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## Voters OK DACC levy

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

Even as the first early voting results showed a positive trend for Doña Ana Community College's mill levy election passage after polls closed Tuesday, Feb. 3, DACC President Renay Scott said she couldn't relax until she was sure of its passage.

Scott had just returned from Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, where she had heard lawmakers voice skepticism about how much money to expect because of falling oil prices. (See related story this page.)

That made the DACC bond issue and mill levy passage even more critical, Scott said. With the community college's campuses no longer rapidly expanding, this was a chance to use the property tax already in place to help supplement facility maintenance, technology upgrades and operational costs.

As a result, voters were asked two questions to essentially keep the same tax in place, instead of one question primarily for new building construction.

"It was a different approach," Scott said. "You never know how people are going to react or if they understand what we're asking them."

Scott, who is still in her first year on the job, said she wasn't about to take passage of the levy for granted, despite a good history of community support in the past.

As the results came in, the early trends held with DACC's bond

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## Hot chocolate



Linda Jackson of The Chocolate Lady, 304 Calle de Guadalupe, makes dark chocolate covered strawberries in preparation for Valentine's Day orders. They can be pre-ordered for pick-up on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 13, and Saturday, Feb. 14. To call in an order, or for more information, call 526-2744.

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## Estrada hangs up TWEF biggest enchilada apron

*Bulletin Staff Report*

If you saw Roberto Estrada make the annual big enchilada at The Whole Enchilada Fiesta last year, you witnessed the end of an era.

Estrada – Guinness Book of World Records holder for the world's largest flat enchilada – announced he will not make the annual enchilada any more after doing so for 34 years.

"I have been thinking and praying about this for the past two years and finally

the answer has come to me, it is time," said Estrada, owner of Roberto's Restaurant and Roberto's Mexican Foods.

The fiesta is scheduled for Sept. 25-27 this year. Estrada said the TWEF board of directors is working to inject new ideas into the fiesta.

"Originally, I had stated that I would make the enchilada for 20 years, then I thought it would be historic to complete a 25th anniversary, then I was convinced

SEE **TWEF**, PAGE A11

## Budget forecast pending with gridlock brewing

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

With water legislation being the only concern that Democratic and Republican have a chance to see eye-to-eye on, there is big question hanging over the primary role of this 60-day Legislature, which is setting the budget.

At a breakfast for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Monday, Feb. 2, state Sen. John Arthur Smith, who chairs the Legislative Finance Committee, said

budget considerations are pending a final estimate on oil and gas prices.

The drastic fall in crude oil prices, Smith said, has forced revision of how much "new money" can be added to the budget – if there is any increase operational spending at all. Education and the Human Services Departments were poised to get the lion's share of the "new money," but that was before the price of crude oil fell to less than \$50 a barrel.

To avoid deficit spending, SEE **BUDGET**, PAGE A12

### NEXT WEEK

#### Missouri bridge work to begin

Drivers warned that overpass rehab is expected to take months to complete.



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## Draft comprehensive plan up for review

After three full years of development, Doña Ana County's draft comprehensive plan is available for public review and comment. The deadline for comments to be received is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

After the public comment period has closed, the plan will be revised and heard by the Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission at 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center and again at a Planning and Zoning Commission work session on Thursday, Mar. 5, at 1:30 p.m., also in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center.

Additional public meetings will be held around Doña Ana County in late spring/early summer to confirm all the public input over the past three years. Those dates have yet to be determined.

The draft comprehensive plan can be downloaded from [www.vivadonaanadc.org](http://www.vivadonaanadc.org). Comments can be submitted by mail to Chief Planner Angela Roberson, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M. 88007, or by email to [angelar@donaanacounty.org](mailto:angelar@donaanacounty.org).

"The goal of the comprehensive plan is to confirm the vision developed through three years of public input and create a policy document for di-

recting growth and development throughout Doña Ana County," said county Planning Director Daniel Hortert. "The comprehensive plan is intended to project out to 2040, but will be a living document in that, as changes occur, so too will the plan."

Chief among the necessary components of long-range planning is active participation of the residents and businesses who'll be most affected by policies and the commitment of elected officials to the plan's implementation, Hortert said, adding that future infrastructure projects — roads, water and wastewater systems, and storm water management — will be affected by the final plan.

## Doña Ana County seeks applicants for ADA board

Doña Ana County is seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the County's Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Advisory Committee.

The advisory committee meets monthly at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces. Meetings are normally held at 4 p.m.

The committee currently consists of five members.

To ensure that residents who are significantly impacted by the issues covered by the ADA are represented, the committee will consist of at least two members with significant disabilities included within the protections of the ADA, and all other members of the Advisory Committee, through family connections to individuals with such disabilities, or through their educational background, professional avocation, or otherwise, demonstrated experience and dedication in identifying, addressing, and promoting the interests protected by the ADA.

The advisory committee studies a

broad range of issues related to ADA requirements and implementation and assists the county in identifying and setting priorities for compliance projects.

