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## Coalition sets session hopes

By **Todd G. Dickson**  
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Priorities by a group that seeks to provide a unified lobby voice to Doña Ana County reflect modest expectations for “new money” to go to spending increases and capital outlay.

The Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition (DACLC) unveiled its list of legislative support initiatives at the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 6.

DACLC is a partnership of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, MVEDA, the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsden Independent School District, Hatch Valley Public Schools, the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and The Bridge of Southern New Mexico.

DACLC seeks to compile the top legislative initiatives of the participating organizations to help residents be familiar with the requests when they interact with lawmakers during the session, said Bill Connor, who coordinates the DACLC effort.

This year’s 60-day Legislature begins at noon Tuesday, Jan. 20, the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

In terms of capital outlay, the most expensive request is for \$7.2 million to complete reconstruction of Airport Road in Santa Teresa. The condition of the road is hampering continued growth at the southern New Mexico border crossing, which in recent years has

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Riley Ramos, 5, a kindergartener at the J. Paul Taylor Academy charter school, helps officials break ground Tuesday, Jan. 6, for the school’s new building in the field behind Court Youth Center, which houses Alma d’arte Charter High School. Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent said the K-12 charter school campus is the first to have buildings serving students of all ages in the state of New Mexico.

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## VA clinic shooter had dispute with doctor

*Bulletin Staff Report*

A man who fatally shot a doctor at a El Paso veterans’ hospital before turning the gun on himself Tuesday, Jan. 6, was a former clerk at the clinic who had threatened the victim in 2013, the FBI said.

The FBI identified the gunman in the shooting as Jerry Serrato, 48, the Associated Press reported.

Douglas Lindquist, who heads the FBI’s El Paso office, said Serrato used a

.380-caliber handgun to shoot Dr. Timothy Fjordbak, 63, and himself at the El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care System at Fort Bliss.

Officials did not provide a motive for the shooting.

Fjordbak had reported Serrato made a verbal threat against him at an El Paso supermarket in 2013, Lindquist said.

Serrato had some sort of perceived or real grievance against Fjordbak, Lindquist said.

## Papen seeks more legal mental health options

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

Late last year, Dr. Danielle Nixon felt frustrated in what could be done for her former boyfriend, Myron May, who had abruptly quit his job as a prosecutor with the Doña Ana District Attorney’s Office and had become mentally unhinged, believing that law enforcement was planting bugs in his apartment and car.

On Nov. 20, 2014, May was killed by police in Tallahassee, Fla., ending his shooting rampage at Florida State

University that left three wounded.

In her first public appearance since then, Nixon spoke about her experience at a town hall meeting Tuesday, Jan. 6, called by DA Mark D’Antonio to spotlight legislation proposed by state Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Mesilla Park, to give civil courts the ability to order supervised outpatient treatment under limited circumstances.

Nixon, who had reported May’s behavior to police, said

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#### Council to mull Downtown issues

Plaza, smart codes and Camino Real statues among items to be discussed Monday, Jan. 12.



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## Defibrillators installed in county building

Doña Ana County has installed two portable automated external defibrillators (AEDs) within the government center that can deliver potentially life-saving treatment for anyone experiencing a cardiac-arrest emergency.

The AEDs are located inside the Doña Ana County Government Center; one upstairs, and one downstairs.

Studies have shown that when an AED is immediately available – and combined with CPR – the



likelihood of survival increases by 75 percent, making them an essential resource in public buildings.

“Public safety is always a priority for Doña Ana County,” said Doña Ana

County Fire Marshal Robert Monsivaiz. “If we have the potential to save lives with the installation

of these AEDs, then that makes them a priceless resource to the people who work and do business here every day.”

An AED operator will only be advised to deliver a shock if the heart is in a rhythm which can be corrected by defibrillation. If a shockable rhythm is not detected, the machine will not deliver an electrical current and the provider will be instructed to perform CPR until emergency medical personnel arrive.

### Don't text and drive!

“But I didn't know!”

That line is often heard by deputies when people are pulled over in Doña Ana County for texting while driving. In fact, a statewide ban on texting and driving took effect July 1, 2014, and Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputies have been enforcing the new law ever since.



Under the law, drivers are prohibited from sending or reading text messages and/or emails – even if they are stopped at a light or stuck in traffic.

Drivers also are banned from conducting Internet searches on any hand-held wireless device.

Drivers who pull over to receive a message on their phone or to use their phone in any way will not be penalized. Other exceptions include using your phone to call for emergency assistance or law enforcement, or using a voice-operated texting system.

The law does not apply to navigation or GPS systems.

The penalty for a first-time violation is a \$25 fine and \$50 for any subsequent infractions.

## Deadline extended for Citizens' Academy

The deadline to apply to the 2015 Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizens' Police Academy has been moved to Wednesday, Jan. 14. The academy will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, and will run eight consecutive Saturdays at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, more than 100 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was re-introduced in 2011.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older to be considered for the program, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on all applicants. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through education and awareness. Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb



The 2014 Citizens' Academy graduates pose next to DASO's BEAR unit, which is used in standoff situations.

squad, and Animal Control. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The 2015 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through March 1, 2015. Applications can be downloaded online at [www.donaanacounty.org/sheriff](http://www.donaanacounty.org/sheriff), and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

Class size is limited to 25 people, and there were 14 applicants as of Jan. 5, 2015.

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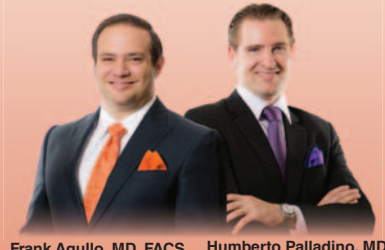
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## MVEDA, Bulletin to circulate Success Guide

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) and the Las Cruces Bulletin are partnering this year to bring MVEDA's "Business Success Guide" to a broader audience throughout Doña Ana County.

The guide will be distributed in conjunction with the Friday, Jan. 23, edition of the Bulletin. It will be available in racks at stores and public buildings as well as at the Bulletin office, 840 N. Telshor Blvd., and the MVEDA office at 277 E. Amador, Suite. 304.

The annual guide, designed to help businesses find the services they need, provides listings of business assistance

resources, financing and capital, workforce and business incentives available at the local, regional and state level.

"The financing and capital section, for example, is a directory of angel investors, funding assistance offices, micro lenders, venture capitalists and banks," said Davin Lopez, MVEDA president and CEO.

"Because networking is so important but you can't do it everywhere, this becomes an important networking tool," Bulletin Publisher Richard Coltharp said.

For more information the "Business Success Guide," call MVEDA at 525-2852.



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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

### 57 channels, nothing on The case of the missing listings

Back in October, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase took place at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

As we typically do, the Las Cruces Bulletin had a booth at the event, showing our wares and talking to anyone who stops by.

"I love the Bulletin," one man told me. "You guys do a great job."

Then he got a serious look on his face as he prepared his next statement.

"Just don't ever take out the TV listings," he said.

You know how sometimes when you're wearing a shirt, a nametag or a hat, you forget you're wearing it and the message it conveys. We've all said, "Hello, Luisa" or "Hello, George" to someone wearing a nametag, and they look at you suspiciously and ask "How did you know my name?"

"Um, it's on your nametag," you respond.

When the man told me his strong feelings about the TV listings, I looked at his hat, which said, I'm the NRA. That added a little heft to his comment and I pointed it out. He laughed, having forgotten he was wearing the hat.

"I didn't mean it as a threat," he said.

He was sincere in that comment, and super-friendly, but I do know he is not alone among our readers in his fondness for those TV listings. As he noted, our pages were reliable sources for that information.

However, if you're thumbing through our Life is Good in Las Cruces section looking for those listings in this issue, you won't find them. You won't find them next week or the week after, either.

As a business person, you're constantly reviewing your operation, looking at revenues and expenses, taking care of today and trying to see tomorrow in the crystal ball. Our focus has long been on local news, and I finally decided the space we devoted to those listings – several pages – would be better spent on that local news.

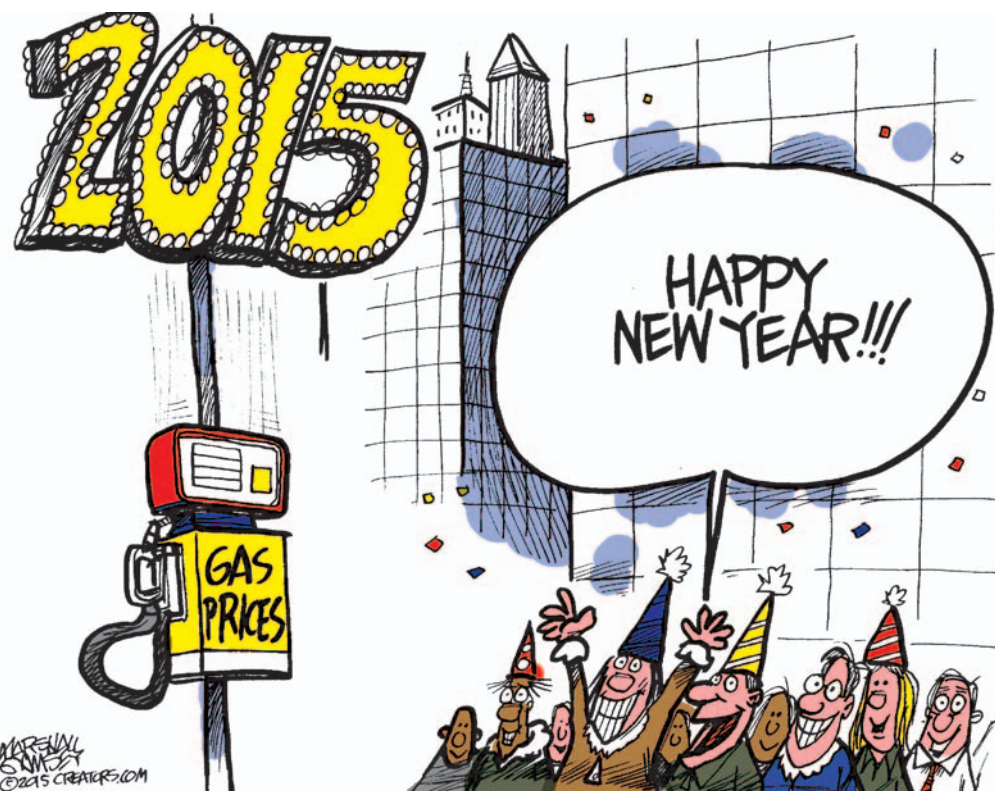
In an unrelated matter, Brain Games and the crossword are missing this week also. That, however, is a temporary technical glitch. They will be back next week.

These days, whether you have satellite or cable – which is most everyone – you can find the TV listings right there on your TV, for right now and several days in advance. If you have a computer, you have more ways.

I have mixed feelings about TV. I gave it up for about 18 months, and only really missed it when a big Oklahoma State basketball or football game was on. Or during March Madness. Or the occasional flipping of channels to find a classic movie or a rerun of Batman or the Andy Griffith Show. Maybe a good Austin City Limits. I have TV back now, but it's a lot like Bruce Springsteen sang in his song "57 Channels (and nothin' on)."

As I type this column, I could find nothing on the 200-plus channels on my guide, finally settling for a music channel that plays classic country. Heard a good Merle Haggard tune, Tammy Wynette and Linda Rondstadt doing Buddy Holly. On the soul station I found a Marvin Gaye song I'd never heard, and classic from Bettye Lavette: "Let Me Down Easy."

I realize, however, that's no solace for those of you who'll miss our listings.



### Letter to the editor

#### Thank you again

It is Jan. 1, 2015, and I'd like to begin the New Year by thanking the many volunteers who helped to prepare and serve our annual Christmas Dinner at El Caldito Soup Kitchen. Under the direction of Richard Lohmeyer, the team worked together to feed and bring Christmas Cheer to approximately 300 people who joined us for dinner. This wouldn't have been a success if it was not for the businesses, families, individuals and many other special groups who donated food, time and money. We have always appreciated the response the Las Cruces area community has given us. Thank you!

As you make your New Year's Resolutions today... think of all the non-profits who reach out to the people in need in our community. Perhaps you could make your resolution to give each quarter to the charity of your choice. Make a resolution you will keep and mark your calendar in January, April, July and October to remind you to fulfill this resolution. Give of yourself, give a material good that will help or just send a check to provide for the needs of others.

The El Caldito Soup Kitchen Board of Directors would like to wish the people of Las Cruces a happy and healthy new year.

*Donna A Wood*  
El Caldito Soup Kitchen Publicist

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# Driver's licenses should test weather skills

**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion



Last week New Mexico had snow with icy driving conditions. As happens when the snow makes the roads slick, lots of cars crashed. Are car crashes in snowy conditions as inevitable as death and taxes?

Something New Mexico does puts us in danger. There is an initial actual driving test to get a license, which is easy to pass, and then New Mexico never tests actual driving ability again. In fact, if you can memorize the correct line of the vision test you can drive forever or until recalled by your maker.

With the snowfall, it became obvious some New Mexicans drive well

in the snow while others do not. The initial driving test does not have icy conditions so New Mexico gives licenses to people with no idea how to drive in snow. Even though these people have a right to drive on ice, they do not have the ability.

Example: The snow built up on a road as I was easing along. A car passed me rapidly and then spun out, smacking the curb hard. As I pattered by the driver got out and looked surprised. I would have yelled at him for being a knucklehead but I did not want to get stuck.

A few moments later this same guy passed me rapidly but fishtailed

again and hit the curb. He got out looking surprised. He got his car going a third time, raced by me, spun out and buried his car deeply in a bush. Again he got out looking surprised.

I really wanted to yell at him for looking surprised. One time, maybe, but not three times. This guy should have a driver's license that excludes him driving in icy conditions.

Our state needs layered driver licenses like there are for pilots of airplanes. There are pilot licenses that restrict pilots to only fly in good conditions. And there are licenses that allow foul weather flying. A weak pilot is better off on the ground wishing to be flying than to be flying while desperately wishing to be on the ground.

Likewise, some New Mexico drivers are only dry road drivers. To protect everyone, including the drivers themselves, New Mexico should stipulate those with fair-weather licenses cannot drive on ice. They are not competent.

New Mexico has no mechanism to check driving competence. We know that as citizens get older their driving reactions suffer. Many are fine on a straight flat road but if a bicyclist suddenly pulls in front of them, often bad things happen. Each person has their own level of competence.

For a number of political and pragmatic reasons, New Mexico does not test driving competence of older drivers. We depend on their family to take the

keys away from them before they have an accident. So when a geezer or geezerette crashes we have to wonder if it was merely an accident or was it a failure of the society to remove these drivers before they became a danger to others and themselves.

One thing I know for sure: I will hate to lose my driver's license, but one day I must surrender it for the safety of us all. It would be nice if there was a way to test driving competence other than with the front bumper. Pilots must prove their

proficiency regularly, why not drivers? It may be the single best thing we, as a state, can do to make our citizens safe.

Make layered licenses that depend upon a proven real ability to drive. Develop full-size driving simulators so that every driver can be regularly – every four years – tested for reaction time and driving competence. It works for pilots and it could work for drivers in New Mexico if we have the political will to do the right thing.

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

## Letter to the editor

### Legislative perspective

The First Session of the 52nd New Mexico State Legislature will begin at noon Tuesday, Jan. 20.

I wanted to write to give you a perspective from one Doña Ana County Legislator. The first day of the session will mark the transition of power from the Democrats to the Republicans in the House for the first time in nearly 70 years. The new speaker will be Rep. Don Tripp from Socorro. The new majority leader will be Nate Gentry from Albuquerque.

The Democrats have elected Brian Egolf from Santa Fe as our minority leader and Sheryl Williams Stapleton from Albuquerque as our minority whip. We will have a new House clerk, House sargent of arms and many new staffers, secretaries, attendants and others in the House.

The Senate will remain in the control of the Democrats with our own Sen. Mary Kay

Papen as president pro tem. I have been given the honor of serving House District 52 for another term.

The changes in the House will take some adjusting to. We will not know what our committee assignments will be until the first day of the session. The transition might also create some confusion during the first week but I am confident that we will start doing the people's work in an orderly and respectful fashion quickly.

There is good news and bad news budget wise. The good news is that the budget remains strong with strong reserves and revenue coming in. The bad news is that all the new money that was forecast to be rolling in – as much as \$250 million of new revenue – is out the window. The oil and gas price decline is a good thing for gasoline consumers but it is lousy news for state budget appropriators. The \$250 million is now half of that and it could be less come Jan. 20. So the

budget news is that there will be less new money to spend on new programs, government positions and services.

The scary news is, if the oil and gas prices stay in the same place or decline more, then we could see the need to go back to the budget cutting days that we saw in 2010 and 2011.


Moreover, less revenue from oil and gas and other natural resources means less severance tax dollars coming into the state coffers. That means less money for all legislators and the governor to spend on important capital outlay projects back here at home.

The next few years could be very tricky. So now we turn to the politics of the new Legislature and the governor. Will we be able to pass any bills and get anything done? We have to pass a budget; that we must do. The major budget battles will center on "below the line" funding for public schools and possible pay raises for state employees.

As Democrats, we need to make sure our ideals are not run over.

As elected legislators, we need to make sure that our constituents come first. I spoke before the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce after the election in November and said Democrats losing control of the House could be an opportunity to learn how to better work across the aisle for the good of communities throughout the state. I am looking forward to rising above politics and doing good work for all New Mexicans.


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## Letters to the editor

### Open letter to Councillor Nathan Small

I'm sure you know, Councillor Nathan Small, that the U.S. is a poor nation and getting poorer every day, that in Las Cruces we live in one of the poorest areas of the country and that many workers here simply do not make nearly enough to live on.

It seemed like a splendid breakthrough this fall when City Council passed, with your help, a new minimum wage schedule for Las Cruces rising to \$10.10 an hour after three years. Yet now, it seems, you have had a change of heart and have engendered a new vote on council that will delay the raises scheduled (and possibly rescind them).

Would it be possible, I wonder, for you to visit, for one full day, with a single parent raising two kids on a minimum-wage job? Be with this citizen at her (or his) workplace and then go home with this parent – to see what it will be like for a family living on the new wage of \$8.40 (as of Jan. 1), then waiting two years for a little bit more?

It seems that certain business people have been angry even about the 90-cent increase for Jan. 1, and a small group of wealthy individuals are issuing a barrage of ads, notices, even billboards to convince people that a new wage is a foolish adventure by certain elected officials, who should now be un-elected.

Indeed, recalls are under way for Councillors Gill Sorg and Olga Pedroza, who have led the struggle for the new wage, along with yourself and the community group CAFé. You are all considered heroes in this campaign, along with the hundreds of supporters who flooded into City Hall during the fall

work sessions of Council.

On the economics of this issue, Councillor Sorg put it best when he said, with the late Paul Wellstone, "We all do better when we all do better." I hope, Councillor Small, you have not come to believe that we must simply inure ourselves to wider and wider poverty and destitution.

Why not ask for yet another vote in Council that fully supports our workers in the three-year schedule first enacted? You would be returning to the position of conscience we admired in you last month.

Note: According to the Economic Policy Institute, raising the minimum wage in the U.S. to \$10.10 would improve the lives of 21 million workers. More than 85 percent of these workers are 20 years old or older, 57 percent are female and 39 percent are black or Hispanic.

