spacious dressing room overlooking the plaza. Jones designed the space to make women feel pretty, she said. Black and white images of Marilyn Monroe pop against the vibrantly colored walls.

### Learning from experience

Jones said she plans to take the Bombshellter theme into the community, hosting events such as car shows and pinup contests.

Meanwhile, she continues to live two other lives – that of NMSU graduate student and mother of two boys.

Her elder son graduated from her alma mater, Onate High School. Her younger son is a junior and a member of the first class to attend all four years at Centennial High School.

Jones, who holds a bachelor's degree from NMSU, is pursuing a master's in educational administration online.

"I've always enjoyed learning, and this



The vintage-elegant dressing room at The Bombshellter Boutique

### THE DETAILS

#### The Bombshellter Boutique

#### WHERE

2001 E. Lohman Ave.  
Suite 120 1/2

#### HOURS

- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
- By appointment Sunday and Monday

#### CONTACT

- [www.facebook.com/thebombshellter](http://www.facebook.com/thebombshellter)
- [bombshellter.boutique@gmail.com](mailto:bombshellter.boutique@gmail.com)

is another learning process," she said of her venture into owning and running a store.

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# Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico celebrates 10 years

PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Guests mingle in the main therapy area of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico at an open house Thursday, Jan. 22, marking the 10th anniversary of the opening of the hospital.



Luis Carrillo, director of marketing and business development, with CFO Elizabeth Striplin and medical director Dr. Kimberly Encapera

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# Community Foundation Gala: Philanthropy and Fun

By **Charlotte Tallman**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Philanthropists and community members alike are gearing up for the Run for the Roses, Mint Julep Ball hosted by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM).

The event scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center will benefit 40 local nonprofit endowments and CFSNM operating expenses. Attendees are encouraged to arrive in their favorite derby attire.

There will be dinner, dancing and casino games as well as a live and silent auction.

Last year, the event brought together more than 350 community members, many playing traditional casino

games such as poker, blackjack and Texas hold 'em after receiving a bag of chips at the front door. Each chip represented one point, and participants were able to drop their winning chips off in containers representing their favorite nonprofit. The amount of chips dropped in each bucket was used to award grants to the nonprofits with endowments in the CFSNM. That philanthropic fun will continue this year.

"This gala is an example of our dedication to the community and the nonprofits we support," said Ammu Devasthali, the 2011-15 chair of the gala committee.

This year's gala committee members along with Devasthali include Donna Tate, co-chair, Abel Covarrubias, CaraLyn Banks, Mandy Leatherwood,

Ángela Hampton, Polly Kamali, Debbie Paulowski, Deni Cheney and Amy Pollard.

This annual event supports nonprofit endowments including Apple Tree Educational Center, Asombro Institute for Science Education, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, The Bridge of Southern New Mexico, Casa de Peregrinos, Colonias Development Council, Community Action Agency, Doña Ana Arts Council, Doña Ana County Humane Society, Foundation for Las Cruces Museums, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, El Refugio, Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, The Healing House, Human Systems Research, Jardin de los Niños, Junior League of Las Cruces, La Casa, Las

Cruces Aquatic Club, La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services, Las Cruces Senior Citizens Corporation, Mesilla Valley CASA, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, Mesilla Valley Hospice, Mesilla Valley Youth Foundation, Saint Luke's Health Care Clinic, Salvation Army, Southwest Environmental Center, Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP), Unidad Park, United Way of SNM, Women's Intercultural Center, Zia Therapy Center, Volunteer Center of Grant County, Mimbres Region Arts Council and Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 521-4794 or visiting the CFSNM at 301 S. Church St. Suite H. The foundation is also looking for Champions of Philanthropy sponsors and gala sponsors.

*The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. For more information see the website at [www.cfsnm.org](http://www.cfsnm.org) or call Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.*

## K-12 education needs to be fixed in New Mexico



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

The Legislature has opened, and K-12 education is sure to be a hot topic.

With the issue a likely focus in Santa Fe and with Las Cruces Public School Board elections scheduled for Feb. 8, it seems a good time to review the state of education in New Mexico.

K-12 education is the number one economic issue facing New Mexico.

In fact, K-12 education is a mess. We rank 46th in fourth grade math, 49th in fourth grade reading, 47th in eighth grade math and 49th in eighth grade reading. We are 48th out of 49 states reporting in graduation rates. The problem is not money. We rank 32nd in funding per student, a very respectable showing given that we are a low-income state. Indeed, we rank second in percentage of personal income going to K-12 education. In addition, student-teacher ratios are in line with the national number.