Deadline has been extended and applications will be accepted through 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015. Applications are available at the Doña Ana County Government Center, Room 2-190, 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces.

Residents who wish to have an application mailed to them may call (575) 525-5881.

Residents calling from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free at 1 (877) 827-7200.

Applications can be mailed or delivered to the Doña Ana County Human Resources Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007, to the attention of Meg Haines, EEO Specialist/ADA Coordinator. Application packets also can be faxed to (575) 525-5888.



Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown speaks at a Jan. 30 ceremony to formally open the new Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department's burn tower at 1430 Portland Dr., in Las Cruces. Fire Marshal Robert Monsivaiz looks on. The three-story tower is equipped with two burn rooms, an exterior staircase and rappelling hooks, all of which will be used for training exercises for Doña Ana County's volunteer and paid firefighting staff. The building cost \$556,900 to construct. After welcoming remarks and the introduction of dignitaries, a red ribbon was burned to formally open the new facility for use by firefighters and academy trainees.

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

### SunZia decision threatens WSMR

Federal legislators are prolific with their production of press releases. They are relatively short informational letters for publication in newspapers and other media outlets. Senators and congressmen use them to let the folks back home know what they're up to. Naturally, coming from the legislator's office, the release writers apply the best spin possible.

I'm old enough that, when I started in the business, the releases came by mail. A few years later, they flooded the fax machines. Now, of course, they arrive electronically through email. The content remains roughly the same, however. If you read them, you'll believe the senator or representative qualifies not only for the status of loyal public servant, but sainthood as well.

While they strive to build up the given lawmaker, they often have good information and real news as well.

As journalists, we work to glean the releases for the most pertinent info for readers.

Last week I got a press release that rubbed me the wrong way.

The headline read "Heinrich applauds approval of SunZia Southwest Transmission Line." The release, from the offices of U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, talks about the recent announcement of approval of the line, which crosses New Mexico and Arizona.

In case you're not familiar, a section of the line encroaches on part of the northern end of White Sands Missile Range. The Department of Defense concluded the lines would threaten as much as 30 percent of WSMR's testing, perhaps more at Holloman.

It goes beyond our backyard. The DoD's report to Congress said the SunZia project will "have an unacceptable risk to national security."

Unfortunately for those military installations, the Secretary of the Interior late last month gave the go-ahead to the project.

It's not only unfortunate for WSMR and Holloman, it's unfortunate for Las Cruces and all of New Mexico. Friendly reminder: White Sands Missile Range provides jobs to 10,184 New Mexicans. It has an annual economic impact of \$834 million to New Mexico. That's about \$2.3 million per day. Holloman Air Force Base has an economic impact of about \$1 million per day, and more than 3,000 jobs. Together that's more than 13,000 jobs.

If you haven't noticed, New Mexico is having a difficult time pulling out of the recession. While states elsewhere, even right next door, are bouncing back and even booming, New Mexico struggles economically.

Not the best time to be putting our military installations at risk. Especially when there was a way to route the lines differently without harming WSMR and Holloman.

Maybe Heinrich's press release of Jan. 24 would not have frustrated me as much if I hadn't also read his press release of Dec. 12, 2014, after Heinrich was assigned to serve on the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

That release included a quote from Heinrich stating, in part, "New Mexico is home to several military installations - Kirtland Air Force Base, Holloman Air Force Base, Cannon Air Force Base, Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range. ... New Mexico plays a pivotal role in our national security, and I will continue to be a strong advocate for our personnel and missions in my role on this committee."



### Letters to the editor Still supportive

I worked for David Gutierrez at the Town of Mesilla, where I found him to be a very honest and fair man. I was impressed by his professionalism, work ethic and how he treated his employees and the public

When he was first elected county treasurer, I was honored that he chose me to be his chief deputy treasurer. Mr. Gutierrez has been a very effective treasurer, implementing positive changes from the betterment of his employees and constituents. During the four years I was there, not once did I witness him act inappropriately or unprofessionally with anyone.

I have been called by many people asking what happened concerning the current events involving Mr. Gutierrez. I wasn't there, so I do not know. But if I could ever go back to work, it would be

a great honor to work with him again.  
*Carolyn Telles*

### Treasurer not resigning

There are two ladies in our community who are very vocal about trying to pressure me to resign or be ousted from office. They question why there is no outcry in the community toward me. I would say the reason is because the people do not believe everything they read in the paper.

I will not resign. I have 38,867 reasons why I won't resign. That is the number of people who voted to re-elect me in 2012. More people voted for me than anybody else on the ballot. I am not bragging. My intent is to point out that the citizens of Doña Ana County trust me and approve of my job performance. And I have done nothing over the 14 years in office to violate their trust.

*David Gutierrez*  
Doña Ana County treasurer

The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to [editor@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:editor@lascrucesbulletin.com). They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 840 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite E, 88011. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.