Pew Research recently found that 73 percent of Americans support a minimum wage of \$10.10 an hour.

*Martha Stephens*

### New groups no help

Do we really need another group? Now it seems the two groups – Southern New Mexico Business Coalition and New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow – are either enjoying martini lunches together to plot against certain city councillors or trying to spread the gospel according to Michele Bachmann, and neither one is contributing to progress.

The often blatantly false accusations of these groups in their questionable effort to recall three city of Las Cruces City Council elected members are

obviously self-centered by these "Dollar Chasers" and have no purpose for the community except to cost money that could be used to better advantage elsewhere, other than a misguided election.

By the way, there is a question about where these ring leaders reside. Some have concluded that they do not live in the city of Las Cruces, but in Doña Ana County. There may be a question about illegal immigration in this instance. Happy holidays, influencing groups. Hopefully the new year will find you enjoying lunches while dreaming of positive ways to improve the community. And, those of you living in the county, try moving to the city

where the council is conscientiously looking after the community rather than their personal gain.

*John Duncklee*

### Pirate patch

It's OK to crush wages because that's a free market, but do we have to subsidize the oil patch because they are suffering and the state needs the bucks? That's Michael Swickard's ideology?

Since the 1800s, the days of John D. Rockefeller, our oil patch has been run by ruthless pirates and the patch has been a continual "feast or famine"

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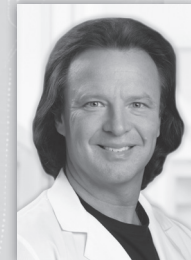
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# Predatory lending should be on the legislative agenda

By **Bob Hearn**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Want to cripple a local economy? Easy. Open up a bunch of high-cost loan stores and watch the corporate loan sharks destroy consumer budgets, create headaches for every business in town, and take millions of dollars out of the local economy.

For example, it cost Mary, a single mom, dental hygienist, \$1,500 to repay an eight-month \$500 high-cost loan. That money could have bought clothes for her daughter at a local store, and kept her up to date on her rent and utility bills. Instead, a corporate loan shark took the money to his headquarters in the Bahamas.

Now take a community

like my own Doña Ana County in southern New Mexico. We have more than 60 storefront loan sharks feeding on one of the poorest economic regions in the United States. Those stores write about 60,000 loans to people like Mary every year. A profit of just \$200 on each loan adds up to \$12 million taken out of our economy each year.

But the damage to our economy goes deeper than impoverished residents and lost wealth. Loan sharks drive up the cost of doing business. Workers quit their jobs to escape debt collectors. Others take a job solely to qualify for a storefront loan, then quit. Turnover and training expenses, always a major cost for employers, increase. Is it

any wonder that business struggles and that the many impoverished communities in our county struggle to achieve prosperity?

Perhaps more serious is the impact of crushing debt burdens on the job performance of employees who stick around. Employees are distracted by their financial troubles and the family conflicts that often accompany them. Cars are repossessed and they can't get to work. They may be tempted to steal. Problems rooted in predatory lending become an issue for business owners.

Military commanders found the impact of high cost debt burdens on enlisted service members so pernicious that they prevailed on Congress to enact 36 percent annual percentage rate (APR) caps on loans to active military and their families. They consider it a matter of national security.

When the New Mexico Legislature eliminated loan interest rate caps in 1979, the loan sharks insisted competitive

market forces would ensure that rates would not reach 300 or 500 percent, as some predicted.

Unfortunately, competitive market forces don't work with unsophisticated borrowers who often assume all lenders are the same. Today the average storefront loan APR is 350 percent, and they reach 3000 percent.

New Mexico lawmakers made a timid attempt to limit the carnage with new rules in 2007 legislation. The loan industry insisted that only payday loans were the problem and convinced legislators to leave other loan products alone. Lawmakers obliged. When the measure passed, lenders promptly changed their product offerings to "Title" and "Installment" loans that the new law did not cover.

Today, the industry has expanded to 685 licensed small lenders statewide, and is making more loans at higher rates than ever before.

The lesson is that no one can trust an unscrupulous lender.

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They deceive borrowers and lawmakers alike, and they make large amounts of money, even from the poor. We have given them two chances to prove they can operate responsibly without interest rate caps, but their appetite has proven insatiable. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

It is time to stop unscrupulous lenders from wreaking havoc on our working poor and our business communities. We should follow the example of states like Arkansas, Montana and New York

and enact APR caps of 36 percent or less on all loan products regulated by the state of New Mexico. No more loopholes, no more exceptions.

Let's reinstate fair loan interest rate caps and give communities around the state a fighting chance at prosperity once again. The Legislature has a chance to get this right, now, the third time around. Tell your legislators to set loan rates at 36 percent APR or less.

*Bob Hearn is a resident of Las Cruces.*

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economy for the oil patch workers. It's the same worldwide. Saudi Arabia is in fact just a business division of ExxonMobil and they've worked together to rig oil prices since the Standard Oil days of the 1930s.

Additionally, workers and residents in the oil patch are subjected to a lot of health injuring conditions.

Shouldn't we just let them suffer the "free market conditions," just like the minimum wage workers, Mr. Swickard?

No, but our help needs to be directed to enabling the workers to escape the oil patch economy. They can be

retrained and employed in constructing and operating wind and solar electric generating equipment and revising our transportation system away from dependence on oil. This would eliminate the fuel surcharge on our electric bills. Quite a few countries are successfully making this transition currently. It would also stabilize our economy and provide a steadier tax base to fund the state budget. The only reason not to make the change would be because the pirates running the patch don't want it; that's a pitiful reason.

*Charles Clements*



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# New Mexico charter schools face a power struggle

By **Meredith R. Machen**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Oversight authority over schools is an ongoing struggle in New Mexico.

The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) used to be strong and supervised education. Then, it was folded into the state Public Education Department (PED). Former State Auditor Balderas recently charged that the PED is not providing adequate independent oversight to charter schools.

The Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) Charter Schools Subcommittee is recommending legislation that would separate the two agencies again.

New Mexico charter regulations are reported in the National Alliance for Charter Schools Measuring Up report. Charter law in New Mexico has limits on charter expansion. Fifteen charters may be authorized each year with a cap of 75 in five years. Charters in small school districts may not have more than 10 percent of the total student enrollment. For-profit education management firms are not allowed.

Charter schools often get more per student funding than traditional schools because they are eligible for small school funding bonuses. Some also get special "below the line" non-

formula, discretionary funding from the PED secretary, who is a very active promoter of charter school and the school choice movement. Each state-authorized charter school now has an assigned liaison from the PED. The inscrutable A-F school grading often rewards the charters, though no one is quite clear about the factors that go into these grades and perks.

Guess what happens when the state education department is a great promoter of charter schools? In New Mexico, we have two, for-profit private management companies running our statewide online schools:

K-12 Inc. (New Mexico Virtual Academy) and Pearson (New Mexico Connections Academy). PED overturned the PEC's denial for authorization of K12 Inc. (Virtual Academy), which still operates even though the attorney general declared it unconstitutional because the state Constitution allows no public funding for private schools. Since K12 Inc. operates out of Farmington Municipal Schools, it tries to appear as if it is run by the Farmington school board.

Unlike Florida and some other states, New Mexico does not have vouchers, but it does have some religious-affiliated schools that are masquerading as public charters. We also have conservative think tanks like

the Rio Grande Foundation that are pushing for more charter schools, and their members are on some charter boards. There is lots of private money behind charter schools. Some of the ones which are blatantly profiteering are even being investigated by the FBI.

A 2010 report from the Legislative Education Study Committee made a number of recommendations for changes in charter authorization and oversight, finance and academic achievement reports. The evaluation cited the need to eliminate discretionary funding for charters. The report also acknowledged that charter school performance was not better than for comparable public schools. The CREDO 2013 technical report confirmed that charter school students matched with comparable public school students had less growth in reading achievement.

Having a charter school division housed in the PED gives charter schools more power, money, attention and flexibility than our traditional public schools. This is not to say there aren't many excellent charter schools. Some have provided a great alternative to traditional schools that are failing. However, it is time that we focus our resources on the masses of our students in our schools. We should not have a system where some get special

*'Having a charter school division housed in the PED gives charter schools more power, money, attention and flexibility than our traditional public schools.'*

privileges because they were able to get into charter schools that have more funding, less testing and greater curricular autonomy. We need to increase the funding formula for all schools so that students of all kinds can achieve success. Let's support and improve all schools in New Mexico so all kids can succeed.

Separating the PEC from the PED will help address some of the oversight issues, but New Mexico must do much more to address the inequities and inadequacy of providing all public school students with the equal and sufficient education our Constitution mandates.

*Meredith Machen, Ph.D., is president of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico and its education chair as an educator for 38 years.*

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# LEGISLATURE, FROM PAGE A1

taken off with the opening of the Union Pacific intermodal rail yard.

As for the City of Las Cruces, the “big ask” is for \$6 million to begin adding a competitive swimming pool complex to the Regional Aquatic Center, made possible through state critical capital outlay money during former Gov. Bill Richardson’s administration.

Las Cruces officials believe \$6 million will allow them build an outdoor 25 yard by 50 meter swimming pool and diving pond as the first phase for building and enclosed facility capable of hosting major swim tournaments. The competition-class pool will also be a training resource to local swim teams that currently jostle for swim time at New Mexico State University’s natatorium.

NMSU’s top legislative priority is to secure an additional \$2.1 million to \$19.2 million in state bond money for renovations at Jett Hall, Jett Annex and Rentfrow Hall. NMSU officials say they need the total \$21.3 million that was originally requested to do a proper job of upgrading Jett for safer chemical engineering operations.

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) is asking for \$2.1 million to make infrastructure improvements.

The City of Las Cruces is asking for \$1.2 million to improve streets and \$750,000 to replace aging well systems.

In terms of operational funding, the coalition is supporting the public schools’ call for improved education funding, with support from the state’s Permanent Fund at a level the fund used to historically provide. Similarly, NMSU’s Water Resources Research Institute wants \$2 million to continue work started by a \$1 million one-time appropriation from the past Legislature.

The public schools and DACC are unified in asking for continued support for dual-credit courses, which allow public high-school students to take college classes and earn credits

before graduating. Dual-credit courses have been successful in improving school attendance and performance, making students better prepared to enter the workforce.

Policy actions the coalition will be advocating include the City of Las Cruces in talks about dialing back the plan to phase out “hold harmless” payments to local municipal governments to make up for revenue lost by exempting food and medicine from gross receipts taxes, which acts like a sales tax.

As for the activity in Santa Teresa, DACLC would like to see the overweight transportation zone around the port of entry expanded from six miles to 12 miles.

Although the coalition isn’t asking for funding directly related to Spaceport America, it is calling for the unpaved southern access road to become a state highway, which Doña Ana County officials believe can help leverage funding to properly pave the 23-mile road and improve its interchange at Interstate 25.

Another policy focus will be to get better teen substance abuse awareness.

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her experience exposed a lack of some kind of system and structure to prevent tragedies when someone poses a potential danger to others.

“Where was the system and structure to help him?” she asked. “If he had received the right kind of care, he would still be here.”

D’Antonio said May’s death highlights the difficult situation for law enforcement in the area of mental illness. When the legal system in New Mexico interacts with mentally ill people, it usually involves incarceration, where the treatment they receive is minimal, he said.

D’Antonio and others on the panel assembled for the town hall meeting described Papen’s legislation as a “step in the right direction.”

Papen said the civil proceedings would permit court-ordered psychological services in limited circumstances for people with a proven history of incidents. She emphasized that the law, if passed, would not force people to take medication – a civil rights concern that had thwarted similar legislation in the past – or be applied to people with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injury.

Shawn Mathis, a health law staff attorney for the Legislative Council Service who helped draft the 30-page bill for Papen, said the bill reflects the best practices in 48 other states and the District of Columbia what allow court-ordered supervised outpatient treatment.

Proceedings would have to be prompted by qualified officials or family members, Mathis said, and the person would be given proper due process, including having an at-



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY TODD DICKSON

State Sen. Mary Kay Papen talks about her proposed mental health legislation at a town hall meeting Tuesday, Jan. 6, in Doña Ana County Commission Chambers. Listening on the panel are District Attorney Mark D’Antonio and mental health advocate Ron Gurley.

torney and being able to cross-examine and review evidence, as well as having a treatment guardian assigned to them to help the courts monitor the person’s progress.

In addition to documented mental illnesses, incidents such as repeated incarceration, the person would have to be determined to be unlikely to survive in society by mental health experts, as well as medical professionals.

Even though the proceedings would be in civil court, one of the people allowed to recommend a person be considered for the court-ordered treatment is a probation officer, Mathis said. That’s because places that allow court-ordered treatment have found that people with a severe mental illness that contributed to their brush with the law still needed treatment after being released, she said.

Much of the legislation goes into great detail about the procedures for the courts and others to take in order to protect the civil rights of

people, she said.

Newly elected Doña Ana County Sheriff Enrique “Kiki” Vigil said one of the things he wants to work on is improving training for his deputies for interacting with mentally ill people.

“This is something we need to work together with as a society,” Vigil said.

Las Cruces Police officer Bob McCord, who heads the department crisis intervention training, said Papen’s legislation will begin to fill in gaps of resources that law enforcement face when they’re dealing with issues involving a person with mental illness.

Dr. Abraham Fiszbein, a Las Cruces psychiatrist, said this kind of legislation will help bring progress to improving services for the mentally ill in the community.

For more information about Senate Bill 53 and what resources are available in Doña Ana County, visit the district attorney’s office website at: [donaanacountyda.com](http://donaanacountyda.com).

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# Coming up

## Crash family fundraiser

On Monday, Jan. 12, business will run as usual for Lorenzo's Pan Am Italian Restaurant, 1753 E. University Ave., but for a very important purpose.

On Dec. 20, 2014, the bottleneck of traffic for the construction on the Mesquite bridge thickened and slowed. A tractor trailer rear-ended a car and continued forward, jack-knifing and causing a chain reaction involving a flat-bed truck and four more vehicles.

The crash killed Mary Ortega, 43-year-old wife and mother. According to news reports, her husband, Manuel Ortega, was airlifted to El Paso in critical condition. His condition has since stabilized, but he will likely be paralyzed from the waist down. The Ortega family from Maricopa, Ariz., was passing through Las Cruces on the way to visit family for the Christmas holidays. Their five children, aged 3-20, were at a hotel when the crash occurred.

"It hits home, obviously. And I started thinking about it," Vince Vaccaro, owner of Lorenzo's Pan Am Italian Restaurant, said. "I decided I'm going to do something for them from the people of Las Cruces."

Vaccaro intends to donate 20 percent of the restaurant's sales from Monday, Jan. 12, to the Ortega family. He said the donation percentage is more than the profit, so he will be donating along with

everyone who comes in Monday.

You can drop by and leave a donation, too, Vaccaro said, and 20 percent off gift card sales will also be included.

"I hope to be extremely busy on Monday," he said. "You can't replace what they've lost, but maybe it will help them or some guardians that will be taking care of them."

Vaccaro said he intends to send a card with a check combining all the individual donations and those from restaurant sales.

"This community - we're not a rich a community, but people really do help other people," Vaccaro said. "Doesn't matter who it is, when they need help, especially in this situation, people of Las Cruces really come together."

"Even though (the Ortegas) are not one of our own, it's a situation that needs giving help."

## Model rocket launch

The Fellowship of Las Cruces Area Rocketry Enthusiasts (FLARE) will host a sport rocket launch from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Waterfalls Launch Site east of Dunn Road on the East Mesa.

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Embroiderers' Guild of America, a national organization of stitchers, meets twice a month at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. the second Saturday and the fourth Wednesday of each month. Anyone who enjoys cross stitch, needlepoint, crewel and more is welcome.

For more information, call 522-4684.

## Star Party

The Astronomical Society of Las Cruces will host a Star Party from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Leasburg Dam State Park in Radium Springs.

Cost is free with appropriate park entrance or camping fees.

For more information, email [outreach@aslcnm.org](mailto:outreach@aslcnm.org) or call the park at 524-4068.

## Model Railroad

The National Model Railroad Association-Roadrunner Division will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

The free meeting is open to anyone interested in model railroading.

For more information, contact Eric Hansmann at [eric@hansmanns.org](mailto:eric@hansmanns.org) or 304-376-0256.

## Purina sales event

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Special savings will be found throughout the store, including triple Purina Bucks on all Purina horse products, plus 20 percent off Purina horse treats. The store will also offer free food from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We are proud to serve the residents of our community and thank them for their continued loyalty," said Curtis Creighton of Horse N Hound Feed N Supply.

For more information, contact Horse N Hound Feed N Supply at 523-8790.

## Las Cruces Academy

The Las Cruces Academy, at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, invites the public to visit the school from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13.

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

Visitors from 5:30 to 7 p.m. may speak with teachers and view the classrooms. LCA is a private school serving academically advanced students; classes are small, teachers are well-qualified, and we provide a stimulating, supportive environment. Current openings are for early kindergarten through grade 6.

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

## Archaeological Society

The Doña Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Joan Mathien, a retired National Park Service archaeologist who worked on the Chaco Project for 27 years, will give the presentation "The Role of Gems and Minerals in the Chaco World." She will discuss the role of turquoise as a major trade item that linked the Chaco World with many of the culture areas in the Southwest, methods to source turquoise, where it might have been obtained, and Chaco Canyon's role in the extensive regional trade network through time.

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Police learned that the burglary occurred at around 4:45 a.m. on Nov. 6, 2014. Surveillance photos showed a man use a rock to smash a front window of the Cell Phone Factory at 590 S. Solano Drive.

The suspect then entered the business and stole approximately \$18,000 worth of cell phones, iPads and tablets.

Property stolen included at least four iPads, two Samsung tablets and more than 80 cell phones that are contracted through Sprint or T-Mobile.

The suspect will most likely try to dispose of the stolen property by selling the items, most likely at prices far below retail value.

Detectives believe the suspect is in his late teens or early 20s. He was wearing a light gray or



This surveillance photo shows the suspect in the Nov. 6, 2014, burglary of Cell Phone Factory at 590 S. Solano Drive.

white hoodie.

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspect is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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## Bulldawgs lead the way into boys district action

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

Halfway through the high school basketball season, the Las Cruces High School Bulldawgs have placed themselves in a comfortable position leading up the tough games ahead.

The Bulldawgs (9-5) are on a three-game winning streak, picking up recent wins against Espanola Valley, Randall (Amarillo, Texas) and Santa Teresa. LCHS is seeking to repeat the success it enjoyed two years ago during the 2013 season when the Bulldawgs last topped the state tournament with a 23-7 record.

Led by senior point guard Darnell Cuylear, the Bulldawgs are doing well on the offensive end of the court, averaging 58.9 points per game. LCHS scored a season-high 79 points during a home game against Santa Fe on Dec. 20. Although the Bulldawgs suffered a devastating 108-73 loss at No. 1 ranked powerhouse Hobbs, they have not been lacking on the defensive end either. Overall, LCHS is averaging 58.2 points allowed per game, but that number drops to 54 points allowed when the loss to the top-ranked Eagles is excluded.

Stacked with five seniors, the Bulldawgs possess a court presence with their height, as most of the members of the team stand at least 6 feet tall.