In total, there are enough resources. Why, then, isn't New Mexico getting better results?

Some might point to demographics – more low-income students, more minorities. But the data by income and by ethnic group are not dismal. For example, we rank second from the bottom in graduating economically disadvantaged kids during the 2010-11 school year.

When you look at how New Mexico spends its money, one big difference is

that teachers are paid substantially less than in other states. The average salary nationally for teachers is \$55,400; we pay \$45,400, ranking us 47th out of 50 states.

When you underpay teachers it's hard to recruit and retain good ones. Something economists call adverse selection can occur, where the good teachers move to other states or leave education altogether.

Of course, this is too simplistic. Pay isn't the only factor that determines a teacher's decision to continue in the classroom. Many good teachers continue working in New Mexico. Nevertheless, it's likely salary is a very important factor in determining whether good teachers remain.

Let's suppose low pay is sufficient to reduce the quality of teachers in New Mexico so that the average teacher is at the 45th percentile compared to the national average of 50th percentile. There would be slightly fewer great teachers and slightly more terrible teachers. This by itself would explain New Mexico's poor performance.

The problems don't stop there, however. New Mexico employs fewer support staff per student, which means teachers have to do more work not directly involved in teaching. This is demoralizing, reinforcing the disincentives of low salaries.

If we are spending a lot of money on education but aren't paying teachers, and aren't hiring support staff, where is the money going?

It appears to be going to an educational establishment located in

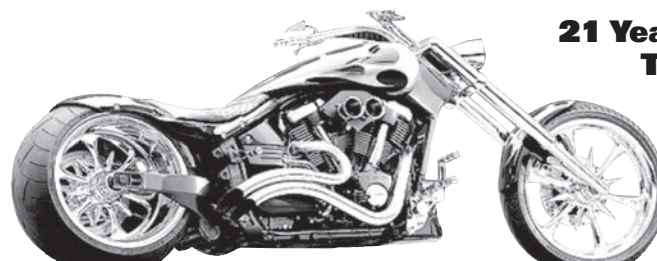
Santa Fe. Local funding accounts for only 17 percent of educational funding in New Mexico compared with a state-by-state national average of 43 percent. Rather than using local taxes to pay for local programs, we send our revenue to the bureaucrats in Santa Fe for them to take their cut, then send it back to us.

What a surprise: Centralization in Santa Fe results in poor local performance.

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resourcefulness. He decided to acquire and then sell the hides of cows that died of natural causes on area dairy farms to processors, who would in turn sell them to Mexican boot makers.

The idea actually came to him before the shoulder injury, when he was eating lunch and thinking about his heritage and his future.

“My father was a boot maker in Mexico,” said Acosta. “My grandfather was too – our family was for generations in Parral, Chihuahua. We know the business.”

Although he didn’t want to pursue that trade, he believed there was a future in supplying raw materials for the craftsmen.

He named his business Benny Acosta Boots Co.

“The hardest thing was having no money for a place to work out of,” said Acosta, who began his business in a box trailer in Mesquite.

To raise the capital he needed, Acosta started buying and reselling used pallets.

The idea for the pallet business came to him in

2010 when he was working in construction and saw the company throwing out pallets.

“They told him he could have them for free,” SBDC adviser Humberto Hajar-Alvidrez said.

Acosta transports almost 500 pallets a week, which he sells to factories.

A year ago, he hired someone to repair broken pallets, which enabled him to grow that business.

Acosta then contacted Jo Ann Garay, who was at WESST Enterprise Center at the time, for assistance launching the hides business. He continued to work with her when she took her current position as SBDC director at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center.

“Because of the injury, he had credit issues,” Garay said. “He needed a small loan (to buy a truck) and had a hard time finding one. All he needed was something to get him started.”

Garay introduced him to Kandy Jones of Tierra Del Sol, who provided the funds he needed.

“She saw the character and drive you see,” Garay said.

He had already done his business research, and Garay and Hajar-Alvidrez at the center’s office in the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Development Center at 2345 Nevada Ave. helped him

with financial management and business licensing.

Acosta bought a truck – and repaid the loan in three months.

Garay said Acosta is one of only two people in New Mexico certified with the state livestock board to pick up the carcasses of cows that die naturally at dairies.