# Ignoring the unemployed and school children

**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion



*"I don't mind what critics say so long as I get some reaction. The worst thing is to be ignored."*

Les Dawson

Over the last few years I have written columns about the minimum wage and testing in public schools. In both cases, I have been ignored.

In the minimum wage debate, another debate stakeholder needs to be added. The debates never address the unemployed, especially those who have never held a job.

The unemployed are not in the debates because they prove the other side. Instead, in every debate we hear how changing the cost of labor does not change the actions of businesses. This is pure rubbish.

Two things tug at employers: the cost of production and the market forces for their products. Make it harder to hire employees, and fewer will be hired. When people want a job, the skills required to do that job and the skills they possess are in play. With mandated higher minimum wages,

employers find it harder to afford low- or no-skill employees.

These workers lose money for employers because they lack the productive output necessitated by their wages. When businesses lose money long enough, they go out of business, and everyone in the company is out of a job. Minimum wage advocates ignore putting people out of a job.

They contend workers are owed money without regard to their productive output. Businesses either trade badly or they do not hire those people. The minimum wage advocates offer no help for the unemployed, especially those who never get a first job. They make employment impossible for some people.

Likewise, there is a political push to ignore public school children. The talk in education is now teachers and schools. No one looks at the students themselves. The discussion concentrates on data and comparing schools.

Yet one simple test is never tried. For two years take all of the adults from the five best elementary schools in Albuquerque and trade them for the adults from the lowest scoring five elementary schools. What will happen? The schools will remain as they were. It isn't the teachers, it is the community.

*'Why so much focus on tests? It is a jobs program for administrators.'*

We are on a fool's errand involving testing. This mania continues despite the effect on kids. The kids lose and the adults gain. This testing focus gives school administrators purpose and allows them good jobs and retirement.

However, the real currency in learning is curiosity. Kill all curiosity and there is no more learning. Young kids now spend their time not looking at the miracle of ants, rather, they are taught the six issues in taking tests so that they score better. And they spend the entire boring year in test practice.

Teachers are upset because they no longer teach. Instead they are data manipulators who go to many meetings a month on data and none on how to inspire great learning in students. The children are being ignored.

"Why did I need to go to college to be a teacher?" one asked. "All I do is pre-tests, tests and post-tests. This is not about students learning, it's about

administrators and administrative tasks. If I protest, I'll be fired."

Why so much focus on tests?

It is a jobs program for administrators. Their financial needs trump the students. There has been a massive increase in administrators over several decades. Why are administrators paid significantly more than teachers? They set the pay schedule.

As a society, we are ignoring the takeover of our schools by administrators. Sadly, thousands upon thousands of public school children are ignored so adults can make more money and have huge retirements.

Administrators make themselves rich while the children lose. If the public schools were an airport, all of the planes would take off and none would return. The problem remains that the plight of the students continues to be ignored by the media and the politicians. Maybe that is where the problem has been all along.

Students have no interest in tests; they are always interested in stuff that spikes their curiosity. If we really want a next generation that can think, then we must rescue them and put the administrators in their place. Let the teachers teach.

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

## Letter to the editor Insult to injury

On Sept. 8, 2014, the Las Cruces City Council voted 4 to 3 to accept the citizens resolution ordinance on minimum wage. The ordinance resulted from a petition drive in accordance with the City Charter, which states that residents have the power to propose ordinances.

On Dec. 1, 2014, again the City Council voted 4 to 3 to adopt the ordinance, but with an amendment that substantially extended the implementation of wage adjustments and advanced the cost of living indexing 2021.

In effect, the City Council voted to deny Las Cruces citizens the right to vote on the minimum wage, violating the City Charter – specifically, the charter provision that states: "if the council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, the voters shall adopt or reject it at a city election."

The City Council vote resulted in disallowing the citizens initiative from being placed on the ballot. The City Council amended the proposed ordinance without any hard data or staff research, in spite of the City Charter requirement and community opposition to the amendment.

City councillors were driven by other interests and heavily relied on advice

from the city attorney that the City Council had the authority to adopt or amend ordinances in their elected capacity as needed. The advice given evidently reaffirmed their elected authority and confirmed their decision to accept the ordinance with the intent to amend it, rather than submit it to the judgment or will of the voters. After many presentations by employers, community leaders and workers representing various levels of employment, it appears the city councillors' concerns were more on balancing the business community's bottom line (profit) than elevating the wage earners poverty line.

What a shame the citizens (constituents) were not given their day at the ballot. The Dec. 1, 2014, vote on minimum wage was really an injustice to both workers and a dark, dark day for the perception of democracy in the City of Las Cruces. In essence, it was both a denial of wage equity to low-income working families and tip workers – and a reprieve for the business community that resulted in an insult to injury and an injustice to working people in our community.

For your information, Doña Ana County, which includes the city, has one of the highest rates of poverty and uninsured in the nation.