The Dawgs' shooting and inside scoring ability will need to be in full form entering the district portion of the season. LCHS will play host to La Cueva and Sandia before traveling to Deming to tip off the outward stretch of the schedule.

Fellow district 3-6A opponent and rival Mayfield will also take the court against top-ranked Hobbs. The Trojans have not had the ideal start to their season, currently sitting at 4-9. Head coach Tommy Morrow is working to turn his team around and find some momentum before district play begins. Mayfield's last appearance in the state title game came in 2010, where the Trojans claimed a runner-up finish.

Despite losing four-straight games to open the season, the Oñate Knights are currently No. 3 in the district and hold a 6-7 record. On a two-game winning streak, the Knights have five games remaining before entering district play.

The Knights are led by senior guards Tony Zamora and Isaiah Blanco with sophomore shooting guard Joshua Harrison stepping up as an underclassman with valuable contributions.

Oñate has suffered hard-fought losses to Atrisco Academy and Cleveland.

## Ag women rise above .500

*Bulletin Staff Report*

The turnaround continues.

After starting the season 0-5, New Mexico State women's basketball team has now won six of its last seven outings to move above the .500 mark for the first time.

The Aggies (7-6) ran over Northern New Mexico College, 81-39, at home in the Pan American Center, Sunday, Jan. 4.

NMSU now takes its momentum into Western Athletic conference play at Missouri-Kansas City Saturday, Jan. 10.

Against the Northern New Mexico Eagles (9-8), who belong to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), NMSU built a 25-point lead.

"I'm happy we got to play a lot of the kids," Aggie head coach Mark Trakh said. "We kept our starters under 20 minutes, which is what we wanted to do. We got balanced scoring and we got to see kids who haven't played a lot to see what we have going into conference play."

Sophomore forward Kassandra Harris had half of those points in the paint. She marked NM State's third double-double of the season after finishing with a career-high in both points and rebounds, 14 and 10 respectively.

### Aggie men top Highlands

NMSU's men's team used an efficient offense to upend New Mexico Highlands 75-67 Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Pan American Center.

The victory put the defending WAC champs at 8-9 as they head into conference play at home against Missouri-Kansas City at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10.

Against Highlands, senior Remi Barry had a team-high 16 points on 6-of-12 shooting from the field. DK Eldridge finished with 15 points – including 3-of-5 from beyond the arc.

The Missouri-Kansas City game will be NMSU's annual Lou Henson Classic.

The game honors Aggie Hall of Fame coach Lou Henson, who began his head coaching career at NMSU in 1966.

After two stints at his alma mater, Henson is the all-time winningest coach at NMSU with 289 wins and ranks 11th all-time in career Division I wins with 779.



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New Mexico State University's Sasha Weber splits two Northern New Mexico defenders as she leaps and takes a jump shot Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Pan American center. The Aggies won, moving above .500 for the season.

# Keeping the momentum



NMSU's Shanice Davi dribbles against the Northern New Mexico defense.



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New Mexico State University's Cassandra Harris waits for an open shot at the basket Sunday, Jan. 4, against Northern New Mexico. The Aggies shut down their opponents to give themselves a winning record for the first time this season.



Tamera William takes a moment to recuperate on the floor of the Pan American Center after a mid-air collision.



Moriah Mack drives the ball to the basket.

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## NMSU's Shrivastava ranked among top tennis players

New Mexico State University women's tennis player Ashvarya Shrivastava has made the list of the top 125 women's tennis players in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).

The Aggie junior from Pune, India, comes in as the 122nd-ranked player in the country after a phenomenal fall-schedule showing that saw her win back-to-back Western Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Athlete of the Month awards.

"I am very proud of Ash, she has worked extremely hard these last two years to put herself in this position as one of the best players in the nation in Division-I tennis," NMSU head coach Ivan Fernandez said. The ITA

also released its regional rankings. Shrivastava is ranked as the third-best singles' player in the Mountain Region behind only McKenzie Davis of Utah State and Tereza Bekerova of Utah. She is also tied for No. 5 in the Mountain Region in the doubles' rankings along with partner and fellow India native Rimpledeep Kaur.

Shrivastava's two WAC Athlete of the Month awards came for the months of September and October, the only two months in the fall that she actually competed in.

"It's a great feeling to be ranked amongst the top players in the country," Shrivastava said. "I want to thank my coaches and my teammates for all their support."

# Big Chile rings in green on New Year's



A 15-foot metal chile sculpture hovered above Las Cruces braving a chilly New Year's Eve Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, for the inaugural Chile Drop in Downtown Las Cruces. Like the New York Times Square ball, as midnight approached the chile descended to welcome in the new 2015 year with the lights turning green, of course, when the chile reached the main stage at Las Cruces Avenue.

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# New wage moment



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Susan Fitzgerald is joined by Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé) at a press conference Monday, Jan. 5, in front of Las Cruces City Hall to mark the start of the increased minimum wage in Las Cruces to \$8.40 an hour. Fitzgerald said Las Cruces' minimum increase was the only one in the nation to be prompted by a citizen initiative process.

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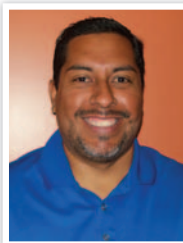
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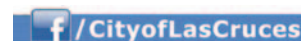


Miguel Silva  
District 1, City Councillor

City Councillor Miguel Silva, Dist. 1, is hosting two opportunities for the public to view the new master plan concept for Klein Park and to discuss future steps. The concept was approved by the Las Cruces City Council in December.

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# Getting into your opponent's head is an art



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

This article is not about cheating. It's about intelligently protecting yourself from losing.

See if you can relate to this picture. It seems like every time you play a match against a certain fellow at your club, you end up forking over money to him.

You're almost resigned to the fact that after you walk off the 18th green you open your wallet and fork over \$20 to the same detestable guy. And it's now really starting to grate on you.

Trying to fake being a gracious loser over clubhouse drinks is making you crazy, 'cause you're so mad at yourself. What you need are some tricks and time-tested tactics that both the tour pros and the slick hustlers use to assure winning their bets.

Believe it or not, there are actually strategies we can use to avoid losing, and others that can practically guarantee your winning golf money all the time.

Knowing how to win golf bets involves more than simply being a good match-play competitor. The truth is, most bets are won or lost on the first tee, where the savvy players negotiate the best deal.

Sandbaggers may be despicable lowlifes, but they seem to walk away with most of the cash at the end of the day, mostly because guys (and gals) are too reluctant to confront them for what they are.

When agreeing on the bets and the games, see to it that you make the terms favorable (less strokes for them, more strokes for you), or just decline any wagers completely. It's one of

the bedrock rules of negotiating anything: You have to be willing to walk away.

Another quaint bit of advice is to never get into a golf wager for any substantial amount of cash with some squinty-eyed, deeply tanned dude, who shows up on the first tee with a one iron in his bag.

Definitely pass on the offer in the middle of a round to "play for a \$20" from the stranger who has been casually pushing his drives into the rough for nine holes, but who has a good weight shift and putts really well.

Even I was victimized when my friend and I were joined on the first tee by a muscular fellow toting a set of unmatched rental clubs. He said he was here – sans clubs – just dropping off his daughter at college.

We smiled as he agreed to join our skins game. Immediately we were astonished by his prodigious blasts off the tee. After a few holes he disclosed he had finished in the top 10 in the long drive competition in Las Vegas.

It cost me \$10 to learn that lesson.

Nevertheless, some jokers really do invite fleecing. Sam Snead called them "pigeons."

Easy money.

I always enjoy playing with scratch wannabes, who carry a vanity handicap. Often these guys are flatbelly 20-somethings. These are the guys who hit an occasional 310-yard drive, chip it in for eagle once in a while, and maybe shot 69 as a career low. Otherwise, if they count all their strokes, penalties and all, their average score is closer to 80.

Their game is mostly talk. As one cowboy said, "all hat and no cattle." No adjusting strokes here; just cash.

Shivas Irons (he of

"Golf in the Kingdom") would probably scorn the business of playing mind games with golf opponents in order to gain an advantage, but there will come a time when you'll find it necessary to do just that.

The single most classic psych-out move you can make is to plant a distracting thought in your rival's head, doing so with subtle but viciously pointed remarks.

"Gee, with that little loop in your backswing it's remarkable you can keep it from going right" might get him to pay less attention to the shot and worry more about his loopy swing.

Or try, "Is your right or left hand your power hand?"

Inserting the idea that "it looks like the water might come into play here" may seem nasty, but it sometimes works.

Even more fun is musing out loud, "I'm curious, do you breathe in or out when you take the putter back?"

Golfers who have perfectionist leanings may tend to get rattled more easily. When a decent approach shot by your opponent lands 40 or 50 feet away you might consider, "Nice shot, but that ball might have stayed out there in that three-putt range."

Make sure your needles carry an air of innocence, since you may risk losing a friend. Of course, as Ben Hogan once said, "I play golf with friends sometimes, but there are never any friendly games."

Naturally, I would discourage outright trash talking – after all this isn't the NBA or the NFL – because it can backfire too easily.

Other gamesmanship tactics require more posturing and less gabbing. Regardless of where you actually hit your drive, confidently

*'What you need are some tricks and time-tested tactics that both the tour pros and the slick hustlers use to assure winning their bets.'*

walk to the longest ball farthest up the fairway. On the green head for the ball closest to the hole.

If you go over to "help" your opponent look for an errant shot, confine your searching to out-of-bounds (let him look inbounds), while surveying an area where you know darn well his ball didn't go.

Likewise, look for someone else's ball in the water – let him look on the edge of the pond – you'll find more balls, anyway.

Be sure to ask him what kind of ball he is playing and what special markings are on it. It's sometimes amazing when you find his ball and then he finds his ball in a better spot. The golf ball dropped down the hole in the pants pocket is an old trick.

When all else fails and it comes down to your last resort, consider slow-playing your opponent. If he is a quick player, perhaps with a nervous or edgy side, slow things down by using a longer pre-shot routine, or delaying things by searching for your ball regardless if you have already spotted it. You might even stop and take your shoes off to get nasty thorns or pebbles out, or conveniently leave a club behind, forcing you to go back a couple of holes to retrieve it, creating more dead time, leaving him to wait and get more antsy.

Delays interrupt rhythm, like a batter stepping out of the box, making the pitcher pace around and wait.

Then there's the injury time-out: a speck

in the eye; an insect bite; a cramp. These are useful, particularly if the momentum is going against you.

However, your misfortune may be a match with a slow player. These are the bozos who take 13 uncoordinated practice swings, tearing up good turf – turf that has actually grown while you've been waiting.

Of course the tour players are never "slow;" they're "deliberate."

What you need to do is speed things up. Hit and start moving ahead. Mention the open holes in front of you, or the course marshal's cart along the adjacent fairway.

It can even start before the match begins by getting the starter to move your group up a couple of spots, throwing your friend, the snail, off a touch. Do everything you can to put your opponent in a position that he feels rushed and uncomfortable. But be careful with the mind games; once you're at your ball and ready to hit, don't alter your pre-swing in any way.

It's been my experience over my many years of playing golf that pressure – pure and simple – is

what psychs people out the most. The more you can remind your opponent of the pressure he's under the better.

Golfing lore is rife with stories and legends of players folding – and triumphing – under serious pressure. Going into the final round of the 1996 Masters with a seven-stroke lead, a seasoned and normally confident Greg Norman totally choked on Sunday and handed the green jacket to Nick Faldo.

You might expect big blunders and stupid mistakes from first-time contenders, but even veteran tour players fall victim to pressure-induced confusion and over-striving.

What we're talking about is "gamesmanship." It's not something diametrically opposed to sportsmanship, although certain folks bristle at the thought of intentionally causing your opponent to become disturbed and nervous.

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# LookingBack

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Zak Hansen**  
Reflections

### 100yearsago

#### 1915

• “Who’s the victim?” the Las Cruces Citizen asked in a front-page headline of the Saturday, Jan. 16, 1915 edition. “We understand that Alexis J. Bienvenú is soon to wed” read the entirety of the article.

• Benoni O Reynolds was admitted to practice before the bar, the Citizen reported. Reynolds, the article read, “is the young protégé of Mark B. Thompson, although not as sober.”

• Frank T. French and Professor Hiram Hadley entered the new year still at odds over the latter’s statement that “the Germans will dictate the terms of peace.” “Instead of saying anything to the professor,” the Citizen reported, French “comes around and ‘cusses’ us.”

• “The Hon. George W. Armijo was here yesterday on business,” the Citizen reported, though “whether his coming had anything to do with the closing of the Bank saloon we know not, nor do we know that his coming has anything to do with the shaky condition of other booze emporiums.” Armijo – “Joe,” to the author – “has a host of friends in Las Cruces who are always delighted to

see him. He’s a good spender too. We meant to put this in parenthesis.”

### 75yearsago

#### 1940

• Colorado Coal was advertised at \$11 per ton, \$6 per half ton and 60 cents per 100-pound sack, from Cruces Ice Company. An ad in the Jan. 11, 1940, Citizen prompted interested parties to “Phone 171 today.”

• The Citizen reported “one million dollars, in addition to the \$500,000 asked by President Roosevelt Thursday” would be needed to complete a local canalization project. “The \$500,000 amount would be sufficient to finish the project from Mesilla Dam to Leasburg Dam, but \$1 million would be required for the work from Leasburg Dam to Caballo Dam,” the article continued.

### 50yearsago

#### 1965

• “El Paso Electric Co. will beef up its system in 1965 for future area and company growth to the tune of approximately \$11 million,” the Citizen reported. In 1964, “the amount of electrical power generated reached a new high of 1.5 billion kilowatt hours. This represents a 7.9 percent increase over the preceding year.” Local capability was to increase to 552,000 kilowatts by May 1966. In 1996, the company’s net energy output was 14,285,373 megawatts – more than 25,000 times that.



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The Fred Lemon house, circa 1920.

### 25yearsago

#### 1990

• Following an emergency meeting of the county commission, County Attorney Judd Conway was “sacked” by his his bosses, the Las Cruces Bulletin reported. Commission Chairman Jamie Stull cited “no particular reason” for the termination.

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## DANCESPORT

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# Neighbors We've Lost

## FRANCISCO PEREZ-LEDEZMA

*September 17, 1978 to December 29, 2014*

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved son, father, brother and dear friend, DR. JOSE FRANCISCO PEREZ-LEDEZMA, age 36, of Las Cruces on Monday, December 29, 2014. "Checo", as he was known to his family and "Pancho" to his friends was born September 17, 1978 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico to Jose Ascencion and Maria Irene Perez.

Those left to mourn his passing include his parents; two sons, Francisco (age 6) and Max (age 2); a brother, Dr. Claudio Perez-Ledezma, all of Las Cruces; as well as numerous other family members and friends. Checo was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, paternal grandmother, and an uncle.

Visitation for Dr. Perez-Ledezma will begin

at 11 a.m. Friday, January 9, 2015 in Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Funeral Service is scheduled for 1 p.m. with Rev. Martin Cordero officiating. Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where he will be laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers will be his father, Jose A. Perez; brother, Dr. Claudio Perez-Ledezma, and other family members, Guadalupe Ledezma, Ruben Ruvalcaba, Moises Ramirez, Jose Ruvalcaba, and Emmanuel Castro.

The Perez-Ledezma family has entrusted their loved one to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. For online condolences, log on to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com).

## DANIEL 'CHONTE' MADRID

*April 28, 1946 to December 25, 2014*

Our beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and dear friend, DANIEL "CHONTE" MADRID, age 68, a lifelong resident of Doña Ana, entered eternal life Thursday, December 25, 2014, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. "Chonte" as he was known to family and friends was born April 28, 1946, to Roberto C. and Sunamita Garcia Madrid. He served his country honorably in the United States Army during

the Vietnam War. In 2000, Chonte retired from the City of Las Cruces as a foreman of the Gas Department. He enjoyed watching baseball and softball and was the number-one fan of his grandchildren that he adored and cared for.

The Madrid Family has entrusted their loved one to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. For online condolences, log on to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com).

## JUAN L. CHACON

*December 22, 1969 to December 30, 2014*

JUAN L. CHACON, age 45, of Las Cruces, entered eternal life Tuesday, December 30, 2014. He was born December 22, 1969, in El Paso, Texas, to Martin and Ana Maria Chacon Martinez. Juan was formerly employed with

Smith and Aguirre Construction Company.

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## ISABELLE ANN GREEN

*July 11, 1925 to December 22, 2014*

Our dedicated and loving, wife, mother, and grandmother, ISABELLE ANN GREEN, age 89, of Las Cruces, entered into eternal life Monday, December 22, 2014 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice with her loving family by her side. She was born July 11, 1925, in Chicago, Illinois, to Charles Robert and Ann Geslorsky Hoehn.

In lieu of flowers the Green Family is requesting that donations be made in her name to La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E.

Montana Avenue Las Cruces, NM 88005 (575) 523-4700.

We would like to thank all the nurses and staff of La Posada for making this difficult time easier for our family and allowing Isabelle to end her life with dignity.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. For online condolences, log on to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com).

## MANUEL C. MARQUEZ

*November 15, 1929 to December 30, 2014*

MANUEL C. MARQUEZ, age 85, of Las Cruces, entered eternal life Tuesday, December 30, 2014, at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Manuel was born November 15, 1929, in Santa Maria de Cuevas, Chihuahua, Mexico to Manuel and Bentura Irigolloen Marquez. He retired as a

foreman of a Highway Construction Company and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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## MARY JANE SUNDEEN

*December 11, 2014*

Mary Jane Sundeen went to be with the lord on December 11, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl G. Sundeen, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, contribution may be made to Good Samaritan of Las Cruces.

A viewing was held at Baca Funeral Home Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. For online condolences, log on to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

### SANCHEZ

Albino S. Sanchez, 82, of Las Cruces died Saturday, January 3, 2015. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

## YVONNIE 'BONNIE' LEGARRETA RIVERA

*May 27, 1960 to December 26, 2014*

Our beloved wife, mother and sister, YVONNE "BONNIE" LEGARRETA RIVERA, age 54, lifelong resident of Las Cruces, entered eternal life Friday, December 26, 2014 at The University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora, Colorado, surrounded by her loving family.

"Bonnie", or "Bon-Bons", as she was known

to family and friends, was born May 27, 1960 to Richard and Isabel "Wendy" Legarreta. She was a devoted Miami Dolphins Fan and was a member of the Latter Rain Harvest Fellowship.

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# African children's choir

>>> COMES TO LAS CRUCES <<<

*7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church*

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# Godot

BY SAMUEL BECKETT

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## African Children's Choir sets free show at St. Paul's

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

During the 1980s and following the Ugandan Civil War, the continent of Africa, especially south of the Saharan Desert, was plunged into decades of strife and widespread civil war still smoldering today. People far-removed from the struggle around the world were exposed to the unmentionable horrors of war, daily shouted from newspaper headlines and plastered on TV screens.

On a humanitarian aid mission, human rights activist Ray Barnett, visiting the war-ravaged continent since the late 1970s, saw these atrocities up close and dealt with their consequences daily.

Instead of propagating the same stories of horror and violence, though, Barnett found hope in the midst of hopelessness, in the songs, dances and smiles of the children, still shining brightly amid the chaos and destruction.