His business takes him all over the southern part of the New Mexico as well as neighboring states.

With two businesses growing, Acosta is planning his next moves.

He aims to expand by buying a \$300,000 machine to process fat and bone, which he can sell to Mexico as an ingredient for soap, lipstick and candles.

“It’s not only for the money,” he said. “I do it because I like to work.”

Garay said SBDC nominated Acosta in September for Star Client honors because “he fits every category for entrepreneurship and patience.

“We felt his story needed to be shared and recognized,” she said.

“It’s uplifting to hear him speak with passion about what he does,” Hajar-Alvidrez said.

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The partner would become a key member of the team marketing the park both regionally and locally, Savage said.

“We will try to position Arrowhead Park as a highly attractive place for companies to locate – physically attractive and attractive from a cost standpoint as well,” he said.

Marketing and recruiting will continue to focus on industries for which the park, the university and the region have a competitive advantage – medical/health/technology, aerospace and water and energy.

Arrowhead Park consists of 150,000 square feet of

building space on 14 developed acres. It has five tenants, and provides 170 jobs. Capital investment is \$36 million. According to the Arrowhead Park vision metric, the 2018 metric calls for 360,000 square feet of building space on 30 developed acres housing 15 tenants. The vision for 2018 is 400 employees and a capital investment of \$100 million in the park.

Savage described the park as a significant part of NMSU’s physical commitment to its mission of economic development. The public-private partnership serves a regional hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, connecting NMSU resources with the corporate and real estate communities.

“Our goal is to pursue innovative and collaborative approaches to develop the premier real estate community for science and technology expression with a vision to create jobs, promote educational opportunities and advance economic development through applied technology and innovative business enterprise.”

To obtain a copy of the RFQ, visit [www.arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu](http://www.arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu) or call 646-2596 for the link. For more information, email [wayne@nmsu.edu](mailto:wayne@nmsu.edu). Arrowhead Center will not respond to oral inquiries.

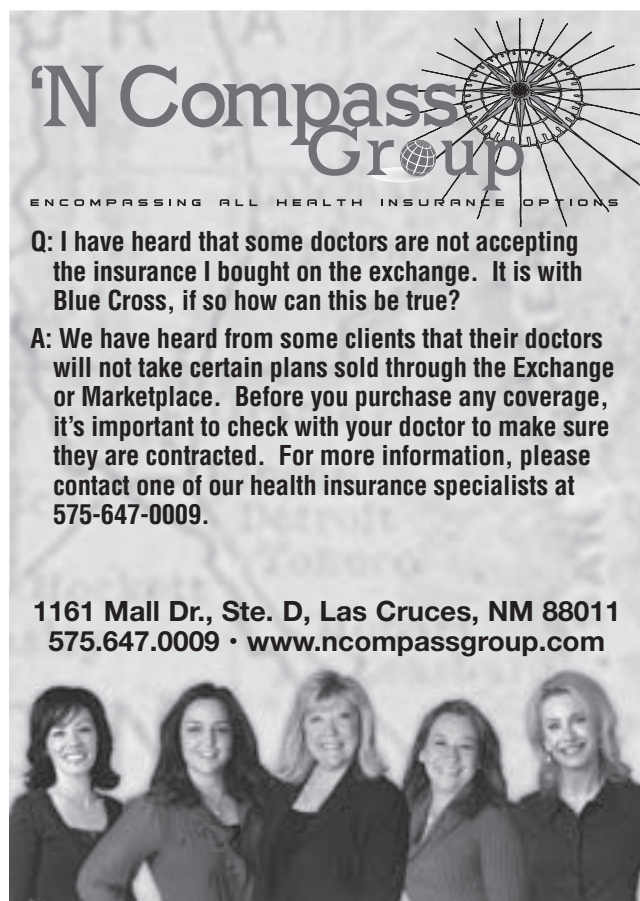
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series for veterans presented by the New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services, the New Mexico Veterans’ Business Outreach Center (VBOC), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the New Mexico SBDC, the SBDC Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) and Wells Fargo Bank. The Greater Chamber is also a partner for this workshop.

The New Mexico Veterans’ Business Outreach Center (VBOC) was created by the New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services to help veteran-owned businesses. It was the first such state-funded center in the nation created specifically to help veterans.