*Oscar Vasquez Butler  
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# SunZia transmission line is a pig in a poke

By **Frances F. Williams**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

When SunZia wanted to expand its business from a small transmission line in Bowie, Ariz., into a \$2 billion project by building transmission lines from New Mexico to Arizona, the company proclaimed that this project would bring jobs in both states, unlock vast amounts of renewable energy now dormant in New Mexico and market it to California and Arizona, which were energy hungry.

In 2012, the energy czar of California advised SunZia that they would not be one of their customers because it had more energy than it was using, would develop more in-house if necessary, and would not hook up to a power line 500 miles away. This was confirmed to the writer in 2014, again reiterating that California would not be one of SunZia's customers.

Arizona, which also has an abundance of energy, was trying to sell energy to California, which wasn't buying.

The question is, why is SunZia building a \$2 billion project with no customers in sight? This is one of many questions that to date has been unanswered.

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, elected to represent all of New Mexico, has been the chief pusher of the SunZia project, even though it would severely impact a pristine area in the southern part of the state, would have an impact on two military missions, White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and Holloman Air Force Base, endanger our national security and that of our allies who test at the range jeopardize thousands of jobs that support these missions,

*'SunZia's proposed transmission lines would impair the missions of both WSMR and Holloman Air Force Base.'*

threaten ranchers' grazing lands their water supply, and have a severe impact on our economy in the south.

Sen. Heinrich felt that the Department of Defense was exaggerating and stonewalling this project, requested an independent study of these claims, which was performed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The MIT study confirmed SunZia's proposed transmission lines would impair the military missions of both WSMR and Holloman Air Force Base.

The compromise would be the burial of cable lines in the call-up area of WSMR. This compromise will still impair the mission of WSMR by limiting the testing. Holloman Air Force Base will be limited in their flight schedules.

The burial of the cables would require dynamiting and use of hundreds of tons of heavy equipment, severely damaging roads to get to the site where the cables would be buried, tearing up pristine areas,

contaminating water supplies used by the ranchers and disturbing use of the land used for grazing.

SunZia could have built transmission lines along the corridor of U.S. Highway 60, where there would have been minimal impact to operations and ranching, but they refused and the Bureau of Land Management supported their decision.

SunZia has grossly exaggerated the number of jobs at 2,700, (which would be more like 625) and does not mention that they will be temporary. The loss of permanent jobs provided by WSMR could be as high as 3,000, with more than \$300 million per year to our economy.

There is the issue of a land grab by SunZia, because the burial of these cables will cross private land, owned primarily by ranchers, requiring them to sell their land or face an eminent domain suit brought by SunZia.

In addition, our sister state of Arizona has vehemently opposed this project because it will damage a very environmentally pristine, sensitive, fragile area of the San Pedro Valley, which residents there have guarded zealously for years.

The Sierra Club has vociferously protested against this project to both BLM and SunZia. Sen. Heinrich, who is purportedly an environmentalist, should be sensitive to the destruction of pristine areas in New Mexico, and even those in our nearby states.

BLM requested comments on the Environmental Assessment of the cable burial. More than 300 comments were filed, but BLM stated that it saw no significant environmental impact.

This, no doubt, was a decision driven by political forces in the White House, and also forcing the Department of Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, opposed to this project because of the impact on national security, to accept the "compromise."

The photo op with Interior Secretary Sally Jewel, Sen. Heinrich and Congressman Ben Lujan Jr. of Albuquerque signing an agreement to go forward with this project was a slap in the face to the southern part of the state, to Arizona, to our national security, ranchers and the citizens of this state, sealing our fate, impacting our way of life and ability to make a living to an uncertain future.

SunZia has stated publicly that it will not ask for government funding, but has requested a \$270 million loan from the Department of Energy. This could turn out to be another Solyndra project.

The question is why is this project being built? Is it on the premise that if you build it customers will come?

SunZia built another project in Arizona, which was to bring energy to their customers. Very few came, and it has turned out to be a white elephant.

Building this project is a pig in a poke. California is out. Arizona is out. So why is New Mexico in?

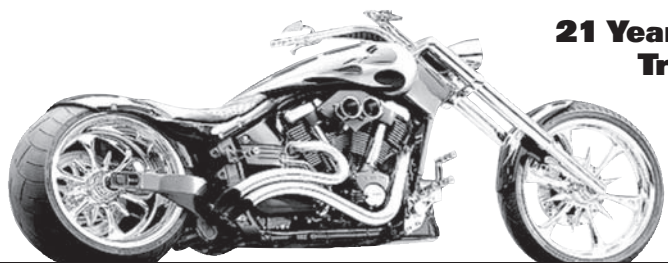
New Mexico should adopt a new description of this state. Instead of the Land of Enchantment, we should be called The Land of Exploitation.

SunZia must be stopped now.

*Frances Williams is the president of Professional Excellence and a long time employee of White Sands Missile Range. She serves on the Board of Directors for the WSMR Museum Foundation.*

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# Why Right to Work is wrong for New Mexico

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



**SOULES**

When I ran for public office, I made a commitment to make decisions based on facts, accurate information, and data and not on emotions, word spin and marketing.