Knowing for himself that people respond more to hope, rather than hopelessness, Barnett set himself to telling the other story of Africa – that of its vibrant, hopeful people, its songs and dances, the voices they raised amidst it all.

In 1984, Barnett founded the African

Children's Choir, composed of young African children, 7 to 10 years old, from those countries most devastated by the raging wars – countries like Uganda, Rwanda, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Kenya and Ghana, names today associated with some of the worst atrocities in history.

Funds raised by the African Children's Choir, along with its Music for Life program, have since 1984 gone to educate more than 50,000 children who would otherwise have never seen the inside of a schoolhouse. An additional 100,000 children across the embattled continent have had their lives touched by aid and relief work, with food, nutritional and health care programs.

Many of the children in the choir – totaling 18 current members, nine girls and nine boys – have lost a parent; some have lost both, still others, their entire families. Yet their spirits remained somehow undeterred, perhaps kept alive by the traditional songs and vibrant dances they perform and the joy it still, after all they've seen, brings them.

The African Children's Choir will bring this message of hope in the face of hopelessness, along with their bright smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances, to Las Cruces



The African Children's Choir, an 18-member choir of children from the embattled area of Sub-Saharan Africa, will perform a free concert Friday, Jan. 16, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

for a single performance at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

Attendance to the performance is free, but donations are strongly encouraged to keep the vital work done by this organization going, guaranteeing a better future for thousands of children, like them, who need it most and maintain, somehow, a sense of peace and happiness within them.

For more information on this performance, call 526-6689.

For more information on the African Children's Choir, its programs and to get involved, visit [www.africanchildrenschoir.com](http://www.africanchildrenschoir.com).

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### THE DETAILS

**WHAT:** African Children's Choir

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16

**WHERE:** St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

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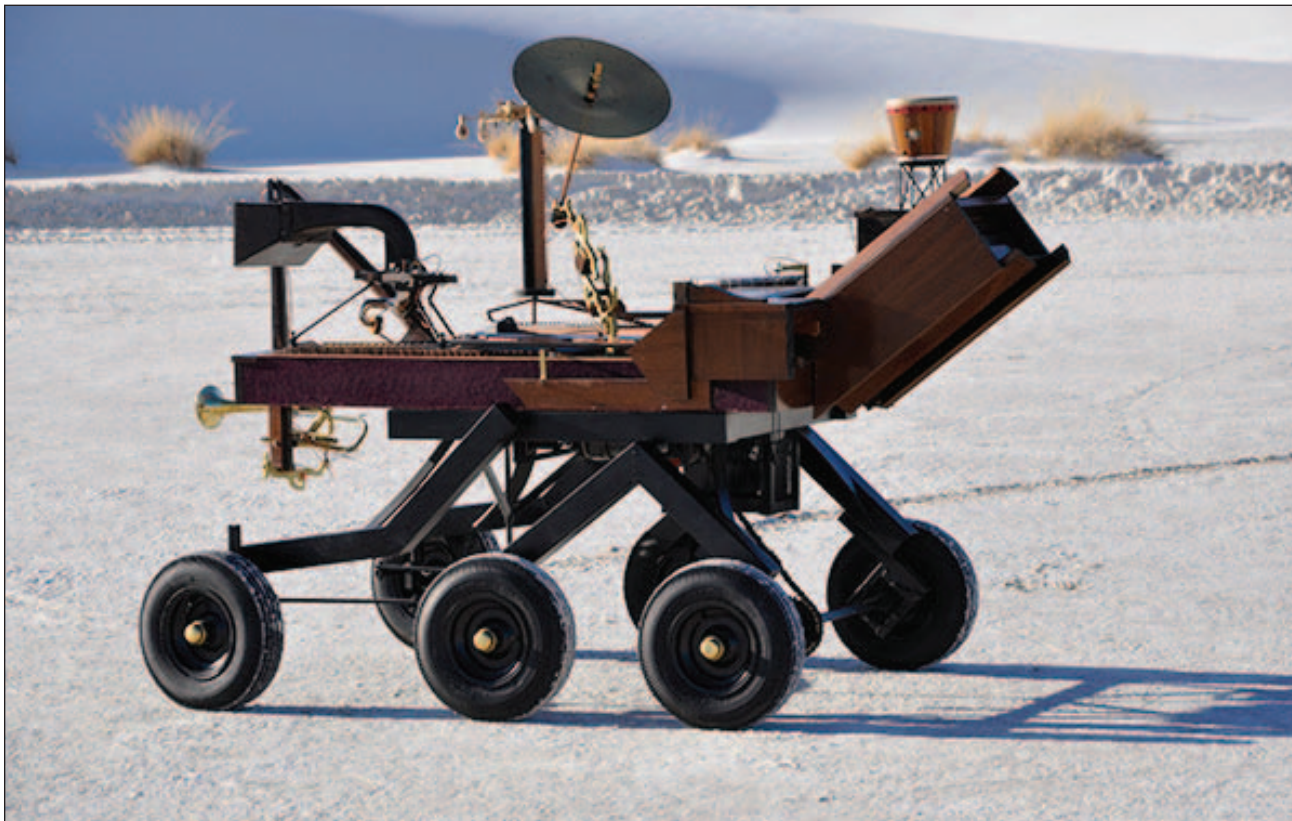
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Brack Morrow's "EAR1" Earth Aural Rover project deploys sculptural objects built from musical instruments to resemble machines of science, exploring terrain, taking field recordings, shooting video and performing compositions. Morrow's work will be on display during the University Art Gallery's "Las Cruces Creates," opening Thursday, Jan. 15.

# 'Las Cruces Creates' at UAG

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the University Art Gallery, located inside D.W. Williams on the New Mexico State University campus along University Avenue, opens its latest exhibit, "Las Cruces Creates," Thursday, Jan. 15, the local community will have the opportunity to not only view work from 21 of Las Cruces' best working artists, but to be a unique part of one of the show's centerpiece works.

"Las Cruces Creates," will act as a sort of snapshot in time of the art being made within the community at this moment, as well as its creators.

Beyond that local connection, the media, subject matter, style and, indeed, the artists themselves, vary wildly.

"Essentially, Las Cruces Creates is 21 different artists in the Las Cruces area who are currently creating new work," said Marisa Sage, director of the University Art Gallery. "The artists are from all over – some of them passed through New Mexico State University at some point, some of them have retired here, some of them are brand-new artists who have just moved here and are making work. It features artists from different backgrounds at various stages in their careers, who are right now creating work."

With works by 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, "Las Cruces Creates" is, at its crux, a representative body of the collective creative consciousness of those making art in Las Cruces in 2015 – and beyond.

Keeping with the eclectic nature of the work, event organizers have lots in store over the next couple months, beginning with the creation of one of the

UAG show's works, by local fiber artist John Garrett.

On Monday, Jan. 5, Garrett and Sage began accepting all forms of knitted garb, including T-shirts, knitted pants, shirts and skirts, stretched pieces of fabric and more which, over the course of the month, will be woven into a large tapestry – planned to be 9 feet by 9 feet and expanded based on how many piles of clothes make their way to the UAG from the Las Cruces community. That piece won't be unveiled until Thursday, Feb. 26, at which time Garrett will give a lecture on his process creating this community piece.

The artists' reception for "Las Cruces Creates" will be 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, as part of Las Cruces Connects, a celebratory weekend of art exhibits, art-based events and performances taking place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 6-8 – just in time for Las Cruces' annual For the Love of Art Month, 28 days of celebrating and promoting the arts in the Mesilla Valley and beyond.

The art-tastic weekend of Las Cruces Connects strives to create a connection between the University Art Gallery, the Las Cruces Museum of Art and all the various art galleries and arts organizations within our community.

Las Cruces Connects weekend will coincide with the Feb. 6 opening of "Las Cruces Collects" at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, featuring works culled from the collections of Las Cruces' Billy and Cynthia Garrett, Lynn Wiley and John Purcell, along with the UAG and NMSU's other collections.

"The idea behind Las Cruces Connects is to create a big weekend of artists celebrating artists who are making work in Las Cruces, and all sorts of exciting arts happenings around Las Cruces," Sage said.

For more information on various events throughout the month, visit [www.lascrucesconnects.com](http://www.lascrucesconnects.com). For questions and more information, contact Sage at 646-6110 or [misage@nmsu.edu](mailto:misage@nmsu.edu).

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Waiting For Godot

Rio Grande Theatre

FRI JANUARY 9 10:30 A.M.  
Rhythm Roundup Music and Dance for ages 2-5

Branigan Library

FRI JANUARY 9 3:00 P.M.  
Fantastic Friday Story/Craft Program for ages 7-11

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TUES JANUARY 13 10:30 A.M.  
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TUES JANUARY 13 4:00 P.M.  
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Toddler Time stories for ages 1-3

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WED JANUARY 15 11:00 A.M.  
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WED JANUARY 15 2:00 P.M.  
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### 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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# Don't wait, check out production of 'Godot'

Review by **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" is a sinewy play, ligaments and fat and heavy in the mouth. The difficult role of the actors and director is to chew it down to where we as the audience can swallow it whole. While it is impossible to remove the pulp (nor, indeed, would we want them to), the production currently running at the Rio Grande Theater by Sage Theatricals brings a difficult classic into a contemporary setting, making a fresh, crisp interpretation that is a pleasure from its immediate taste through the slow metabolization of meaning.

The acts measure from lamp light to lamp light, marked unevenly in between with a changing sky that we learn to distrust. The play has a realistic, though minimal, set. The chain link fence, the street lamp, the park bench, and the much-noted tree – graffitied, papier-mâché with posters, organically urban – these individual elements create the gestalt of a city, a concrete sense of space without buildings, a lonely lost somewhere in a play that feels distinctly nowhere.

The preshow music was the sounds of traffic and the tin drumming of a found-object street performer. By the intermission, this background of reality has faded to the smoky linger of an accordion as we foxtrot further and further away from our image of a populated city to this isolated unknowable.

The director and cast have done an excellent job updating the play with only the most minor of changes, but a delivery so fresh that I am surprised to go back and find in the original script some of the lines I had thought

altered.

The play is filled with vellum-paper layers of meaning, but to pull one sheet out from the sheaf, I was particularly struck by director Jessica Medoff Bunchman's decisions concerning the characters of Pozzo and Lucky.

One of the characters, Estragon, said, referencing (at least in part) Pozzo and Lucky, "They all change, only we can't." Bunchman made a strong choice interpreting this line (among others) into a mutability of the roles of Pozzo and Lucky. Not only does it create more agency for the role of the subjugated Lucky (a power of choice that Pozzo talks about in the script, though he is an unreliable narrator), but it creates new levels of dramatic irony and a strong foil for the fixed dynamic between Estragon and Vladimir.

The actors are veteran performers and behave as such. The silences between dialogue, when they occur, do not feel forced, like the fabric of illusion is stretching thin – but, rather, comfortable, as the actors are assured enough of their roles that they do not need dialogue or stage direction to sustain their belief in themselves.

It might have been 25 years since Tony-Award winning playwright Mark Medoff has carved shadows out of the footlights, but you would not believe it from his performance as Vladimir. Both he and fellow New Mexico State University professor Richard Rundell, who plays Estragon, have been discussing this play for more than 30 years, and you can see it in their familiarity, both with the roles and with each other.

David Edwards and Brandon Brown are delightful in their roles as Pozzo



David Edwards and Brandon Brown star as Pozzo and Lucky – or is it Lucky and Pozzo? – in the Sage Theatricals production of "Waiting for Godot," playing through Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

and Lucky. Just as Medoff and Rundell have a dynamic that is not lost when other characters are on stage, Edwards and Brown have a chemistry of their own, allowing for many lines of subtext to intersect like latticework when the four of them are on stage together. Twelve-year-old Grace Marks, as The Girl, keeps the stage quite admirably herself, finding her character in the actions between her terse responses and in this production's implied complicitness with Pozzo and Lucky.

I know I have seen a good play when I leave thinking more about themes and interpretations than acting and set design. It means all of the elements that go into its creation are so sound that I am brought into an immersive theater experience. "Waiting for Godot" is precisely that – heavy and

sedimentary underneath, with lapping waves of humor rippling the surface. A beautiful production of a difficult classic is rare – if you haven't gotten a ticket yet, do it before the sun sets on this run. Or is it rising?

"Waiting for Godot" runs through Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

The remaining performances are 7:30 p.m. through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Reserved ticket prices are \$20 for the main floor, \$15 for the balcony and \$5 for students with valid I.D. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.riograndetheater.com](http://www.riograndetheater.com), by calling 523-6403, at the box office from 9 am to 5 pm or, if available, one hour before the show.

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Mark Medoff, Richard Rundell, Brandon Brown and David Edwards star in Samuel Beckett's absurdist two-act tragicomedy "Waiting for Godot," widely considered the most important English-language play of the 20th century. This production also marks Medoff's return to the stage after a more than 20 year hiatus.



# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**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" opens with an artist's reception at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, and 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.

**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" opens with an artist's reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, and 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.

**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" opens with an artists' reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and will remain on display through Feb. 25.

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

## LAST CHANCE

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents "Fragile Waters," an exhibit of work from renowned photographers Ansel Adams, Ernest H. Brooks and Dorothy Kerper Monnelly featuring 117 black-and-white images, many not previously exhibited. "Fragile Waters" invites viewers to connect with the beauty of water or to consider taking action to conserve and restore our most precious resource. The images featured take the viewer undersea, over rivers and marshes and to snow-capped peaks and ice formations around the world. "Fragile Waters" will remain on display through Saturday, Jan. 10.

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

**ADOBE PATIO GALLERY** presents "Small is Beautiful," an exhibit of small and intimate works of art 15 inches or smaller created by members of the Border Artists along with special guest artists Margaret Barrier, Mary Robertson and Mary Labe. "Small is Beautiful" will remain on display through Saturday, Jan. 17.

Adobe Patio Gallery is located at 1765 Calle de Mercado. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 532-9310.

## ONGOING

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

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

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

hands-on media and collaborate with others on a public collage. Discover the collective voice of the vibrant Las Cruces community. "(RE)COLLECTIONS" will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**MAS ART** presents the work of Georjeanna J. Feltha for the month of January. Feltha said her work is about a sense of continuity and the development of self; the essence of sharing experiences both personal and universal. Feltha fashions fiber, hand-made 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. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

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

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

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

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum also presents "Heavy Metal: Vintage Farm Equipment by Richard Ondrovic," photographs emphasizing the complex shapes that make up the machinery on display at the museum. "Heavy Metal" is currently on display, and an artist's reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15. "Heavy Metal" will remain in the museum's arts corridor through April 5.

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

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

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

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents "UU Bee Welcome," a quilting bee that has met for more than five years and provides opportunities for quilters of all skill levels and techniques to gather for one to six hours weekly. The UU Bee members support, inspire, conspire, teach, learn and have way too much fun in their shared passion for this ancient art and craft. This show features a variety of original quilts and related pieces including clothing, home wares and sculpture. "UU Bee Welcome" will remain on display through Friday, Jan. 23.

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.



"Bioluminology," an exhibit of new paintings by Cody Jimenez exploring our society fascination with technology, opens at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Art Obscura Gallery.

**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.

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# Events Calendar

## FRI. 1/9

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


**7:30 p.m. "Waiting for Godot,"** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council, in partnership with Sage Theatricals, presents Samuel Beckett's tragicomedy in two acts, directed by Jessica Medoff Bunchmann and starring Mark Medoff, Richard Rundell, David Edwards, Brandon Brown and Grace Marks. In this quintessentially absurdist play, two wanderers wait by a lonely tree to meet up with Mr. Godot, who they hope will change their lives for the better. Instead, two



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**10 a.m. to noon, Houseplant Appreciation Day**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Join the cultural center and the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science for National Houseplant Appreciation Day. Come to the center to learn about houseplant care and take a new plant for your home. Discussion will be held about different ways to keep indoor plants thriving. Starter plants and unique upcycled planters will be provided. Free. Call 541-2154.

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

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

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

**3 p.m. Ladies of Italian Song**, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The Italian Culture Club of Las Cruces presents local vocal artist and club member Armida Hernandez, who will perform a panoply of songs crossing genres from jazz to pop to opera. She will perform songs made famous by Italian-American artists as well as Italian opera favorites. Free. Email [al\\_chance@me.com](mailto:al_chance@me.com).

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

**7:30 p.m. "Waiting for Godot,"** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council, in partnership with Sage Theatricals, presents Samuel Beckett's tragicomedy in two acts, directed by Jessica Medoff Bunchmann and starring Mark Medoff, Richard Rundell, David Edwards, Brandon Brown and Grace Marks. In this quintessentially absurdist play, two wanderers wait by a lonely tree to meet up with Mr. Godot, who they hope will change their lives for the better. Instead, two eccentric travelers arrive, one man on the end of the other's rope. The results are both funny and dangerous. Tickets \$20 main floor, \$15 balcony and \$5 for students with ID. Call 523-6403.

**8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Austin folk duo Art & Lisa Beck**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

## SUN. 1/11

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

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

**1:30 p.m. "Waiting for Godot,"** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council, in partnership with Sage Theatricals, presents Samuel Beckett's tragicomedy in two acts, directed by Jessica Medoff Bunchmann and starring Mark Medoff, Richard Rundell, David Edwards, Brandon Brown and Grace Marks. In this quintessentially absurdist play, two wanderers wait by a lonely tree to meet up with Mr. Godot, who they hope will change their lives for the better. Instead, two eccentric travelers arrive, one man on the end of the other's rope. The results are both funny and dangerous. Tickets \$20 main floor, \$15 balcony and \$5 for students with ID. Call 523-6403.

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

## MON. 1/12

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

## TUE. 1/13

**Noon, Brown Bag Lunch Lecture: "Owner: Plaza, Castañeda and La Posada Hotels,"** Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Main St. Allan Affeldt, who owns and restores Harvey hotels, including the Castañeda Hotel in Las Vegas, N.M., the La Posada Hotel in Winslow, Ariz., and the Plaza Hotel. Free. Call 647-4480.

**4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday Farmers Market**, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

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

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

## WED. 1/14

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

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

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

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

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

## THU. 1/15

**1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting**, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$50 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

**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.

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

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

**FRI. 1/16**

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

**7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance**, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams, will hold a contra dance featuring West Texas band The Muletones playing old-time traditional tunes. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

**SAT. 1/17**

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

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**11 a.m. Story Time**, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Listen to a Thomas the Tank Engine book and enjoy a Thomas video while completing a related craft activity. Free. Call 647-4480.

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

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

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

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

**7:30 p.m. "Play Me" – A Neil Diamond Tribute**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The acclaimed "Play Me," – A Neil Diamond Tribute, features the talent of recording artist Chris Waggoner singing in the style of Neil Diamond, backed by a seven-piece band and the Diamondette Singers. Tickets are \$17 for reserved seats and \$22 for premium reserved seats. Tickets

are available at [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com) and the Rio Grande Theatre box office. Call 523-6403.

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

**SUN. 1/18**

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

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

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

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

**7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society presents the Billy Townes Quartet**, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Billy Townes is a nationally recognized jazz keyboardist residing in El Paso. After 24 years and 14 recordings since his solo debut, this multi-talented artist, composer and performer continues to push the boundaries of contemporary jazz. Cost \$8 non-members, \$5 MVJS members and \$1 for students with ID. Call 640-8752.