The VBOC is administered by the Small Business Administration and managed by the New Mexico Department of Veterans’ Services. It was established through a federal grant to assist military veterans with their business development needs. For more information about the VBOC, contact Coffel at [richardl.coffel@state.nm.us](mailto:richardl.coffel@state.nm.us) or 505 383-2402.



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## Farmers plan to turn on their pumps

By Marvin Tessneer

Las Cruces Bulletin

Although some water is flowing into the Elephant Butte Reservoir, farmers will likely turn to pumps again to irrigate this season.

“There’s that the water table has dropped a little,” grower Ronnie Franzoy said. “On my farms, added together I’d say we’ve dropped about 30 percent. But we’ll make a crop, as long as the water holds out.”

Franzoy raises a variety of crops in the Hatch and Las Cruces areas, including pecans, chile, cotton and wheat.

EBID farmers have been pumping water, stressing the water table, for two years. Analysts believe it would take two years of good snow packs to restore the system.

The water storage at Elephant Butte is 13 percent of capacity. In October it was 9.4 percent.

“We’ve been getting some runoff from rain and snow” Extension horticulturist Jeff Anderson said “It’s been very difficult to predict the irrigation outlook.”

“There’s no doubt that the aquifer has declined some the last couple of years, but we’re still trying to analyze it to get the exact figures,” ground water specialist Eric Fuchs said.

The EBID has been pumping heavily the last couple of years because of the lack of surface water. Last year’s quota for farmers was 7.5 inches. The normal release, with a good snow pack, is 3 acre-feet.

“We don’t know what the water release might be for the coming year,” Fuchs said. “And we won’t have any idea until the snow storms move in on the Upper Rio Grande, and right now that doesn’t look good.”



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### ANNUAL MEETING LEGAL NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the members of the Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop Farmers Association will be held at the Ramada Palms Resort, 201 E. University Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005, on **Tuesday February 17, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.** SRGDCFA will also hold elections at the annual meeting, the following board members seats are up for election: Bill Porter, Keith Deputy, Edmund Ogaz and John Deruyter.

Date: 1/30, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 15, 2014, Franco Family Revocable Trust (Contact: Hector Franco), 7300 Hwy 28 Mesquite, NM 88048 filed application numbered LRG-15635 POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-15635 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-15635 POD1 to a depth of 250 feet with a 16-inch casing to be located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 03 East NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 6' 41.905" N, 106° 39' 57.86" W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, to replace existing well LRG-9076 located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 25S, Range 03E and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 6' 35.932" N, 106° 39' 10.701" W (WGS84) on land owned by Hector P. Franco for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 28 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 20, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 25 South, Range 03 East NMPM as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-010-0057 Right B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-15635 POD1 will be located 0.5 miles east of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 174 feet north of the intersection of Lechuga Rd. and Cilantro St. Vado, NM. Existing well LRG-9076 is to be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 17, 2014, Kevin L. Davis, HC 31 Box 45 Rincon, NM 87940, filed application numbered LRG-10791 POD7 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-10791 POD7 to a depth of 80 feet with a 8-inch casing to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 2 West NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 39' 47.386" N, 107° 5' 3.731" W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, to replace existing well LRG-10791 POD4 located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 2 West and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 39' 44.23" N, 106° 54' 16" W (WGS84) on land owned by Kevin L. Davis for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 7.23 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$

of Section 18, Township 19S, Range 2 West, as described by Subfile No.: LRR-28-009-0023-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-10791 POD7 will be located approximately 1.4 miles southwest of Rincon, NM and may be found approximately 1,584 feet east of the intersection of County Road E8 and McGinnis Loop Rincon, NM. Existing well LRG-10791 POD4 is to be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 8, 2015, Joaquin C. & Mary Lou Hernandez, 10420 N. Valley Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-7-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-7-E for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-7, located on land owned by Alfredo N. Vega within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 24, T21S, R01W, NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32° 27' 47.874" N, 106° 53' 51.796" W, WGS84 and drilling a replacement well with a 6 inch casing to a depth of approximately