The so-called Right to Work bills moving through the New Mexico Legislature are perfect examples of laws where spin and marketing are used to obfuscate, obscure and confuse people about the real effects and purposes of the legislation.

The very name, Right to Work, was carefully chosen to affect public opinion when, in fact, the legislation has nothing to do with the rights of workers and everything to do with limiting the ability of workers to bargain on an equal basis with employers.

The first such bill heard during this legislative session, House Bill 75 (HB75), is titled, "The Employee Preference Act" and purports to protect workers from being required to join a union and to pay union dues.

Federal law already provides those protections. Those who are sponsoring the bill

claim to be protecting employees from a practice already protected. This is nonsense!

The legislation would allow non-union employees to benefit from union representation without paying the costs of representation.

During the first committee hearing, supporters of HB75 were all from the business community, not workers or labor. Something else must be going on. Why is management claiming to "protect" workers from something they are not asking for? Is the purpose of this legislation to undermine the financial foundation of the labor organizations? These are anti-labor and anti-union laws, plain and simple.

Let's be clear. No labor union is allowed, by federal law, to compel any worker to join a

union or pay union dues as a requirement for employment. Current law does allow the collection of only that part of a union's costs directly associated with the costs of negotiation, bargaining and representation that all employees benefit from when working in a job with collective bargaining.

It is clear that this anti-labor legislation is not about protecting workers, so it must be about the interests of the employer.

The employers' interests would be to keep wages low or to prevent the need to bargain equally and in good faith with workers.

The "spin" is that keeping wages and benefits low will lead to higher wages and benefits. I cannot understand how this logic works. How will lower wages, not negotiated by collective bargaining, lead to higher wages, except for management?

The arguments are a non-sequitur. In other states, this type of legislation has resulted in an average decline in hourly wages of about 3

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percent and a decrease in worker benefits.

The other idea supporters of this legislation try to spin is that it will lead to higher employment.

Oklahoma is the only state that has recently enacted this type of law and where there has been enough time to evaluate its effects. Researchers found that since the 2001 Oklahoma law was enacted the number of companies relocating to Oklahoma and the number of manufacturing jobs fell by a third.

While proponents say the lack of these laws is a major factor in companies not moving to a particular state, not a single company has publicly stated the laws were the reason they eliminated a state.


There is also no

enacted? New Mexico already has low wages. We don't need to depress workers further with legislation that weakens their ability to negotiate.

Anti-labor and anti-union laws are wrong for New Mexico and won't lead to prosperity. It is clear the true intent, after wading through the deception, spinning and rhetoric, is to undermine working people's ability to have a say in their working conditions and compensation.

Contact your legislators and tell them you want workers' rights protected and you will hold them accountable if they undermine those rights by enacting the mis-named Right to Work laws.

*Bill Soules, a Democrat from Las Cruces, is the state senator for District 37.*



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# Coming up

## 50 Plus Walking Program

Building stamina and maintaining cardiovascular health is important, and the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department offers a program to help achieve both in 12 weeks.

The 50-Plus Walking Program/0-60 in 12 weeks, is designed to get you walking up to 60 minutes in 12 weeks. It begins with 20-minute walks, three times a week, and works up to 60 minutes. Distance is not the priority, movement is. No racing or competition, just a focus on health and wellbeing.

If you are already an active walker, this is a great way to meet new people, to walk and socialize. Participants walk at their own pace for a set time. Distance will be tracked every day in order to monitor individual improvement.

All participants will meet at Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell St., and every fourth week will do a "Field Trip Walk" at another location (optional).

Registration began Monday, Feb. 2, at Frank O'Brien Papen

Community Center. The program is held from 8 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, from March 2, through May 29.

The fee is \$36 per walker and includes tracking of progress for the 12 weeks of the program.

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

## Deaf group hosts family event

Hands and Voices New Mexico Chapter (HVNLM), Educating Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs (EPICS), and New Mexico School for the Deaf Early Intervention and Involvement Division (NMSD - EIID) will present a Fun February Family Event.

The event scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Las Cruces De Noche Lions Club Community Center, 1501 N. Solano Drive.

Both Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting will be provided.

For more information

about this event, maps or additional details about the hosts, visit [www.hvnlm.org](http://www.hvnlm.org), [www.epicsproject.org](http://www.epicsproject.org), or [www.nmsd.k12.nm.us/outreach/index.php](http://www.nmsd.k12.nm.us/outreach/index.php).

## Visibility ride

Share the Road Las Cruces Visibility Ride will be Monday, Feb. 9.

The Share the Road Visibility Ride helps build awareness that bicyclists and motorists can share the road safely and that commuting to work on a bicycle is a viable transportation choice.