**MON. 1/19**

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


**TUE. 1/20**


**4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday Farmers Market**, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.


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

**6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with Justin Thompson and Friends**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents Albuquerque singer-songwriter Justin Thompson and his affinity for traditional folk music, poetic lyrics and energetic performances, accompanied by Melanie Williams on bass, ukulele and percussion, Ky Burt on mandolin, banjo and guitar and Gabrielle Sadler on guitar, mandolin and percussion. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.

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







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# 'Tracks' the best road(less) trip of 2014

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

One of my favorite movies of 2014, "Tracks," is based on an excellent book, published in 1980, based on the travel adventure of Robyn Davidson, who walked 2,000 miles across the Australian Outback by herself. She did have animal companionship, including her hale and hearty dog and a brace of independently-minded camels – and the occasional visit by a National Geographic photographer and a couple of indigenous Australian guides. However, her independent spirit is what makes the film. It is also an occasionally enlightening account of the early stages of the fight for the civil rights of Australia's long-mistreated native people.

I admit my prejudice for this film, as I read the book years ago when it came out. I've longed to do this kind of trip/adventure myself for many years, but circumstances have never really allowed it, so it will probably remain in my bucket list.

That aside, "Tracks" is not so connected by plot or dialogue, but rather by the emotional content, with Davidson well portrayed by Mia Wasikowska, herself a native Australian.

We're never entirely sure why she is making this journey, but that really doesn't matter. It would help the story development a bit, but this, after all, is an adventure film more than a "why I did it" film. Much of the story, shall we say, is in her head. The script uses voiceover, heavily at first but less as her trip proceeds. It also expands the role of NatGeo photographer Rick Smolan, who met Davidson several times during her trip.

Davidson travels from Alice Springs, which is almost exactly mid-continent, after several attempts to coexist with the locals in Alice, and then continues to the west coast. She makes a few attempts to work with her camels, which leads to many rude awakenings for her.

This is not a film with a lot of false adventure and such, but rather one that involves you – allowing you to get into Davidson's head, and your own, much more frequently. It is not a cosmic woo-woo find-myself piece, but rather one

about a woman who at the time notes that it is easier and more pleasurable to deal with pigs than human beings.

The one flaw I wish could be corrected is the lack of information and nuance about Davidson's native guides, one of



Mia Wasikowska stars as Robyn Davidson, who hiked 2,000 miles of the Australian outback with four camels and her faithful dog, in "Tracks," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

whom accompanies her for several weeks.

Mr. Eddie guides her around several sacred areas, but we don't learn much about him, perhaps by design.

There are other movies that honor the Australian back country rather than dismiss it or make it a place of horror, including the famed "Walkabout" and

the little-seen "Burke and Wills," but "Tracks" surpasses these films in many ways – and gives us a sometimes clear view into an entirely different choice of lifestyle, ensured by a creative that offers authenticity and integrity.

Jeff Berg can be reached at [nedludd76@hotmail.com](mailto:nedludd76@hotmail.com).

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# Call to Artists

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

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

Digital submissions will be accepted through Feb. 27. Download complete submissions guidelines at <http://tinyurl.com/Here-Now2015>. For additional information contact Joy Miller at [jmiller@las-cruces.org](mailto:jmiller@las-cruces.org) or 541-2221.

## 2015 New Mexico Music Awards calls for entries

The New Mexico Music Awards (NMMA) will be accepting entries for the 2015 awards program for music produced in New Mexico during the 2014 calendar year through Feb. 7. The entries are open to all songwriters, artists, producers, engineers and other music industry professionals.

The New Mexico Music Awards is celebrating its 28th year of recognizing excellence in recorded music in New Mexico. The annual awards show and banquet will take place Saturday, May 30, at the Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque. The music awards program is open to both amateur and professional musicians from throughout the state of New Mexico.

The awards program features 42

music categories in genres including Jazz, Pop, Country, Latin, Americana, Rock, Rap and the Norman Petty Producer's award. The event will also honor someone from the New Mexico music community with the Eric Larson Lifetime Achievement Award and remember those New Mexico music professionals who have passed away this past year.

For category designations, rules, entry forms and information on how enter, visit <http://newmexicomusicawards.com>. For questions or more information, email [contactnewmexicomusicawards@gmail.com](mailto:contactnewmexicomusicawards@gmail.com) or call 505-269-7777.

The New Mexico Music Awards is sponsored by Grandma's Music & Sound, Quickbeam Systems Inc., High Fidelity Mastering, Listen ABQ, Lux Capacitor and Moonlight Talent Management.

## New Desert Harmony Singers seeking new voices

The New Desert Harmony Singers will begin rehearsals for their upcoming 2015 summer season at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Interested singers are welcome to attend a rehearsal.

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## American Southwest Theatre Company auditions announced

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

are asked to prepare two contrasting monologues 60 seconds in length each.

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

Auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2015, at the NMSU Center for the Arts. Callbacks are scheduled for the following day. Auditioners may register at [www.nmsutheatre.com/auditions](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/auditions). For more information, call 646-5418.

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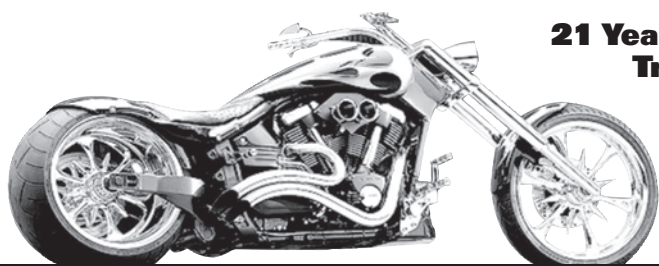
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# AtTheMovies

## The Woman in blah

Review by **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Maybe it was “The Ring” – the 2002 spooky-kid ghost horror movie starring Naomi Watts, a video cassette and a spooky kid ghost, itself a lesser remake of the 1998 Japanese “Ringu” – that began the onslaught, but the past 10 years has seen Hollywood churn out hundreds – literally hundreds – of increasingly Xeroxed supernatural/possession/haunted house/ghost films, revolving around the intrinsic creepiness of kids.

There were the spooky Japanese kids in “The Ring,” “The Grudge” “Pulse” and “The Eye”; there were creepy English and Anglo kids in “The Conjuring,” “Oculus,” “The Messengers,” “Insidious” and the irredeemable “Insidious 2”; there were possessed children and teens, mostly white Americans, in “The Possession,” “The Haunting in Connecticut,” “The Exorcism of Emily Rose,” “The Last Exorcism” and the stunningly titled “The Last Exorcism Part II.”

While these films vary slightly atmospherically and by the ethnic backgrounds of their spectral

antagonists, they are, in essence, all watered-down pastiches that co-opted the best elements of “The Omen,” “The Exorcist” and “The Amityville Horror,” with dashes of their earliest Japanese predecessors (“Ringu” et al).

Two years ago, “The Woman in Black” found Daniel Radcliffe trying his best to break with his wizarding-child image, with middling results. “The Woman in Black” was visually pleasing, its bleak, World War I atmosphere suitably creepy, but in no way was it a good film. It relied too heavily on rote jump scares, overused and extreme chiaroscuro and, of course, spooky kids.

Now, two years later, the rotting carcass of “The Woman in Black” has once again been unearthed for “The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death,” an unsurprisingly vapid sequel and obvious studio cash grab. Beyond its foggy, war-torn World War II setting – the film’s only redeeming quality, quickly run into the ground – it offers nothing new to the genre; it’s a bland, boring genre exercise in a style of film that’s already been worked to death, trading startles for scares at every telegraphed turn. In it, English actress Phoebe Fox stars as Eva Perkins, a schoolteacher evacuating her huddled mass of terrified children out of London during the Blitz of World War II to an isolated home in the English countryside, along with icy headmistress Jean Hogg (Helen McCrory) and dashing, Disney-handsome pilot Harry Burnstow (Jeremy Irvine). Among them is little Edward, unspeaking and staring since his sudden orphanage as war ravaged his hometown.

Led by the brusque Dr. Rhodes, Miss Perkins and her charges make their way through the rural town of Crythin Gifford to the Eel Marsh House, made an island by the encroaching tides.

The house, a crumbling Victorian affair, has all the trappings of a haunted house: creaking floorboards, peeling paint, dusty and broken windows, even a nice little parcel of land in the rear for a patch of crumbling gravestones – and that’s just the structural elements. Inside, it’s got every prop you need to make a trashy, unwanted horror film: aged medical equipment, desiccating portraiture, flickering lights, a cellar full of undoubtedly haunted tchotchkes, rooms of long-sheeted furniture and, of course, the requisite hideous doll collection, crumbling with time.

Can you guess what happens next?

Of course you can – unexplained sounds lead to inexplicable happenings lead to mysterious deaths lead to an uninteresting showdown lead to a pleasant conclusion interrupted by the sequel-guaranteeing jump scare in the final frames.

The film’s setting is aptly spooky, but director Tom Harper ratchets up the fog machine to 11 and deepens the shadows to the point much of the onscreen action is befuddling and impossible to see. If your movie relies this heavily on seeing what’s just out of sight, as a rule of thumb, don’t make it so dark you can’t see anything at all.

Beyond its reference to an indisputably creepy place and time, “Angel of Death” offers absolutely nothing

### THE WOMAN IN BLACK 2: ANGEL OF DEATH

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 98 minutes

Starring: Phoebe Fox, Jeremy Irvine

Director: Tom Harper

we haven’t seen a hundred times before, very literally. It features, in no particular order:

- Creaking floors
- Flickering light bulbs
- Doors that open on their own
- Doors that slam closed on their own
- Doors that open on their own, then slam shut on their own, then won’t open
- Doors that lock on their own
- Doors that unlock on their own
- Schoolyard limericks
- Things that aren’t there, then suddenly appear
- Things that are there, then suddenly disappear
- Things seen in the shadows that aren’t there at all
- Things not seen, in the shadows that are, in fact, there
- Malevolent sleepwalking children
- Disembodied giggling
- Disembodied screaming
- Disembodied whispering
- Disembodied chanting
- Disembodied footsteps
- A mysterious key that might unlock




something


- Jump scares that are scares (ghosts)
- Jump scares that aren’t scares (cats shrieking, birds hitting windows, children hiding around corners, whistling teapots, et al)
- Things seen in mirrors
- Things not seen in mirrors
- A sheet ghost, which hasn’t been scary since Charlie Brown cut eyeholes in his bedding to confront the Great Pumpkin
- Orchestral swells leading to jump scares
- Orchestral swells leading to silence
- Silence leading to jump scares
- Orchestral swells leading to silence leading to jump scares

Perhaps its only “unique” element is what I’ve dubbed the “Inception Scare,” wherein a character faces a jump scare, then suddenly and violently awakes – a jump scare itself – breathes a sigh of relief – “it was only a dream” – only to face another jump scare, real or otherwise. Cliché times cliché times cliché divided by cliché must equal something, right?

In other words, “The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death” plays like a YouTube compilation of the most-overused elements of the last 20 years of schlock in a foggy room. Don’t bother. If you want a haunted-kid movie that will truly terrify you, take a look at female horror auteur Jennifer Kent’s 2014 “The Babadook.” It’s subtle, well-acted, emotionally resonant and utterly terrifying – and you can watch it at home.



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# At The Movies

## Picking the Flicks



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



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

**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1**  



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

**Into the Woods**  

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

**The Theory of Everything**  



**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A look at the relationship of renowned physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife.  
**Starring:** Eddie Redmayne  
**Director:** James Marsh

**Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death**  

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

**Exodus: Gods and Kings**  



**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Moses rises up against Ramses, the Egyptian king, leading 600,000 slaves out of Egypt and away from the deadly cycle of plagues.  
**Starring:** Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton  
**Director:** Ridley Scott

**The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies**  



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

**The Interview**  

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** TV journalist Dave Skylark is tasked by the CIA to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un when he's granted a rare interview.  
**Starring:** James Franco, Seth Rogen  
**Directors:** Evan Goldberg, Seth Rogen

**The Gambler**  



**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A professor and gambler must borrow money from a loan shark, and a relationship with a student complicates matters.  
**Starring:** Mark Wahlberg, Jessica Lange  
**Director:** Rupert Wyatt

**Wild**  

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

**Big Eyes**  



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

**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

**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

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## New on DVD Tuesday, Jan. 13

<p><b>Gone Girl</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Genre:</b> Drama, thriller  <b>Starring:</b> Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike  <b>Director:</b> David Fincher</p>	<p><b>Love is Strange</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Genre:</b> Drama  <b>Starring:</b> John Lithgow, Alfred Molina  <b>Director:</b> Ira Sachs</p>
<p><b>The Identical</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG  <b>Genre:</b> Family, drama  <b>Starring:</b> Blake Rayne, Ashley Judd  <b>Director:</b> Dustin Marcellino</p>	<p><b>A Walk among the Tombstones</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Genre:</b> Action  <b>Starring:</b> Liam Neeson, Ruth Wilson  <b>Director:</b> Scott Frank</p>

## Top-grossing Jan. 2-4

<b>1</b> <b>The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies</b> (Week No. 3) <b>\$21,732,090</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Annie</b> (Week No. 3) <b>\$11,251,393</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Into the Woods</b> (Week No. 2) <b>\$18,728,441</b>	<b>7</b> <b>The Imitation Game</b> (Week No. 6) <b>\$7,772,527</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Unbroken</b> (Week No. 2) <b>\$18,169,840</b>	<b>8</b> <b>The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1</b> (Week No. 7) <b>\$7,559,954</b>
<b>4</b> <b>The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death</b> (Week No. 1) <b>\$15,027,415</b>	<b>9</b> <b>The Gambler</b> (Week No. 3) <b>\$6,332,559</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb</b> (Week No. 3) <b>\$14,518,274</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Big Hero 6</b> (Week No. 9) <b>\$4,754,816</b>

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## Racing to be 'The Biggest Loser'

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

To be called “the biggest loser” doesn’t feel like a compliment. But when you are talking about the television show “The Biggest Loser,” and its associated Run/Walk series, the smear becomes a point of pride.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, “The Biggest Loser” Run/Walk Half-Marathon and 5K returns to Las Cruces.

The half-marathon is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and the 5K at 8:30 a.m. at the Field of Dreams, 2501 Tashiro Road.

The day before, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, a free health expo, sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center, is scheduled to take place at the Las Cruces Convention Center at 680 E. University Ave.

You can register for “The Biggest Loser” Run/Walk Half Marathon/5k at [www.biggestloserrunwalk.com](http://www.biggestloserrunwalk.com) through Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The weekend event will include several former contestants set to share their stories and participate in the race themselves.

All fitness levels are invited to register for the race – the walking aspect and spirit of inspiration and encouragement makes it a perfect first-time race for those who want to take a new step in their fitness journey.

The first event in Las Cruces took place in 2014. The Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau had been looking for another half-marathon to bring to the area when a few of its members connected with the Biggest Loser Run/Walk at a trade



A wave of runners and walkers takes off from the starting line at Las Cruces’ first “The Biggest Loser” Run/Walk Half-Marathon and 5k last year. More than 2,000 people representing more than 40 states participated in the event.

show.

“We didn’t have a race in New Mexico, so it just worked out,” Christina Morlock, director of

marketing and public relations for the Run/Walk, said. We ended up having the largest race in Las Cruces last

year.”

More than 2,000 people participated in last year’s event, completely blowing past the goal of 1,000 participants. This year is projected to have similar numbers.

The event is a complete weekend of activity, starting on Saturday, Jan. 17, with a health expo sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center.

The event is free and open to the public, even those not participating in the Run/Walk. The expo will have many health and fitness vendors and guest speakers, including contestants from past seasons of “The Biggest Loser.”

“I think one of the things that makes this race series unique is that we will have a health and fitness meet-and-greet the day prior to the race,” Morlock said. “We’ll have former contestants come, we’ll have guest speakers,

### RACE DETAILS

**What:** “The Biggest Loser” Run/Walk Half-Marathon and 5K

**When:** 8 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 18

**Where:** Field of Dreams, 2501 Tashiro Road

**Registration:** Online registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 14. Visit [www.biggestloserrunwalk.com](http://www.biggestloserrunwalk.com)

**Cost:** Through the close of online registration, the cost for the half-marathon is \$80, the 5K is \$40 and the Kids’ One-Mile Fun Run is \$10

and they’ll talk about their journey.

“It’s a way to get excited for the big day, get ready for it,” she said. “We do have a lot of first time runners and walkers, and I think it helps them ease their mind for the big day and motivate them.”

“The Biggest Loser” Run/Walk will be attended by several favored contestants, some of whom have

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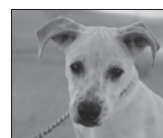
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Eventually, a few oral cultures developed writing. The change from oral culture to literate was revolutionary.

Walter Ong, cultural historian and oral language scholar, suggested written language was the necessary precondition for the growth of science, democracy and individualism.

Early on, writing belonged only to rulers, clerics and scribes. This extraordinary power was greater than memory for storing, sharing and archiving information. By the time of Cicero, the Roman Empire used writing technology to send precise, detailed messages over long distances. Businessmen and scientists could communicate with each other, but the general public still de-

pend on criers for their news.

With the advent of printing presses, books became widely available for the first time in the 1400s, and that's when literacy really spread. Today, 96 percent of people in the world can read street signs, make grocery lists and even send text messages.

Like the everyday Romans who received their news from criers, some of us are just dipping our toes into a computer-literate world. Today's forward-thinking computer elite are already envisioning a world some of us can barely comprehend.

Adam Wiggins, creator of the cloud app Heroku considers teaching programming to "end users" (that's most of us) to be the new literacy. He foresees a world in which individuals write their own scripts for household devices, enabling complete freedom to adjust the thermostat, control their children's access to media, feed their pets via automated food dispensers and much more.

"If we can find a way to bring that ability to a wide audience, it could have an impact comparable to the invention of the printing press," he said. "We increasingly live in a computer-embroidered reality, and

the ability to manipulate that reality is empowering."

Bonnie Nardi, an anthropologist and professor in the Department of Informatics at the University of California, Irvine, studies the social implications of digital technologies. She identifies "information ecologies" as systems of people, practices, technologies and values in a local environment that is not exactly physical.

In her book, "My Life as a Night Elf Priest: An Anthropological Account of World of Warcraft," Nardi applies ethnographic tools to chart the new territory of the multi-player game community populated by World of Warcraft's 12 million subscribers.

The documentation of human progress has moved from songs to tablets to books and now to virtual reality. Will reading itself soon become an artifact of simpler times?

Learning to read is still the gateway to full participation in society. For now, complete computer literacy is limited to people who can read and write. Will that be the case a generation from now?

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been inspired by their time on the show to incorporate fitness and exercise into their careers and extra curricular activities.

Dan and Jackie Evans of show's fifth season, the catalyst behind the origin of the run/walk, will be there, as well as musician and now-body builder Vinny Hickerson of season 12.

Season seven's Tara Costa will also be there. Costa is now a personal trainer, and works with the Run/Walk series, doing all of "The Biggest Loser" Off-Road Challenges.

Also, people will have the opportunity to apply to be on an upcoming

season of "The Biggest Loser." Applications will be available at the expo and at the race day.