100 feet to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 24 and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32° 27' 40.388" N, 106° 53' 43.871" W, WGS84 on land owned by the applicants for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, NM, combined with surface water from EBID, for the irrigation of 1.89 acres of land owned by the applicants located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 24 as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-002-0130 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Well LRG-7-POD6 can be found northwest of Las Cruces, NM approximately 946 feet southeast from the intersection of Cactus Patch Rd. and N. Valley Dr. Existing well LRG-7 will be retained for other rights. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on October 10, 2014 Mid Ray Clark and Susan Linda Clark, PO Box 1500, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application numbered LRG-4-3C with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County whereby

the applicant proposes to transfer surface water and groundwater combined, in an amount reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, from 15.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, also described as Lot 2 Block B and Lots 1, 4 thru 7, 22 Block C of La Mancha Estates Phase 1, and further described as part of Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-012-0112 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, historically irrigated with a combination of surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District and groundwater diverted from the following wells, which are located on land owned by Cinco, LLC and Cruces Equity Partners, LP;

LRG-4 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 40.23" N, 106° 50' 13.21" W WGS84, and further described at X = 1,459,003 Y = 465,304 NMSA Central NAD83; and

LRG-4-S-2 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 58.08" N, 106° 50' 21.14" W WGS84, and further described at X = 1,458,333 Y = 467,111 NMSA Central NAD83; and

LRG-4 POD13 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 54.89" N, 106° 50' 22.52" W WGS84, and further described at X = 1,458,213 Y = 466,789 NMSA Central NAD83.

The surface water and groundwater combined, in an amount reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, transferred from the 15.0 acres described above will continue to be exercised from wells LRG-4, LRG-4-S-2, and LRG-4 POD13 described above for the irrigation of 15.0 acres of land, owned by Cruces Equity Partners, LP,

located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, also described as Tract 1 of La Mancha Estates Phase 1a Replat No. 1, and further described as part of Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-012-0112 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

Well LRG-4 is located southwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 220 feet southeast of the intersection of South Fairacres Road and Fortune Lane.

Well LRG-4-S-2 is located southwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 760 feet northeast of the intersection of South Fairacres Road and Chivalry Lane.

Well LRG POD 13 is located southwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 420 feet northeast of the intersection of South Fairacres Road and Chivalry Lane.

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be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 2015

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF UPCOMING ACCREDITATION REVIEW VISIT BY THE ACEN

Announcement

The DACC Nursing Program wishes to announce that it will host a site review for initial accreditation of its associate degree nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 1pm-2pm on February 12, 2015, at the DACC Central Campus, 3400 S. Espina St. in the Administrative Conference Room (room DAMA-114M).

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll,  
Chief Executive Officer  
Accreditation Commission  
for Education in Nursing  
3343 Peachtree Road NE,  
Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
Or e-mail:  
mstoll@acnursing.org

All written comments should be received by the ACEN by February 6, 2015.

Date: 01/30, 2015

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No: 0003

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF



### 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

### WOODROW NEAL, Deceased

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Audis S. Neal 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 any published notice to creditors 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 Doña Ana Probate Court, 845 N Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/Audis S. Neal  
Audis S. Neal,  
Personal Representative

Submitted by:  
Jacqueline Bennett  
Attorney for  
Personal Representative  
PO Box 849  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
(575) 527-0225

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 2015

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No: 0004

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA PAULINE NEAL, Deceased

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Audis S. Neal 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 any published notice to creditors or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at



### 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



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the address listed below, or filed with the Doña Ana Probate Court, 845 N Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/Audis S. Neal  
Audis S. Neal,  
Personal Representative

Submitted by:  
Jacqueline Bennett  
Attorney for  
Personal Representative  
PO Box 849  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
(575) 527-0225

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2015-64  
JUDGE DOUGLAS R. DRIGGERS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp

#### FOR CHANGE OF NAME

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, Wherein He seeks to change his name from Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp to Timothy Austin Tharp, and that this petition will be heard before the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers, District Judge, on the 23 day of February 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 6 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, 88005.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Timothy Austin  
Lopez-Tharp  
Timothy Austin  
Lopez-Tharp  
4762 Agave Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 621-4117

Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01699

### U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee of OWS REMIC Trust 2013-1, Plaintiff,

vs.

**CASEY R. JONES, aka CASEY RAY JONES, and if married, JANE DOE JONES (true name unknown), his spouse; and LINDA L. JONES, nka Linda Moore, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendants.**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 4, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2081 Briarwood Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 33 OF AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION - CORRECTED PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DONA 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 DONA 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 December 23, 2014, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$267,385.30 and the same bears interest at 5.625% per annum from November 29, 2014, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by

the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(505) 525-2711

Dates: 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. DM-2014-1520  
Judge Rosner

### LAURA HIDALGO, Petitioner,

vs.