Commuting by bicycle has multiple benefits. Save money by riding just one day a week and cut 20 percent of your weekly fuel cost and save automobile maintenance expense. Fight pollution by using emission-free transportation. Stay fit and use your commute time as your workout instead of paying to go to a gym. Enjoy your commute and arrive at work refreshed and full of energy. Ride off work stress on the way home.

The ride is a real-life, real-time demonstration of how bicyclists can ride with traffic safely. The group bicycle together on the second Monday once a month to help raise awareness among motorists of the presence

of bicyclists, of motorists' ability to share the road safely with bicyclists, and of how bicyclists behave while driving in traffic. The ride is lead by League of American Bicyclists certified instructors, and bicyclists.

The ride starts at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum at the west end of Las Cruces Avenue and ends at Starbucks on the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street at about 7:40 a.m. Bicyclists should wear helmets and follow the rules of the road.

## NARFE meeting

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, in the San Rafael Room at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

The February program for Chapter 182 will feature Janet Acosta, senior circle adviser, who will talk about activities of the Mountain View Senior Circle. She will describe the various activities and events at the center and also explain the benefits to members of the circle. This is a good time to bring a guest. Mark your calendars and place your reservations.

All current and retired

federal employees are encouraged to attend the meeting and become part of the group.

There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet, and reservations must be made by Tuesday, Feb. 10, by calling Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Decker at 522-3033.

## Las Cruces Academy sets open house

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

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

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

## Waterfalls of New Mexico

The Southwest Environmental Center will welcome Doug Scott for a slideshow presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, about the waterfalls and slot canyons of New Mexico.

Scott will share his years of experience adventuring around New Mexico as well as his photographs of some of the state's greatest natural treasures.

As the first commercial whitewater outfitter in New Mexico, Scott has firsthand knowledge of the adventure and beauty the Land of Enchantment holds. He has paid particular interest to the slot canyons and waterfalls of

New Mexico, publishing several books on the latter topic. Scott's published works will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

The presentation is free and open to the public. The Southwest Environmental Center is located at 275 N. Main in downtown Las Cruces. For more information, call (575) 522-5552.

Established in 1992, the Southwest Environmental Center works to protect and restore native wildlife and their habitats in the southwestern borderlands.

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

## Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum will host a lecture at noon Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Eric Hansmann, model railroader, will share tips and techniques on model building.

A family tradition of setting up Lionel trains around the Christmas tree inspired Hansmann's involvement with model trains. It developed into his taking over the family basement to build model train layouts.

Over the past 45 years, he has built six different HO scale models. His current project involves recreating the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad freight terminal as it looked in November 1926.

Hansmann has written articles for various modeling magazines, maintains a blog about modeling, and has presented tips and techniques at model railroad conventions and

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seminars. He is a member of the National Model Railroader's Association.

Light refreshments served. Please RSVP by calling Joanne at 647-4480.

The museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St., at the intersection of Las Cruces Ave.

**Optimist Club**

Optimist Club of Las Cruces: "Best Kept Secret in Town" Club meetings feature fellowship and networking, interesting speakers and programs, and volunteer and leadership opportunities.

Meetings are every Thursday morning from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. at IHOP located at 2900 Telshor Blvd.

For more information, call Len Hampton, president, at 405-9001, or visit [www.lascrucesoptimist.org](http://www.lascrucesoptimist.org).

**American Gun Culture Club**

Bob Endlich, who has more than 50 years experience in meteorology and applied climatology, will present "The Deliberate Corruption of Climate Science" to the

American Gun Culture Club at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Pepe's Restaurant, 1405 W. Picacho Ave.

**DWI checkpoints**

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

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

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

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

Anyone who needs a safe ride home on Fridays, Saturdays or holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. can take advantage of Project Home, a program sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi. One or two peo-

ple can receive a \$5 taxi ride home from anywhere in Doña Ana County. For up to four people the fee is \$10. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges.

For Project Home taxi service, call 524-TAXI.

**Trinity Conference**

First Christian Church at 1809 El Paseo Road will host a video conference of a diverse group of scholars and faith leaders Thursday and Friday, Feb. 19-22,

Economists including Dr. Cornel West, archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Barbara Ehrenreich and Robert Reich will offer strategies for developing a more just economy and instill the confidence to take action for social change at Trinity Institute's 44th National Theological Conference, Creating Common Good: A Practical Conference on Economic Equality, at Trinity Wall Street.

The conference is open to everyone looking for thoughtful direction from experts and activists. It will be a practical, theological perspective on economic inequality. We encourage all people of any faith tradition or no faith

tradition to join.

As a partner site, First Christian Church will offer onsite reflection groups using materials prepared and provided by Trinity Institute. Saturday evening, First Christian Church will host a networking reception where participants can share what they are doing in their communities and organizations to address the issues surrounding of economic justice.

"Trinity Institute's 44th National Theological Conference recognizes that many of us feel fearful and hopeless about economic inequality in the U.S.," said Bob Scott, director of Trinity Institute. "We know the ever-growing gap between the have and the have-nots is a serious but correctable obstacle for human thriving.