"Basically, this initial casting just consists of an application, and one of the casting producers will be there," Morlock said. "She'll be pre-interviewing everybody and then taking the final contenders to the next phase."

Everyone who registers gets a T-shirt, a goodie bag and free downloadable race photos. All who complete the race receive finisher's medal, and there are rewards for runners and walkers who come in the top of their age division.

After the race, participants and supporters can relax at the post-race concert

featuring former contestants Vinny Hickerson and Dan Evans, who is now a Nashville recording artist.

Through the close of online registration, the cost for the half-marathon is \$80, the 5K is \$40, and the Kid's One-Mile Fun Run is \$10.

Using the coupon code BULLETIN will give you a \$10 discount on your registration for the half-marathon and 5K.

You can also register for the race in person at the expo, but no registration will be available on the day of the race.

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## Healthy Happenings

### FREE NUTRITION SEMINAR OFFERED

A free class 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 10, at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave., will teach attendees how nutrient-dense meals support healthy metabolism. They will also learn which nutrient supplements can enhance weight-loss efforts.

Reservations not needed. First come, first seated.

### FREE PROBIOTICS SEMINAR SET

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

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

For information, call 522-1711.

### 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 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 information, call 524-4373.

### CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

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

For more information, call 524-3994 or 522-3261.

### GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

For 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 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 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 information, call 312-6569.

### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

## Pet Briefs

### Heeler mix Pet of the Week

Alamo, a heeler mix, is the Pet of the Week at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. He is an energetic lover who adores puppy smooches and taking you on walks. He may only have three legs due to an accident when he was a pup, but that doesn't stop him from being fast as lightning.



Alamo has been at the shelter – located at 8551 Bataan Memorial West – for five months. For more information, call 382-0018.

### Shelter seeks dog walkers

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

Complimentary training will be available in mid-January.

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 or from [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 642-5888.

### Foster homes needed for animals

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

For more information, call 527-4544.

### APA seeks old sleeping bags

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

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. Transport drivers are needed Saturdays.

For more information, call 639-3036.

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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.

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# The devil does not know the soul



**TOM BACA**  
*Dwelling Places*

Dear Luce:

I take a risk by communicating directly with you, "the devil." You wonder: "Can I gain the deacon's allegiance?"

No, Luce, I'm not that stupid. Granted, while you are immensely more intelligent than me, you cannot read my thoughts, Luce. You work with the statistical odds and get humans to believe you are omniscient. You are not. You cannot "incarnate" into this realm, though you would like us to believe this, as though you are equal to the God-Man from Nazareth.

You feign the victim very well. As spirit you do not know what bodily feelings really are. I, on the other hand, am both flesh and spirit. You invented scapegoat-ery, giving reason, basis and justification for your proffered illusion of self-misery. Instead, you are like a black sunspot. You explode into electromagnetic havoc and chaos but "feel" nothing.

You convince miserable "underlings" to join your ranks so they might fall off the edge of the fake "flat-edge" world you paint.

Quoting Shakespeare: "Why, you bestride the narrow waters, like a colossus."

You want us to live in a world of feelings alone. You tempt us to live life by feelings alone, confusing the heart as unintelligent and condemned to a hell of ups and downs – a roller coaster experience upon which we are forced to choose ultimate

allegiance to you.

You are the first narcissist, trying to convince that the intellect also is without bearing; that our intellect, will and heart, when separated, are each left wanting and lost in a world of nothingness and darkness. This would be a world in which we must concede that while we sense life, we must simply be glad we sense and not worry about moralistic demands of external society.

We cannot be dissected or segmented this way.

You are wrong about our species. Even when you infiltrate a body, you do not know the soul. You have no hands to grasp. You have to use ours to do your bidding in the auction of life. You do not know that the ultimate torture you experience, is that there is always a part of your prisoner's soul you will never know. You cannot possess what was not created for you in the first place.

You claim you are in battle and have not been defeated. Battle? Against whom? Mere human beings? Not possible! The truth is you play us like chess pieces on a game board you think you invented – but while you are playing chess with me, I am playing checkers. You might wipe me off the face of the board, counting me disposable cannon fodder. But as I lie in a box, the God whom you say does not exist saves me from your ignominy-filled condemnation so that I am not your victim.

Rather, I am being saved for the moment of truth. The complex combinations of sensory, intellectual and spiritual prowess living in my mind and my heart and my soul will be the point of the ultimate checkmate. Through my ascent, the kind hand of the God you deny raises me. He's kind enough to ask me first though. God does not rape as you do. In His wake, I am confined no more.

The key? My ascent to virtue, beauty, truth, humility (referencing our roots in the created simplicity of Earth, dust, mud, clay) and the omniscient incarnation of love not even the angels feel, as they are pure duty of will. They are what you freely chose to abandon. You think you can convince us to deny that our hearts have intellect, our minds, have heart and our spirit has both mind and heart.

You confuse our terrestrial simplicity with stupidity. You cannot possibly understand that God wanted to be one of us, rather than one of you. In the end, my Christmas and New Years could have been crappy from a feelings alone standpoint, but my heart has the mind to see true light and even humor enough to laugh at my foibles and myself. How's them New Year's Apples, Luce?

I might have an incurable illness, some disaster or tragedy might befall me. However, I willingly ascent to this crucible. I play your fool because the God-man from Nazareth blazed my trail.

The confusion of life might present itself as a kaleidoscope of misery in this age of mathematically based existentialism, but my mind has the heart to stop and ponder the immensity of the landscape of friendship and family that sparkle bright against the velvet darkness of a silent night. The North Star is brightest when all the lights on Earth dim a bit and look upward.

Feliz Ano Nuevo, Luce, something you'll never understand.

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## Upcoming Events

### ANNUAL PET BLESSING AT ST. ANTHONY

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will host the 7th annual pet blessing at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. The event is outside on the parking lot, accessed from the corner of Hadley Avenue and Alameda Boulevard. The pet blessing honors "animal saints," Anthony and Seraphim of Sarov, Russia. Better Life Natural Pet Foods will provide treats for the animals who bring their human friends to the event.

## Ongoing

### CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER

The center is fundamental by belief, Pentecostal by experience. If you are looking for enthusiastic worship and uncompromised preaching of the Word, we invite you to come worship. All are welcome. Worship services 10:30 a.m. Sundays at 4211 Elks Drive. For more information, call 642-8724.

### NEW LOCATION

Mountain View Baptist Church announces a new location, 705 N. Main St., across from City Hall, just north of the roundabout, with 10 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages and 11 a.m. worship service each Sunday. All are invited to get acquainted with the church's new home. A nursery service is provided. For more information, call Pastor Robb Redlin at 680-6274.

### MORNING PRAYER AT HOLY FAMILY

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

### CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING

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

### SALT & LIGHT PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, has begun its yearly Salt & Light after-school community program. The program is open to community children in grades K-12 and takes place on Wednesday evenings. Designed to offer a kid-friendly atmosphere, activities for the program include snacks, recreation, bible classes, music, worship and dinner. The cost is \$50 per child, or \$100 for families. Some scholarships are available. For more information, call 526-5559.

### CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

A Christian men's luncheon meets at noon every Tuesday at I-HOP, 2900 Del

Rey Blvd. Open discussions. Bring a friend. For more information, call 635-7262.

### PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

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

### DISCOVER THE FAITH

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

### COURSE IN MIRACLES

The Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, presents a complete self-study spiritual thought system called A Course In Miracles, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Presented by instructor Edward Alvarez, the class is a three-volume curriculum consisting of a text, workbook for students and manual for teachers, teaching that the way to universal love and peace is by undoing guilt through forgiveness of others. There is no charge for the program and all levels of students and spiritual seekers are welcome. For more information, call 993-4903.

### SATURDAY VESPERS

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

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

### MODERN BUDDHISM CLASSES OFFERED

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

# Color your (workplace) world

## Bright hues add pizzazz, keep projects on track

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

At first glance, southern New Mexico may appear to be a colorless place – an expanse of tan sand dotted with buildings whose hues blend in with the sand-scape.

January's short days and dark skies accentuate the effect.

Inside those buildings, however, color bursts out like an Organ Mountain sunrise or desert blooms that follow a spring rain.

Fabrics and furnishings – red, orange, turquoise, sky blue – inject a touch of playfulness into living spaces, chasing away the winter gloom.

If color lifts our mood at home, why not bring a little color into the workplace?

At work, color can do much more than create an upbeat environment. It also can be used to organize projects, information and even those pesky cords that connect printers, computers and other devices to a power source.

Sharing their “secrets” of organizing with color were the Las Cruces Bulletin's Beth Sitzler and Todd Dickson and Shawn Alley of Staples in Las Cruces.

### Color coding for sanity's sake

At the Bulletin, special projects editor Beth Sitzler keeps 35 projects – such as the upcoming 148-page Legislative Guide on track each year with systems that rely heavily on color.

When the planning begins for a publication, each writer is assigned stories to contribute.

Sitzler draws up a master list, creating a table in Microsoft Word. Each writer gets a copy, with his or her stories highlighted in bold with colored marker pen.

“I'm big on highlighters,” Sitzler said. “I can easily see what's in and what's not.”

For an investment of about \$10, anyone can pick up an assortment of highlighters. Why not pick up two packs, one for the work place, and one for home? Those to-do lists that pile up in both places can be made more attractive and functional prioritized or checked off with a splash of color.

“I make myself a lot of lists,” Sitzler



Shawn Alley, tech support and mobility supervisor at Staples, touts the benefits of color-coded cable ties to organize the many cords connecting desktop devices with their power sources.

said. “When you have a system, you know when each task is complete. It's a way of safeguarding yourself.”

Another low-tech, low-cost way of keeping on track is with Post-it Notes.

Bulletin News Editor Todd Dickson said he attaches the colorful little square to pages of his reporter's notebook, indicating their priority.

### Color goes high-tech

Anyone who works with a Macintosh computer can readily color their files, a step that makes finding files easier, especially when more than one person is working on a project.

Each publication produced by The Bulletin has its own folder on the office server. Each page of the publication has



Colorful marker pens are one of the least expensive, low-tech tools for organizing just about anything.

### Color organizer shopping list

- Highlighters/marker pens
- Post-It notes
- File folders and hanging folders
- Colored computer discs
- Colored power cord ties
- Colored paper clips

its own file, listed with a colored dot next to its name.

“Red means there's an ad missing, grey means editorial content is missing, green means the page has been printed out,” Sitzler said. “It's a quick and easy

# NM business leaders meet in Las Cruces

Las Cruces is hosting Leadership New Mexico's (LNM) Economic Development session for the 19th year Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 8-10.

Participants will explore issues and opportunities within economic development in the Las Cruces area.

Of the 42 participants, three are from the Las Cruces area: Matt Dyer, firm principal of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc.; Paul Mann, executive director for U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range; and Michael Stubbs, president of Stubbs Engineering Inc.

Speakers at the session from Las Cruces include Lowell Catlett, Regents Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural

Business at New Mexico State University; Richard Holdridge, chairman of the Board for New Mexico Spaceport Authority; Jim Libbin, professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business at NMSU; Davin Lopez, president and chief executive officer of Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA); and Ray Provencio from Santa Teresa, Santa Teresa port director of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

LNM core program topics include health and human services; economic development; education, environmental and natural resources; and government, crime and leadership. The sessions are designed to address the various issues

facing the state.

Sessions are held over 10 months in various locations around the state.

While in Las Cruces, participants will tour and spend time at some of the area's landmarks such as: La Posta de Mesilla restaurant; Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science; Memorial Medical Center; New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum; NMSU; Santa Teresa's border crossing; and War Eagles Museum.

Sponsors for the Las Cruces session are Century Bank, Mathers Realty Inc. and U.S. Bank - Las Cruces. In-kind session sponsors include Crystal Springs Bottled Water; La Posta de Mesilla restaurant; Las Cruces Public Schools;

Memorial Medical Center; NMSU; and the War Eagles Museum.

Participants engage in a discussion with speakers and to explore the issues in-depth. By engaging people in solution-seeking communication, Leadership New Mexico encourages program graduates to assume leadership roles on community and statewide issues, and develop networks for effective leadership.

Randy Grunow, Installation Safety Director at White Sands Missile Range and LNM core class of 2009 graduate, Lisa Hardison, manager of Communications and Public Relations for URENCO USA in Eunice and LNM core class of 2012 graduate are the session co-chairs.

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way of communicating the status of project with each other, and safeguards against things falling through the cracks or double work being done."

Sorry, PC users, colored dots are not available.

### Cord control

Whether you're in the Mac or PC camp, a visit to an office supply store can provide information and tools to get organized at home or at work.

It's OK to walk in without a clue, Shawn Alley, tech support and mobility supervisor at Staples in Las Cruces, said.

Just ask - he or another associate can counsel you on the organizational solutions best suited to your work style.

"I'm a tech guy, so of course I'll start with the tech side," Alley said as he led a learning tour around the store.

First stop was a low-cost remedy to a near-universal problem: a mess of wires shoved in back of a desk where they're plugged into a power strip.

Color coded-reusable cable ties identify each device that's connected to a power strip.

"With reusable, colored cable ties, it's easy to switch a broken item for a new one," he said. "You can quickly pull the plug out of the wall or power strip."

### File it with flair

Computer discs, sleeves and jewel cases in cool colors are "huge" for programmers, Alley said.

The cases, discs and sleeves are visual clues that tell the user what's in each case and on each disc.

DJs use the colored discs and cases to store their music by genre, Alley added - perhaps purple for country, red for rock and classics in green.

A multi-tiered filing system can be set



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY RAFAEL TORRES

Beth Sitzler, Las Cruces Bulletin special projects editor, works at her desk in front of her color-coded whiteboard listing projects in progress. Her trusty highlighters are in easy reach.

up using both colored discs and colored sleeves, he said.

Although Alley conceded he's most at home helping tech types get their acts together, he said he helps a lot lawyers, accountants and other professionals who "work on paper."

These clients also rely on color to

quickly find the information they need, by keeping it in colored file folders, colored hanging files, or both.

The final stop on Alley's tour of tools for getting organized was a shelf of paper clips.

Asked for an insider tip on how colored paper clips can enhance workplace

efficiency, Alley said, "It's all up to the person who's using them."

Alta LeCompte can be reached at 680-1840 or [alta@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:alta@lascrucesbulletin.com)

# Open health insurance enrollment attracts New Mexicans

According to a report released by the Department of Health and Human Services, 17,556 people in New Mexico selected plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace leading up to the Dec. 15, 2014, deadline for coverage beginning Jan. 1.

About 73 percent of New Mexicans who selected health insurance plans in the first month of open enrollment were determined eligible for financial assistance to lower their monthly premiums. Of the 17,556 New Mexicans who selected a plan, 41 percent reenrolled in a Marketplace plan in 2015 and 59 percent signed up for the first time.

The recent report provides the first detailed analysis of

enrollment in the Marketplaces for the first month of the 2015 open enrollment period. Because the automatic reenrollment process for the 37 states using the [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) platform (including New Mexico) began Dec. 16, 2014, and was completed for the vast majority of consumers on Dec. 18, the report with data through Dec. 15 does not fully capture the number of people who selected plans leading up to the deadline for Jan. 1 coverage.

"We're pleased that in New Mexico 17,556 people signed up for Marketplace coverage during the first month of open enrollment," HHS Secretary Syl-

via M. Burwell said. "The vast majority were able to lower their costs even further by getting tax credits, making a difference in the bottom lines of so many families.

"Interest in the Marketplace has been strong during the first month of open enrollment. We still have a ways to go and a lot of work to do before Feb. 15, but this is an encouraging start."

Nationwide, more than 4 million people signed up for the first time or re-enrolled in coverage for 2015 during the first month of open enrollment. That includes more than 3.4 million people who selected a plan in the 37 states that are using the HealthCare.gov platform for

2015 (including New Mexico), and more than 600,000 consumers who selected plans in the 14 states that are operating their own Marketplace platform.

HHS also released a Weekly Enrollment Snapshot that captures more recent enrollment activity in the Marketplace. The Weekly Snapshot shows that from Nov. 15 to Dec. 26, 2014, nearly 6.5 million consumers selected a plan or were automatically reenrolled.

Open enrollment in the Marketplace runs through Feb. 15.

Consumers can visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) to review and compare health plan options.

Those shopping for health insurance coverage should sign up

by Jan. 15 in order to have coverage effective on Feb. 1.

If consumers who were automatically reenrolled decide in the coming weeks that a better plan exists for their families, they can make that change at any time before the end of open enrollment on Feb. 15.

For local help, visit [www.localhelp.healthcare.gov](http://www.localhelp.healthcare.gov) or call the federally facilitated Marketplace Call Center at 800-318-2596. Translation services are available. The call is free.

To read the monthly enrollment report visit [http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2014/MarketPlaceEnrollment/Dec2014/ib\\_2014Dec\\_enrollment.pdf](http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2014/MarketPlaceEnrollment/Dec2014/ib_2014Dec_enrollment.pdf)

## Save the Date

### THU. 1/15

**4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Mix 'n' Mingle and Meet & Greet** with Renay Scott, president of Dona Ana Community College, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. For more information, call the chamber at 524-8900.

### FRI. 1/16

**6 p.m. 2014 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Choice Awards & Gala**, Las Cruces

Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

### TUE. 1/20

**2 to 4 p.m., The Affordable Care Act and What It Means for Small Business**, Doña Ana Community College Small Business Development Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Suite 101. Free. Register at [www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces](http://www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces). For

more information, call the SBDC at 527-7676

### THU. 1/29

**5:30 to 7 p.m. Business After Hours**, Adams Radio, 1355 California Ave. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 524-1968.

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Small Business Resource Fair and B2B Expo**, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the Las

Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 524-8900.

### SAT.-MON. 1/31-2/2, 2015

**Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe.** Early bird registration ends Friday Jan. 9. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

### FRI. 2/27

**Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet**, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces,

705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call the chamber at 524-8900.

### SAT. 3/28

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

## Building Las Cruces



The Las Cruces Public Schools Educational Services Center behind Alma d'arte Charter High School is torn down in preparation for construction of the new home for J. Paul Taylor Academy, which will share the Alma d'arte campus on West Court Avenue and Reymond Street. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Court Charter Campus was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 6. For more information, see page A1.

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# Worship Services

## Anglican



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Sunday - 9 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:15 a.m. Adult/Child Bible Studies  
Tuesday - 10 a.m. Bible Study  
Rev. James Patterson, Rector  
Rev. James Reeves, Vicar  
7975 Doña Ana Rd., Las Cruces  
on the left at the curve  
523-2740 or 525-0062


## Baha'i Faith

**The Baha'i Information & Reading Center**  
All faiths welcome

Interspiritual Devotional Sundays 10:30 to 11 a.m.  
Adult Spiritual Discussion 11 a.m. to Noon  
Book Club Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
Please call for more info.  
"All the prophets of God proclaim the same Faith"

525 E. Lohman  
575.522.0467

## Baptist



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
LAS CRUCES, NM

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9 & 10:45 am  
Morning Worship 9 & 10:45 am  
University of Life 6 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Intercessory Prayer 5:45 pm  
Encounter: Corporate Prayer and Worship 6:15 pm

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

106 South Miranda  
Downtown Las Cruces  
524-3691  
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## Catholic - Independent

**Holy Family American National Catholic Church**  
A Catholic Community Where All Are Welcome

Service Times  
Mass  
Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 10:30 am  
Morning Prayer Tue.-Fri. 9 am  
Evening Prayer Tue.-Fri. 5:15 pm

Clergy: Frs. Jim Lehman, Louie Amezaga & Peter Sanchez  
575-644-5025  
702 Parker Road • Las Cruces, NM 88005  
www.holyfamilyancc.com

## Catholic - Roman



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES

VIEW ALL LISTINGS OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES ON OUR WEBSITE  
WWW.DIOCESEOFLASCRUCES.ORG

## Christian

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

Sunday: Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Wednesday: Testimonies 7 p.m.