### DONATO NUNEZ, Respondent.

No. DM- 2014-1520  
Judge Rosner

#### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF DIVORCE PROCEEDING

TO: DONATO NUNEZ

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Divorce in the above-captioned cause. The general object of this action is that Petitioner seeks dissolution of her marriage to you, as set forth in the petition on file. If you intend to contest the Petition you must respond to the Petition by February 16, 2015. Failure to respond and file with the Court clerk a responsive pleading within that time shall be treated as a default and petitioner will be granted the relief requested. Petitioner's attorney is Ofelia Infante-Garcia, 1690 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM, P.O. Box 208, Mesilla, New Mexico 88046; her phone number is (575) 526-7781.

Seal

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By:/s/Victor A. Eres

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 1/30, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02011

### WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

**LISA J. CANO, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF LISA J. CANO, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LISA J. CANO, Deceased, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendants.**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 25, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5855 Organ Peak Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOTS NUMBERED 33 OF VISTA DE LA MONTANA UNIT III PHASE 1, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VISTA DE LA MONTANA UNIT III PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 24, 2010 IN PLAT BOOK 23, FOLIO 58-59.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 21, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$159,083.08 and the same bears interest at 3.750% per annum from November 29, 2014, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all

patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(505) 525-2711

Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01289

### BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

### MARLENE SANCHEZ, Defendant.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4980 Kyler Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012 and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED J OF RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON

MARCH 23, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 164-165, RATIFICATION OF PLAT FILED OF RECORD ON APRIL 18, 2007, RECORDED IN BOOK 806, PAGE (S) 1267, DOCUMENT NUMBER 0713698, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY NEW MEXICO. A.P.N. : 02-34244

The sale is to begin at **10:30 a.m. on February 18, 2015**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on January 13, 2015, in the principal sum of \$130,284.10, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 1, 2014, in the amount of \$14,114.20 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$23.20 per diem, plus late charges of \$597.72, plus the balance due on the Mortgage's required escrow for property taxes and insurance of \$2,420.51, plus a balance due of \$1,046.20 for the FHMA monthly premium due on the subject HUD guaranteed loan, plus fees currently assessed of \$161.16, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$950.00 and costs through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$497.37, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.500% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ John A. Darden, III  
John A. Darden, III,  
Special Master  
c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C.  
5120 San Francisco Road NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109  
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 02/6, 02/13, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-201402173  
Judge Mary Rosner

### KIMBERLY C. FLORES, as PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERTA L. COLEMAN, and KIMBERLY C. FLORES, individually, Plaintiff,

vs.

### HAROLD D. WHITT, III and AMY SISNEROS, and any unknown heirs of MARY JANE WHITT, Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

### THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff

I, Norman E. Osborne, Court Executive Officer of the Third Judicial District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, hereby issue this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process by publication on any and all unknown heirs of Mary Jane Whitt. The Plaintiff, Defendants, and the civil cause number are set out above.

The general object of this action is to quiet and set at rest title to the lands described herein against any claims adverse to Plaintiff. The property affected by this pending action is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 12, Block 3, Country Club Heights Unit No. 3, as shown and designated on Plat No. 2843, filed on June 14, 1996, in Book 18, at Pages 486-487, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is: Karen E. Wootton, CARRILLO LAW FIRM, P.C., P.O. Box 457, 2001 East Lohman, Las Cruces, NM 88004. (575) 647-3200.

Any unknown heirs of Mary Jane Whitt adverse to Plaintiff are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion with this Court within thirty (30) days after the date of the fourth and last publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such suit against them by default.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL** this 14th day of December, 2014.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
Court Executive Officer

By:/s/Joe M. Martinez  
Deputy - Joe M. Martinez

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01758

### BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

### ERIN M. BARNARD, Defendant.

#### 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 1340 Pines Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 14 IN BLOCK NUMBERED J OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 25, 1957 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 57.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on February 13, 2015**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded an in rem Judgment on January 2, 2015, in the principal sum of \$85,584.39, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 15, 2014, in the amount of \$7,274.64 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$14.06 per diem, plus late charges of \$335.88, plus escrow advances of \$1,776.24, plus currently assessed fees in the amount



of \$881.98, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$511.05, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.000% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Faisal Sukhyani,  
Special Master  
c/o Leverick and  
Musselman, L.L.C.  
5120 San Francisco  
Road NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109  
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30,  
02/06, 2015