"As we look to the church in seeking change, this theological conference brought together action-oriented experts to provide hopeful, clear, practical tools that communities can use to make a positive impact."

For more information about the conference at First Christian Church, contact Naoma Staley at [knaomastaley@gmail.com](mailto:knaomastaley@gmail.com) or 524-3245, or visit <http://creatingacommon-good.weebly.com>.

**HTC meeting**

The February High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will feature speaker Mike Cheney, the chair of the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.

Cheney will discuss current initiatives at NMSU and present to the HTC the NMSU football coach, Doug Martin to share news of the recruiting season and status of the program.

The meeting starts will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

HTC's membership meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in growing technology in southern New Mexico.

For more information call Terry Jack at 575-522-3868 or email [terry@imac.us.com](mailto:terry@imac.us.com).

**ASCMV Valentine's Day special**

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is offering steeply discounted neuter procedures during the month of February.

The cost of the surgery will be \$14, nearly half of the regular rates for dogs and cats.

"We say it all the time, so here is a less expensive reason to get it done," said Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock. "Responsible pet owners need to get their animals neutered, and we are here to help."

Only residents of Doña Ana County are eligible for the discount.

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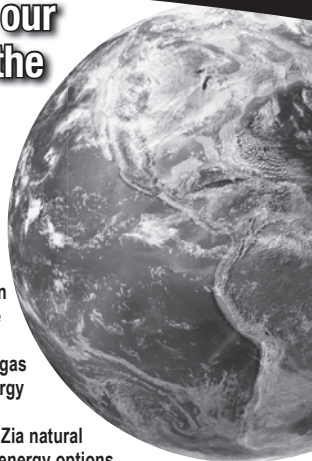
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## 'Only take a minute'

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It's a practical decision, because she's fixed supper, done the dishes, helped the kids with their homework, got 'em off to bed, returned the phone calls, is workin' on the books and she's up ... and away. And he's been asleep in the Barcalounger since 8:30. Of course, this obligates him to the 2 a.m. heifer check. Which is also a practical decision, 'cause if he's over 50, he's up anyway.

I wrote a poem about a rancher who needs his wife's help in the middle of the night. Many wives relate to the story. Melody has her version. She said her favorite part in the poem comes after he wakes her up and explains how easy it will be, "It'll only take a minute, you can leave your nighty on."

Melody married Dusty with her eyes wide open. They were both from a cattle family and students at Dixie College. They were heading home on a break and had made arrangements to stop by a neighbor's calving lot while the neighbors were at a Farm Bureau meeting up north. There was

an abandoned cowboy shack where they could spend the night. Though it was not furnished, it had running water.

The young couple arrived in a driving rain. Afoot, they pushed the handful of heifers into the calving lot, sloshing through the mud, splashing through puddles, slashing, slushing, sliding and slipping through the organic sea floor sludge.

Dusty threw them some hay and they trudged to the singlewide. Melody had picked up some fast food. They ate it cold. She rinsed out their soggy clothes (all they had) and hung them over the shower stall to dry. The mice had taken over the cowboy camp. They laid out their bedroll and crawled to sleep.

Peace descended on the peaceful, primitive scene. About dark-thirty a.m., Melody stirred awake. Dusty was not next to her. She heard hopping and straining and reached for her flashlight. There, in all his glory was her macho husband, wearing his soggy hat and her grotesquely stretched and misshapen undershorts, the lacy edge askew. He stuttered. "I ... my boxers are still wet and, that balface heifer needs ... so I thought ..."

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**TWEF,**  
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to go to 30 and I went to 34, so I think I went way past what I intended 34 years ago," he said. "It has been a wonderful experience for me and hopefully something that this community and all who have attended all these years will remember for many years to come."

Estrada said the tradition began when he was approached by the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, to add his cooking skills to what was then known as Vaquero Days.

"There were other fiestas and events around the area such as the Hatch Chile Fiesta, the Hillsboro Apple Festival, and others, but the people running Vaquero Days wanted to incorporate

many other things besides just one focus like chile and apples, etc.," he said. "So renaming the event The Whole Enchilada Fiesta meant it would include many things, including me making a big enchilada."

Estrada has received many awards and recognitions as a result of his participation in TWEF, as well as for his continued generosity to the Las Cruces community. He said he hopes the Las Cruces community and all who have supported TWEF will continue to do so in order to keep the legacy of the fiesta alive.