All are WELCOME!

325 West Mountain Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM  
575-523-5063

**The NEW ONE WAY Life Center**  
Ministers Ralph & Norma Molina

DEC. 31, AT 8:00 PM  
New Year's Service featuring personal testimonies and making new resolutions for the new year! Refreshments will be served at both services.

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## Disciples of Christ



**First Christian Church**  
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1809 El Paseo  
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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
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"Digging deep wells so others may drink."

Rector: The Rev. Canon Scott A. Ruthven

**Weekday Services**  
Tuesday - 9:30 AM - Morning Prayer  
Thursday - Noon - Holy Eucharist

**Sunday Services**  
8:30 AM - Rite 1 • 10:30 AM - Rite 2

December 24th:  
5:30 pm - Christmas Pageant with Eucharist Service  
10:00 pm - Service of Carols  
10:30 pm - Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist (Incense will be used)

December 25th: 10:00 am - Christmas Day Service  
January 1st: 10:00 am - New Year's Day Service

518 N. Alameda Blvd.  
526-6333  
www.SaintAndrewsLC.org

## Episcopal



**St. James' Episcopal Church**

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Sunday: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.  
Nursery - 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship after each Service  
Bible Study Groups - Weekly

www.saintjameslc.com

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1 Blk. off University @ S. Main

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## Jewish

**TEMPLE BETH-EL OF LAS CRUCES**

OURS IS A DIVERSE AND GROWING JEWISH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY SERVICES VARY, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THIS WEEK'S TIME

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES AT 10:15 AM

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## Lutheran

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575.523.4232

Sun. Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
La Fiesta Worship on Wednesday's 5:30 pm Dinner  
6:15 pm Worship  
www.trinitylutheranlc.org  
All are welcome!

## Messianic



**What does it mean to be MESSIANIC?**

Join us at  
134 S. Main St. (Griggs & Main)  
1:00pm Saturday Afternoon  
4:30pm Bible Study Saturday  
to discover what a Messianic lifestyle is all about and what it could mean for you.  
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## Methodist



**Morning Star**  
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521-3770  
2941 Morning Star Dr. at Roadrunner Pkwy

Blended Worship - 8:15 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship - 11:15 a.m.

Please call for information about our Ministries, Sunday Schools and Small Groups or visit our web site: www.morningstarumc.org

**Rev. Travis Bennett**

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225 W. Griggs Ave.  
Downtown on the corner of Alameda & Griggs • 526-6689 for information

Rev. Eduardo Rivera, Senior Pastor

Traditional Worship	8:15 a.m.
Unplugged Contemporary Worship	9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship	10:45 a.m.


www.lascrucesmethodistchurch.com

**UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor: Randall W. Partin

Sunday Worship Services:  
Traditional: 8:30 a.m.  
Informal: 11:00 a.m.  
Classes for All: 9:45 a.m.

2000 S. Locust  
(575) 522-8220  
www.umclascrucos.org  
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Childcare & Preschool 522-3261



**El Calvario United Methodist Church**

Wed.: Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Sunday:**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

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Pastor Nema LeCuyer

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elcalvario@centurylink.net

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## New Thought



**Center for Spiritual Living**  
In the Heart of Las Cruces

A Science of Mind Center

**Service on Sunday 10:30-11:30 am**

Guest Speaker:  
January 11  
Dr. Will Tuttle

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Las Cruces, NM 88001  
www.csllascrucos.org  
575-523-4847



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## Presbyterian




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Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Iglesia del Pueblo  
Spanish Services  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

200 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces  
www.firstpreslc.com  
(575) 526-5559

## Unity



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Sunday Celebration ..... 10:30 am  
Children's Activity ..... 10:30 am

"Practical Christianity in action"

Rev. Terry Lund  
125 Wyatt Drive  
575-523-5592  
www.UnityofLasCruces.org

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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**Legal Notice**

**Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**

**Resolution No. 2014-12-OMA**

**Abridged version for publication**

The Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors in regular session on December 11, 2014, at 9:00 AM resolved that:

Regular meetings shall be held the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM in the EBID conference room, 530 S. Melendres. Agenda may be available at least 72 hours prior from the SWCD office at the USDA NRCS field office at 760 Stern Drive, Suite 118, Las Cruces, NM, 522-8775, x 116. Special meetings may be called upon 3 days' notice. Emergency meetings may be called upon 24 hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. Notice of the date, time, place and agenda are posted on the outside door at the USDA NRCS office, submitted to the Las Cruces Sun-News and Las Cruces Bulletin for publication in the community calendar, mailed to broadcast stations and newspapers which have made a written request for notice of public meetings, and sent by electronic mail to individuals who have requested such notice. For emergency meetings notice of the date, time, place and agenda is provided electronically to broadcast stations and newspapers that have made a written request for notice of public meetings. Notices and agendas of meetings shall also be posted on the SWCD website, at [www.daswcd.org](http://www.daswcd.org). Meetings of the Doña Ana SWCD are open to the public except as permitted by the Open Meetings Act.

Passed on roll call vote by the Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors.

To obtain a copy of the full text of this resolution, visit [www.daswcd.org](http://www.daswcd.org) or call 522-8775, x 116.

/s/ Joe Delk, Chair

Date: 01/09, 2015

**Eugene & Jo Ann Cassidy**  
2064 SeDoña Hills Pkwy  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

December 29, 2014

**Attn: Eugene & Jo Ann Cassidy**

**Subject: Notice of intent to claim and record Solar Rights Declaration**

This is to inform you in accordance with the Solar

Recordation Act, Chapter 47, Article 3 NMSA 1978, that the owners of the below described property located in the White Sage Subdivision Phase 2 are claiming solar rights, and have installed a roof mounted PV solar collector system to the residence of said property.

Notice is hereby given that you must record a declaration with the Doña Ana County Clerk contesting the claimed solar rights within sixty days or the solar rights shall be fully vested.

The intended date of filing is January 21, 2015

The property owners property address and description are as follows:

Rory & Susan J Richardson  
4274 Russian Sage Dr  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
Doña Ana County  
White Sage Subdivision  
Phase 2  
Sonoma Ranch North  
Block A, Lot 7  
Respectfully Submitted  
Rory Richardson  
Susan J. Richardson

Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT** A Regular Meeting of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will be held at 926 S. San Pedro St., Las Cruces, NM, on **January 15, 2015 at 2 p.m.** The agenda includes the following approvals: Minutes of 12/16/14; Res 2015-01, Compliance with Open Meetings Act; Res 2015-02, Mission Statement and Goals; Res 2015-03, Authorization for Execution of Documents for West Wind Terrace Apartments; Res 2015-04, Revisions to HCV Administrative Plan; Res 2015-05, Revisions to MVPHA Employee Manual; and an Executive Session closed to the public pursuant to §10-15-1(H) (2) NMSA 1978 to discuss limited personnel matters; and other such items as may be included on the Agenda.

An agenda for this meeting may be obtained 72 hours prior to the meeting date. If you need an accommodation to enable you to participate in this meeting, please contact 575-528-2000 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, January 6, 2015

Ms. Robbie R. Levey,  
Executive Director,  
Mesilla Valley Public  
Housing Authority

Date: 01/09, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 24, 2013, Dolores DeLaO, 2329 Alta Mira Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-15157-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15626 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using well LRG-15157-POD2 which has been drilled to a depth of 140 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NW¼ NW¼ of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°23'8.317"N and 106°49'2.709"W (WGS84), on land owned by Ernest Moralez, and discontinue the use of well LRG-15157-POD1, located on land owned by Rosa E. Alvarez located within the NE¼ of projected Section 22, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'53.893"N and 106°49'13.675"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.61 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 23 as described in Subfile No. LRN 28-006-0079 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of well LRG-15157-POD2 is south of Doña Ana, NM and may be found approximately 0.30 miles north-northeast of the intersection of Doña Ana School Road and Wind Chime Lane, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-15157-POD1 will be retained for other rights.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 5, 2013, Leroy Madrid, Estate of Arthur D. Madrid, Estate of Henry D. Madrid, Estate of Dannie L. Madrid, PO Box 77, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-7241-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-7241, located on property owned by Leroy Madrid, within the NE¼ SE¼ of Section 6, Township 18S, Range 04W (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°46'15.381" N and 107°17'7.338" W (WGS84) and drilling replacement well LRG-7241-POD2, on or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°46'14.545" N & 107°17'7.424" W (WGS84) within the NE¼ SE¼ of said Section 6, on land owned by Leroy Madrid. Replacement well LRG-7241-POD2 will be drilled to a depth of 60 feet, shall have a 2-inch casing, and will be used for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile LRR 280040036 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed replacement well LRG-7241-POD2 will be south of Deny, NM and may be found approximately 0.45 miles north-northwest of the intersection of Loma Parda Rd. and Walnut Grove Rd in Garfield, NM. Existing well LRG-7241 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest

must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on September 23, 2014, Greg M. Carrasco, 2600 Apodaca Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on behalf of Three Saints Liability Company; Lee E. Peters, attorney, PO Box 2796, Las Cruces, NM 88004 on behalf of River Edge Farms, LLC, filed application numbered LRG-7373-POD2, under Office of the State Engineer File No.: SD-2199, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion and Place of Use from Surface to Ground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of the surface water of the Rio Grande 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, historically diverted from point of diversion SD-2199, also known as Smith's Rio Grande River Pump, located within the NW¼ SW¼ NW¼ of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 2 West,

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**City of Las Cruces**  
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

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For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or [auction@las-cruces.org](mailto:auction@las-cruces.org)

Dates 1/2-12/25/15

NMPM and more specifically described as X=1,397,017 Y=594,036 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by River Edge Farm, LLC, for the irrigation of 7.0 acres of land, owned by River Edge Farm, LLC, located within the NW¼ of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, NMPM, as described as part of Subfile LRR-28-010-0016 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The applicants propose to transfer said surface water 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 to well LRG-7373-POD2 located within the NE¼ NW¼ of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM and more specifically described as X=1,488,601 Y=422,804 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by Three Saints Limited Liability Company, for the irrigation of 44.57 acres of land, owned by Three Saints Limited Liability Company, located within the NE¼ of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, within the SW¼ of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, an within the SE¼ of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM.

Said 44.57 acres is described by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-005-0011 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico as irrigated with a combination of surface water from the EBID and groundwater from said well LRG-7373-POD2. The transfer of surface water to ground water under this application is intended to increase the Total Annual Allowable Diversion for the irrigation of said 44.57 acres above that which is currently allowed.

Point of diversion SD-2199, also known as Smith's Rio Grande River Pump, is located southeast of Hatch,

NM and may be found approximately 0.6 mile east of the intersection of Rayos Del Sol Road and Highway 185. Well LRG-7373-POD2 is located northwest of San Miguel, NM and may be found approximately 0.3 mile northwest of the intersection of Highway 28 and County Road B41.

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Dates: 12/26, 2014  
1/2, 1/9, 2015

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the following Property shall be sold at public auction or Otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

**To be held at:**  
**DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE**  
**2499 EL CAMINO REAL LAS CRUCES, NM 88007 575 382-0000**

**ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015, BEGINNING AT 10AM SIGN IN AT 9:30 AM**

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 039, 048, 122, 131, 211, 282, 330, 337, 414, 418, 431, 432, 609, 627, 630, 669, 682, 691, 701, 740, 754, 758, 765  
Tenant addresses are "last known."

**Unit 039**  
**Abandoned Unit**  
Unit items consist of: Misc. household items

**Unit 048**  
**Stacie M Martinez**  
1220 Lees Drive  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Unit items consist of: Mattress, Dresser, Bookcase, Headboard, Bed rails

**Unit 122**  
**Priscilla L Birner**  
4045 Capital Dome Rd SE  
Deming, NM 88030  
Unit items consist of: TV, Bags, Misc. household items

**Unit 131**  
**Michelle Medrano**  
516 Soledad  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit items consist of: TV, Couches, Workout bench, Mattresses, Misc. plastic containers

**Unit 211**  
**Marcia Bullard**  
P.O. Box 122  
Capitan, NM 88316  
Unit items consist of:


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1/2, 1/9, 2015

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## B22 | Classifieds

Table, Leather couch, Kitchen furniture, Misc. boxes

### Unit 282

**Lela Dominguez**  
P.O. Box 984,  
(4701 Del Rey)  
Dona Ana, NM 88032  
Unit items consist of:  
Bedroom set, Mattresses,  
Stove, Fridge, Wheel  
barrow, Luggage, Couches

### Unit 330

**Deidra A Halpain**  
3115 El Camino Real #2  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
Unit items consist of:  
Boxes with doll collections,  
Doll house, Misc. items

### Unit 337

#### Abandoned Unit

Unit items consist of:  
Large amount of carpeting  
and padding

### Unit 414

**Adriana & Gabriel Medina**  
5111 South Walnut #B  
Carlsbad, NM 88220  
Unit items consist of:  
Engine lift exercise equip-  
ment, Tires, Gun shells,  
Piano, Ladder, Misc. items

### Unit 418

**Cyndi L Davis**  
P.O. Box 15058  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
Unit items consist of:  
Sewing machine, Plastic  
bins, Sofa, Baby changing  
bed, Misc. boxes &  
containers

### Unit 431

**Norma Caraza**  
1851 N Mesquite #403  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
TV, Bed frame, Mattresses,  
Movies, Microwave, Sofa,  
Misc. items

### Unit 432

**Melodrina R Ognan**  
5908 Dutchmans Ln  
Louisville, KY 40205  
Unit items consist of:  
Washer, Cabinet, Propane  
tank, computer, Lots of  
boxes, Plastic bins, desk,  
floor cleaner

### Unit 609

**Jesse Oliver**  
901 Jasmine  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Unit items consist of:  
Air compressor, Engine  
Hoist, Misc. automotive  
tools

### Unit 627

**Sonja Salaiz**  
2010 Missouri  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
Bins, Clothes, Luggage

### Unit 630

**James Peyton**  
2525 N Oleander Ave.  
Daytona Beach, Fl 32118  
Unit items consist of:  
Cradleboard, Car seat,  
Various clothing bags

### Unit 669

**Mary Muñoz**  
1820 Bellamah  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
Mattress, Dresser, TV,  
Filing cabinet, Small  
Drawers

### Unit 682

**Richard Hernandez**  
1054 Aguilera Ct.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
Unit items consist of:  
Bins, Boxes, Bike,

Household items

### Unit 691

**Gracie J Montes**  
2050 Locust #6  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
Toys, Games, Gaming chair,  
Misc. boxes & containers

### Unit 701

**Gregory Lacy**  
905 Stull Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
TV, Bicycle & parts,  
Dresser, Pressure cooker,  
Table, Tools, Boxes  
& containers

### Unit 740

**Michael Suazo**  
4894 Agate  
Las Cruces, NM 88012  
Unit items consist of:  
Computer, TV's, Lots of  
bags with clothing,  
Misc. boxes

### Unit 754

**Michael Cozzo**  
4979 Galina Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88012  
Unit items consist of:  
Chair, Couch, Fishing rods,  
Toys, Vacuum cleaner,  
Table with chairs

### Unit 758

**Jessica Ramirez**  
667 King Edward Ave  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
Unit items consist of:  
Washer/Dryer, Misc.  
household furniture

### Unit 765

**Ashley Peña**  
4700 Benavidez  
Las Cruces, NM 88012  
Unit items consist of:  
Mattresses, Toys, Couple of  
bags with clothing, Heater

Dates: 01/09, 01/16, 2015

#### NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

**TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS: CENTRAL LOAN CO., LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS, WELLS FARGO DEALER SERVICE, CO-PART AUTO AUCTION, WESTERN FINANCE, CAPITAL ONE AUTO FINANCE, NEW MEXICO TITLE LOANS, AND FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK.**

**You are hereby notified** that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for the Month of February 2015, the event location, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd.

#### VIN #

#### DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

1C4GP54L0TB233767  
1996 CHRYSLER  
WHITE VAN  
**JOSE VASQUEZ**

1FACP50U8MG213175  
1991 FORD RED 4D  
**GILBERTO QUINTELA**

1G2WR1212YF349184  
2000 PONTIAC BLUE 4D  
**REYES VASQUEZ**

1G8AJ52F43Z105554  
2003 SATURN SILVER 4D  
**NICANOR GONZALEZ**

1GCEK19T4XE183726  
1999 CHEVROLET  
BLUE PK  
**MARTIN HINOJOS**

1B4HS28Y1XF704537  
1998 DODGE GRAY SUV  
**SANTIAGO LARA**

1J4GZ58Y0TC284819  
1996 JEEP CHEROKEE  
GRAY SUV  
**JOSE SOLIZ**

2FMDA514XWBB04656  
1998 FORD WHITE VAN  
**ARACELI ALVARADO**

1G3HN52KXT4831986  
1996 OLDSMOBILE  
WHITE 4D  
**YOLANDA MARQUEZ**

1YVHP80C475M04854  
2007 MAZDA RED 4D  
**JOSHUA ALANIZ**

1FTEX15N9KA39516  
1992 GREEN FORD PK  
**GAVINO HERRERA**

1GKFK66U81J238700  
2001 GMX GOLD SUV  
**MARIA VALDEZ**

2FAFP74W03X109258  
2003 FORD TAN PK  
**MARIA BUEN ROSTRO DE ALONSO**

1GCEC14W31Z245311  
2001 CHEVROLET  
BLUE PK  
**DAVID RODRIGUEZ**

3GNEK12Z65G168740  
2005 CHEVROLET  
BLACK PK  
**HARRY MILEY**

3GNEK12Z65G168740  
1998 BUICK WHITE 4D  
**MARIA SALAS**

1J4FJ68S9TL191155  
1996 JEEP WHITE SUV  
**OMAR GONZALEZ**

2MEBP95F6GX619556  
1986 MERCURY TAN  
**FRANCISCO CASTRO**

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. CV-2014-01629  
Judge: Kugler

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**ROBERTO L. GARCIA,**

## Las Cruces Bulletin

**AND 1998 FORD WIND-STAR, GREEN; VIN: 2FMZA5141WBD96042; NEW MEXICO PLATE NO. LYD 287, Respondents.**

#### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**To: Respondent Roberto L. Garcia:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1998 Ford Windstar, Green; VIN: 2FMZA5141WBD96042; New Mexico License Plate No. LYD 287.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/William R. Babington Jr.  
William R. Babington Jr.  
City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Darren M. Kugler, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 23 day of December, 2014.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
COURT EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER

By: /s/Maria Zamora  
DEPUTY - Maria Zamora

Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 01/16, 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

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Dates: 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 2015

## The Friday, January 9, 2015

772-773 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 18, 2014, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$185,110.05 and the same bears interest at 6.375% per annum from November 1, 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.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2014-01920

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-29CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-29CB, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**OWEN N. ONOFRYTON, and if married, JANE DOE ONOFRYTON, (true name unknown), his spouse; and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE, Defendants.**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **January 28, 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 5936 Star View Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 15, Block B, VISTA DE LA LUNA, PHASE II, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 25, 2004, in Book 20 Pages

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Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-PB-2014-00117  
Judge Douglas R. Driggers

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN VIRGINIA HERRERA, Deceased.**

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned

## Friday, January 9, 2015

Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: December 22, 2014.