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

D-307-CV-2014-01462  
Judge Kugler

**ASLM II, LTD., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOSE ALEJANDRO DIAZ, LILIA VAZQUEZ, ISELA CARDENAS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT and TREASURER OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Thursday, February 12th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 8800 the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property to be sold is situated in Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is more commonly known as 2049 Boy Scout Lane, Sunland Park, New Mexico and is more particularly described as follows:

**Lot 11 Block 4, HACIENDAS SAN MIGUEL UNIT TWO, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office**

**of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 7, 2008, as Plat 4693, in Book 22, Page (s) 417-418 (the "Property").**

The sale will be made to satisfy Final Partial Summary Judgment and Final Partial Default Judgment filed November 24th, 2014, in favor of Plaintiff, pursuant to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

Plaintiff, ASLM II, LTD, has a Judgment against Defendant, Jose Alejandro Diaz Lilia Vazquez and Isela Cardenas, in the sum of \$168,157.08, which bears interest at 10.5% as of July 30th, 2013 and \$8,075.00 as reasonable attorney fees and \$1,092.35 for cost, which bears interest at the rate of 10.5% per annum from November 24th, 2014.

Plaintiffs may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other restrictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

The attorney for Plaintiff is Edward DeV Bunn, Jr. of Firth+Johnston+Bunn+Kerr, 415 N. Mesa, Third Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901

/s/Kenneth L. Beal  
Kenneth L. Beal  
Special Master

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30,  
02/06, 2015

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

D-307-DM-2014-01266  
JUDGE DARREN  
KUGLER

**NANCY ESTRADA  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**MARIANO  
ESTRADA-SOSA  
Respondent.**

**AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER**

**PETITIONER** has filed a motion requesting that the court approve service of process upon Mariano Estrada-Sosa by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

The court finds that the Petitioner has made diligent efforts to make personal service, but has not been able to complete service of process.

The court further finds that the newspaper of general circulation in this county is **LAS CRUCES BULLETIN** (name of newspaper) and that this newspaper is most likely to give the Respondent notice of the pendency of the action and in the county of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, a newspaper most likely to give notice of the pendency of this proceeding to the person to be served is: **LAS CRUCES BULLETIN** (name of newspaper).

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Petitioner serve process on Mariano Estrada-Sosa by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks in the **LAS CRUCES BULLETIN** (newspaper).

The Petitioner shall file a proof of service with a copy of the affidavit of publication when service has been completed  
Dated this 20 day of January, 2015.

/s/Darren Kugler  
District Judge

NANCY ESTRADA  
3859 VAN ESS CT  
LAS CRUCES NM 88012

MARIANO  
ESTRADA-SOSA  
2428 CENTRAL PARK  
CHICAGO IL 60623

Dates: 1/30, 2/06, 2/13, 2015

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
IN THE  
PROBATE COURT  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 15-0010

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF THE  
ESTATE OF Lorenzo L.  
Garcia, 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: 815 N Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dates: Jan. 15, 2015.

/s/John I. Wilt  
John I. Wilt  
905 Calle Del Encants  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-644-0293

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 2015

**Stull Storage Units #2  
960 S. Triviz Drive  
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO:  
Esmeralda Elorrea  
309 Olivia Circle  
El Paso, TX 79912-5227**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **0017** at Stull Storage Units #2 will be **SOLD at AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$452.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:  
Tubs, beds, couch, kitchen table set, misc.

Date of Auction:  
February 9, 2015  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Place:  
Stull Storage Units #2  
960 Triviz Drive  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Stull Storage #2 - Agent  
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,  
Manager (575) 525-2927

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 2015

**Stull Storage Units #2  
960 S. Triviz Drive  
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO:  
Valerie Spedaliere  
6732 Topez  
Las Cruces, NM 88012**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **0699** at Stull Storage Units #2 will be **SOLD at AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$377.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

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Bedroom Furniture, wood, misc.

Date of Auction:  
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Time: 10 a.m.  
Place:  
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**Stull Storage Units #2  
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**TO:  
Jennifer Pate  
1905 Sheryl Way  
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

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The contents of the unit consists of:  
Bed, T.V., Kitchen table set, dining room furniture, misc.

Date of Auction:  
February 9, 2015

Time: 10 a.m.  
Place:  
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Las Cruces, NM 88012  
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