/s/Edward D. Herrera  
Edward D. Herrera,  
Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Marilyn  
Virginia Herrera, Deceased

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
PO Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 2015

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. SA-14-25  
Judge MACIAS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:

**THOMAS SAMUEL ELLIS and wife, EUNICE ARQUELINA ELLIS, Petitioners.**

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDING FOR ADOPTION

**TO: JESSICA LOVE READE**

### GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights has been filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the above-captioned and numbered cause wherein you are identified as the biological mother of the person sought to be adopted by Petitioners, THOMAS SAMUEL ELLIS and EUNICE ARQUELINA ELLIS. Petitioners seek to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said Petition is to effectuate the adoption of JOHN DOE, a minor child, by the Petitioners, THOMAS SAMUEL ELLIS and EUNICE ARQUELINA ELLIS, and to terminate your parental rights with regard to said child. Unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within twenty (20) days from the third publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default. The name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is: SHANE A. ENGLISH, Post Office Drawer 1329, Anthony, New Mexico 88021, telephone (575) 882-4500.

WITNESS the Honorable FERNANDO R. MACIAS, District Judge of said Court for the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of said County, this 18th day of December, 2014.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
District Court Clerk

By: /s/EBalazan  
Elizabeth Balazan,  
Court Clerk

Dates: 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 2015

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PB-2014-0108  
Judge Martin

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILMA WEATHERLY, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, P.O. Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED:  
November 25, 2014.

/s/ Michael G. Weatherly  
Michael G. Weatherly  
Personal Representative of  
the Estate of Wilma Weatherly,  
Deceased

PREPARED AND  
SUBMITTED BY:  
BATES LAW FIRM  
PO Box 305  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305  
(575) 524-8585  
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 01/9, 01/16, 2015

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-02069

### CAM VII TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

**ALBERTO NUNEZ; and  
NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **January 28, 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 1105 N. Mesquite Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Being part of the Southeast one-quarter of Block 117 of the Old Townsite of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico (in accordance with the Wiese map) and being described more particularly as follows:

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Also being known as the residential address, 1105 N. Mesquite Street, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 10, 2014, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$117,369.83 and the same bears interest at 6.110% per annum from November 1, 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

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Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(505) 525-2711

Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 2015

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No.  
D-307-DM-2014-1086  
Judge: James T. Martin

### Araseli Villanueva, Petitioner,

v.

### Francisco Villanueva, Respondent.

### NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO: Francisco Villanueva, RESPONDENT:**

**Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.**

**The subject of this lawsuit is: Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children.**

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Araseli Villanueva  
1716 E. Idaho Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575)621-6356

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 89th day of September, 2014.

(Seal)

CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT  
BY: Mary E. Apodaca  
DUPUTY

Dates: 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 2015

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY PROBATE COURT

Case No. 14-0260  
Judge Alice M. Salcido

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEVI RAFAEL CASAS, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at c/o Samuel I. Kane, 1018 E. Amador Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Suite 1-200, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

/s/Cesar Ortega  
Cesar Ortega  
Personal Representative

SAMUEL I. KANE, P.A.

/s/Samuel I. Kane  
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New Mexico  
State Bar No. 21790  
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Date of Auction:  
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Las Cruces NM 88001

Stull Storage #2-Agent  
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,  
Manager  
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 01/02, 01/09, 2015

### Stull Storage Units #2 960 S. Triviz Drive Las Cruces NM 88001

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Date of Auction:  
January 26, 2015  
Time: 10 a.m.  
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Units #2  
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Stull Storage #2-Agent  
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# Sharing our efforts to connect business and open spaces

## Carrie Hamblen

### Going green



When I look out my kitchen window, I am still in awe at the beauty of our Organ Mountains. At sunset, looking toward the western horizon, the fiery orange-red skies hovering over the Sierra de Las Uvas continue to mesmerize me every day.

Since the designation of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (OMDP) National Monument in May 2014, I have seen more individuals on social media boast about "our" National Monument than ever before.

Friends hiking in Dripping Springs or taking pictures of the snow topped needles frequently post on my personal Facebook feed. It makes me proud this community has embraced OMDP and recognizes the role the national monument plays in protecting what this community cherishes and values so much.

In the past several months, the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce (LCGCC) has worked with dozens of local businesses that are interested in incorporating the national monument into their marketing.

In September, LCGCC released the OMDP marketing toolkit, a set of materials providing talking points, stickers, posters, magnets and much more for businesses to use in their daily marketing. OMDP visitors guides were also included in the toolkit, containing

links to popular trails, information about the monument and things to know before traveling to outdoor sites.

Throughout September 2014, LCGCC conducted workshops to help businesses develop creative ways to use the OMDP logo in their business. Those businesses also shared with us their ideas, including Mountain View Market Co-Op's monthly OMDP blog, taking "selfies" out at the monument with the hashtag #OMDPselfie – and much more.

Local businesses are creating OMDP products, such as the OMDP coffee blend at Beck's Coffee, the OMDP cocktail at the Azul Ultra Lounge, the OMDP bread pudding at the Green Chile Paddy Wagon, the OMDP ceramic platter at MVS Studios and more.

It is exciting to see how many of our locally owned businesses are finding ways to cross brand the National Monument with their business.

In November, we began finalizing the design of the 2015 OMDP calendar, featuring the incredible photos from Lisa Mandelkern, Wayne Suggs, Paul A. Bardwell and Jim O'Donnell.

The calendar includes advertising from local businesses that support the national monument as well as facts about local businesses and



John Blair, director of intergovernmental and external affairs for the Department of Interior, visits with Carrie Hamblen, executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce. Hamblen shared the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (OMDP) marketing toolkit, calendar and visitors guide. In December 2014, she was in Washington, D.C. to update New Mexico legislators and other federal officials on the work the Green Chamber is doing to help local businesses.

open spaces. The businesses that advertised in the calendar will be giving them out to their customers and clients in the coming month.

We currently are working on a second printing of the calendar so we can make it available to the public. We will keep you posted on that progress.

In mid-December, I traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with several agencies on the work being done on the ground in Las Cruces to capitalize on the opportunities we have with OMDP.

I shared with them the ways our local businesses are using OMDP in their marketing. At the Department of Interior, the visitors guide given to Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director John Blair was met with enthusiasm and excitement, because of the ways in which the guide helps increase awareness about the

monument.

Meeting with the Council for Environmental Quality was encouraging, because of the support expressed for our outreach with local businesses. Carl Rountree at the Bureau of Land Management was pleased with the OMDP visitors guide and how it is available through our local businesses and the Green Chamber. Since LCGCC is also printing the visitors guide in Spanish, we will be working with the BLM to get OMDP trail links also in Spanish.

Afternoon meetings with the staff at the offices of Sen. Ton Udall and Martin Heinrich were very good. They were pleased with the efforts by several groups in Las Cruces that are working together to create an atmosphere that is supportive of thoughtful economic development on the

monument. Meeting with the staff of Congressman Ben Ray Lujan and Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham proved very informative, as I shared with them what we are doing in southern New Mexico and how it can be a model for other communities.

My December visit to Washington was a great opportunity to share with legislators and other government officials what this community is doing since the designation of OMDP. Sharing with them what is happening in Las Cruces served as a terrific example of a community understanding the economic and outdoor potential a national monument can provide for an area.

The residents of Las Cruces are setting the bar for ways in which a community can truly embrace a national monument like the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks. Las Cruces are a re-

markable group of people who are thoughtful and creative and want to make the best decisions moving forward.

As we start off 2015, we still have much to do so we can see the many benefits OMDP has to offer. I am optimistic our community will continue to serve as an excellent example to legislators and organizations in other parts of the country.

The designation of OMDP as a national monument brought a great deal of attention to Las Cruces. Now, our community can continue that attention by embracing and supporting our local businesses, open spaces and the tourism opportunities that will come from national monument status.

*Carrie Hamblen is the executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce. She can be contacted at [carrie@nmgreenchamber.com](mailto:carrie@nmgreenchamber.com) or 323-1575.*

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# Tradition and whimsy come together at La Patina

By Alta LeCompte  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A doctor and her husband fell in love with some painted wooden chairs Beverly Chavez-Floyd had upcycled and was displaying at her shop, La Patina.

The kitchen of the couple's Alameda district home, with cobalt blue cabinets, was just the place for vibrantly painted chairs with a past, Chavez-Floyd said.

"They wanted each chair to be different," she said. "They took two off the floor and, for the others said, 'Just go with it.'"

The customers didn't have to ask twice. Just going with it is what Chavez-Floyd does.

Her career as an artisan and interior designer and her new business – La Patina at 300 N. Main St. – have evolved organically, like a perfectly planned adventure that no one planned.

The daughter of local sign painter and artist Eddie Chavez, she honed her artistic talents at home, surrounded by a family that included cousins water colorist Fred Chilton, Denise Chavez, Irene Oliver Lewis and Jeff Banegas.

"My father was a huge influence on all these people," she said. "He was the original artist in the family and they were always coming around for advice. He was a mentor and an inspiration to a lot of people."

Her career has been as eclectic as the 100s of treasures she has brought together inside the 1,000-foot shop.

Those treasures include pillows Chavez-Floyd covered with colorful Mexican fabric collected through the years and hand-beaded, a tin and glass cross atop a 7-foot-tall pedestal, tea sets and a chest of drawers painted a creamy corral and treated to knobs that reflect the style of the mirror hanging above it. Scattered throughout are one-of-a-kind statues of St. Francis and crosses crafted in a variety of materials.

## St. Francis finds a home

Chavez-Floyd's organic career began in the same Downtown building she chose for La Patina.

"I worked in the same space over 35 years ago, when this was a dress store, La Dianna," she said. "I knew this spot and I have always loved it."

Opening the store was "kind of a quick decision," she said, although she had been thinking about it and actively preparing for the venture for about a year. During



PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTTE

Beverly Chavez-Floyd opened La Patina at 300 N. Main St. on St. Francis Day, Oct. 4, 2014.

that time, she reinvented used furniture, made pillows and acquired one-of-a-kind items to eventually sell in a shop of her own. She also visited New Orleans, Austin, San Antonio and Santa Fe to see what was trending in those cities.

Her first business, Sacred Heart Imports, had taken her to Juarez for 20 years on buying trips, sometimes with her interior design clients. She has resumed making those buying trips.

From September 2014 until the store opening in October, Chavez-Floyd and a cadre of helpers, many of them volunteers, worked "night and day" to prepare the shop.



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### Contact

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They painted, built shelving, created an accent wall from re-purposed pallets, laid Satillo tile and hung Mexican light fixtures.

The opening day was chosen by Sister Beth of La Tienda de Jardin and Tutti Bambini, shops Chavez-Floyd had helped the Las Cruces nun to launch.

"Sister Beth said we needed to open Oct. 4, St. Francis Day," Chavez-Floyd said. "St. Francis Day is very special time for her. For me, too – I love animals."

## Evolving a business

Chavez-Floyd opened the shop without incurring any debt, although she did have to sell her car to buy a truck. "Everything is paid for," she said. "Hallelujah!"

"I had to purchase and make items for this," Chavez-Floyd said. "My advice would be to do it on your own. You can make the product and merchandize it."

She said her son set up mobile phone credit card processing for her.

"I still don't have a land line and Internet," she said.

The work continues as she and her husband, Gregg Floyd, owner of Las Cruces Abstract and Title and Luna County Abstract and Title, paint doors and spruce up the rear courtyard Patina shares with Rosie's Cafe. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 12-15, the courtyard will be the setting for a rug show and sale in collaboration with importers Classic World of Corrales and Albuquerque.

Chavez-Floyd will host more events as La Patina continues to evolve organically.

Visual displays inside the shop will constantly be changing, as well.

"I have been doing visual displays and merchandizing since 1975," Chavez-Floyd said. "I think that's part of what makes this shop unique."



# 2015 Pecan harvest in the Mesilla Valley



PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Work winds down for harvesters as dusk approaches Dec. 11 at Arnold Brothers Farm.



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Israel Arroyos and Antonio Ordonez clean up at the Arnolds' cleaning plant. Starting Nov. 24, the company harvested about 1,000 acres, including about 350 in the Hatch area. A Nov. 17 freeze led to an early start of the harvest.

# Energy regulations drill New Mexicans' wallets

By **Marc Miles and Wayne Winegarden**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

If forecasts predicting another brutally cold winter are correct, Americans' furnaces will soon be working overtime. Last year's frigid temperatures significantly increased heating bills across the country. For instance, the cost to heat a home with propane increased by more than 50 percent.

The weather is a given every year, but spiking energy costs are not. Energy regulations that discourage economic efficiency – especially here in New Mexico – drive up energy prices, drain Americans' wallets, and cost the country thousands of jobs. Reforming these energy regulations can save consumers money and spur economic growth.

New Mexico has some of the most inefficient energy regulations in the country, according to our new study, "The 50 State Index of Energy Regulation." New Mexico fared poorly due to its restrictions on consumer freedom to choose an energy provider and the ability of electricity producers to adjust to changing conditions. Instead of effectively allocating energy resources, New Mexico has implemented regulations that create costly roadblocks.

New Mexico would do well to emulate states, such as Texas, that let consumers choose between different energy providers. Residents and businesses can compare different electricity suppliers' prices and services and choose the one that best meets their needs.

When consumers are empowered, power companies must compete to attract and retain customers. That helps reduce prices. In Texas, rates declined by more than a third after retail choice policies were introduced.

Texas actively promotes retail choice by offering consumers information about the different energy options available. Texans can also take advantage of an online comparison tool that allows for convenient, one-stop shopping. It's no surprise more than 80 percent of Lone Star State residents and businesses exercise their freedom to choose the best deal.

Despite the proven success of retail choice, only 17 states have embraced such policies. New Mexico isn't one of them. If lawmakers introduced retail choice, residential consumers would have more money in their pocketbooks, and businesses would benefit from lower operating costs. Such savings would benefit the New Mexico economy.

Regulations on electricity production are also boosting energy bills unnecessarily. One common type of regulation – the "renewable portfolio standard" – requires electric companies to generate a set percentage of their power from renewables such as solar and wind.

But renewable energy isn't cheap. The federal Energy Information Administration estimates renewable sources such as solar thermal and offshore wind can be 300 percent more expensive than electricity generated from natural gas. Power companies pass these expenses on directly to consumers in the form of higher electric bills.

New Mexico would be wise to ditch its renewable portfolio standard.

Wyoming declined to institute such a standard – and its residents have reaped the benefits. Electricity costs just 7.91 cents per kilowatt hour in Wyoming – the third cheapest rate in the nation.

Compare that to New Mexico. Its renewable portfolio standard requires energy providers to generate 20 percent of the state's electricity from renewable sources by 2020. It's no surprise, then, that the price of New Mexico's electricity per kilowatt hour is 25 percent higher than Wyoming's.

High electricity prices raise costs for

businesses and consumers alike, and have adverse economic consequences. A University of Kentucky study demonstrates even a 10-percent increase in electricity prices can cost a state billions of dollars in lost economic activity.

Based on our index, the average rate of economic growth in the states with the most economically efficient energy regulations was 8 percentage points higher than in the states with the least economically efficient energy regulations.

Energy regulations also smother job creation. Despite the recession, the average employment growth in the most economically efficient states increased by 2.6 percent between 2007 and 2012, compared to an average contraction in employment of 2.2 percent in the least efficient states.

There's no need for these job losses to continue. Doing away with inefficient energy regulations can jumpstart job growth and lower consumers' energy bills.

By the way, good luck staying warm this winter.

*Marc Miles, Ph.D., is president of Global Economic Solutions. Wayne Winegarden, Ph.D., is senior fellow at the Pacific Research Institute and a partner in the*

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Your Weekly Real Estate Update by **HouseHunt**



**304 Calle Al Rumbo \$900/mo**

- 4 bedroom
- 3 bathroom
- 2300 sq ft
- 2 car garage and storage
- Formal dining room
- Sits on 1/2 acre

Lots of space, very clean, quiet area, upgrades, modern cabinetry, pet friendly, fireplace, built in outdoor grill

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**401 Oasis Chapparal \$1100/mo**

4 bedroom 2 bath, 2777 sq ft, 3 living areas, walk-in closets, pet friendly, lots of space, quiet living area, very clean

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**1303 Magoffin \$1,250/ mo**

Peacefully in this beautiful property you and your family can call home!

- 1983 sq ft. Rest
- 4 bd / 2.5 ba
- Very nice kitchen
- Big back yard
- Fireplace
- Extra living space downstairs
- AND refrigerated air!!!

Call to schedule a showing today!  
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**1835 HIGHLAND AVE \$122,500**

GREAT home in established neighborhood on spacious .20 acre lot! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living area, dining room and 1,276 square feet of living space to enjoy. Beautiful wood floors in living room. New tile flooring throughout the home. Nicely Remodeled kitchen and baths, new interior paint, new exterior stucco. Metal roof is only a few years old, plus the home has refrigerated air! Large inviting backyard with storage shed, pecan trees, and separate workshop/utility room. Home warranty and refrigerator included.

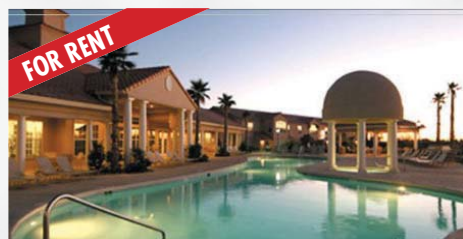
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**2026 Corn \$1,000 /mo**

- Spacious 3 Bedroom
- 2 Bath
- 2 Car Garage
- Fireplace
- 1750 Sq. Ft.
- Refrigerated Air
- Great Neighborhood
- Close to University

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**3901 Sonoma Springs Unit# 1016 \$799/mo**

"Split Floor Plan" Very nice, very clean 2 bedroom 2 bath condo, with washer and dryer hook ups, access to the pool, jacuzzi, fitness center and wireless internet!!! You will also have the comfort of living in a gated community! Call us today for more information and to schedule your appointment!

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**2020 Missouri \$895/mo COLLEGE STUDENTS!!!**

Located close to university, dining and shopping!

- 3 bd / 2 ba
- Fireplace
- Great back yard
- Attached carport!

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**2541 Tiffany Drive \$189,900**

- Spacious 3 BR, 2 BA
- Master Suite w/Jetted Tub
- Open Floor Plan w/ Split BRs
- Vaulted Ceilings
- Formal Dining, Breakfast Area & Breakfast Bar
- Fantastic Backyard w/ Mature Landscape
- Large 0.3 Acre Lot
- Courtyard Entry, Covered Porches & Open Patio
- Lovely Home W/Architectural Features
- Alarm & Central Vacuum System

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