"I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank my family: my sons Ronnie and Chris; grandsons Michael, Mark, Robert, Jacob and Jesse; and granddaughters Jessica, Ashly, Raquel, Tara, Larae, Tamara and Leighanne,"

he said. "They have played a large part, through the years, in helping me with different elements of making the enchilada. In addition, there are many friends, too numerous to mention, who have also helped in some capacity or another as well as my technical partners, Bogarts, Cortez and Servigas. Also, Steve Pena, who generously donated the upgraded burners so we could continue making the enchilada and Burke

Insurance, Borman Ford, American Document Services and all the individuals who donated to the equipment fund. The City of Las Cruces has been a great partner in allowing the Fiesta to use both the Downtown city park and later the City Sportsplex. The numerous people who have served on the board of directors and who helped grow the fiesta, my sincere thanks to each of them. I thank and appreciate everyone

and anyone that has worked the fiesta in any capacity, especially the volunteers without whose commitment and hard work the fiesta could not happen. To the community of Las Cruces I especially owe my gratitude for their continued support by attending the fiesta year after year I have forgotten to thank anyone."

For more information about the fiesta, visit [www.enchiladafiesta.com](http://www.enchiladafiesta.com).

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which is prohibited by the state constitution, lawmakers base their revenue projects for two years at a time. Smith said the current year's budget was based on oil being at \$88 a barrel and \$66 a barrel next year.

"Right now, we're trying to figure out what the heck the price of oil is going to be," he said. "Currently, our oil and natural gas are trending in the wrong direction."

Smith said the best guess he's getting from those in the oil industry is the hope that the price of oil will go no lower than \$45 a barrel and eventually stabilize at around \$50 to \$55 a barrel.

When the oil prices were much higher this past summer, the LFC was anticipating having \$280 million in new money, which Smith said resulted in a flurry of requests for improved funding. By December, the estimate was cut in half and Smith said the final number could go well below \$100 million.

While state government probably won't have to make cuts, Smith said funding increases are currently up in the air.

In the opening weeks of the session, the new Republican majority in the House is focused on getting legislation passed on Right to Work – meaning workers don't have to pay union dues if they don't want to – and ending the practice of giving driver's licenses to

residents from other countries who are not in the United States legally.

Leadership in the Democratic controlled Senate, however, has declared Right to Work legislation coming from the House dead on arrival, but the Democratic leaders also have called for a statewide minimum wage increase.

While the political posturing could portend gridlock, compromise could give both sides victories. For example, Smith said one committee is looking at the possibility of merging a minimum wage increase with Right to Work language for the private sector only. Whether this compromise sees the light of day, however, depends on whether it's constitutional to merge the issues or to exclude public sector unions from Right to Work legislation.

While there's not a lot of reaching across the aisle at this point of the session, that can change if the revenue projections get really tight, Smith said.

"When you have no money, you can't believe how well you agree on things," Smith said.

While new House Speaker Don Tripp of Socorro is respected as a moderate Republican, Democrats are chafing at the committee level as bills get passed or killed by straight party lines.

During a break between committee meetings Monday, State Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, complained that Republicans on the House Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Committee are tabling – which essentially kills legislation – nearly every bill related to renewable energy. Steinborn said the only renewable energy bill to pass the committee was keeping a solar energy tax credit that made it out of committee with a single GOP vote.

While state Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Las Cruces, probably won't see debate begin over the legalization of marijuana, he said he is seeing movement on a variety of water

legislation, which was his top concern during the campaign.

State Rep. Terry McMillan, R-Las Cruces, said the House Health Committee he chairs is earnest about addressing behavioral health concerns, such as supporting passage of Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen's bill to allow court-ordered outpatient treatment. With a couple of the Arizona-based companies leaving – and others expected to follow – maintaining behavioral health services is also a great concern, he said.

Following Virgin Galactic's test flight crash in late October, there are lawmakers proposing selling Spaceport America off. That would be a big mistake, said Lt. Gov. John Sanchez. As Virgin regroups its test program, there are other customers interested in working out of Spaceport America, he said.

For New Mexico to improve economically, it needs to embrace business-friendly policies such as tort reform, as well as Right to Work and tax reforms, Sanchez said.

Smith said he would like to see discussion on hard questions such as Medicaid spending and roads. The state has depended too much on borrowing money to build roads, he said, with the debt lasting longer than the road's useful lifetime. Raising the gasoline tax would bring in real money for road upkeep, he said, but that is something that is politically unpopular.

"I hope the new lawmakers are willing to do what is necessary," Smith said.

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**LEVY,**

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question passing by a more than 2-1 ratio and the levy passing by a healthy but less substantial spread. Having two questions was so unusual that there were 48 fewer total votes on the levy than the bond.

"It feels good to get this behind us," Scott said. "This was about providing better service to the community in our programming, better training for the workforce and making sure our technology is up to date.

"This will allow us to do the work we need to do regardless of what happens at the state level and still keeping the tuition affordable for our students."

Also on the ballot were positions on the Las Cruces, Hatch and Gadsden school boards.

In the Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) District 5 race, incumbent Connie Phillips lost to challenger Edward Frank, a retired teacher, by a little more than 100 votes. In the four-

candidate LCPS District 4 race, Maury Castro's strong early lead prevailed for him to win with 307 votes out of total of 736 votes cast.

Both Frank and Castro were endorsed by the two main LCPS unions – the Las Cruces chapters of the National Education Association and Classified School Employees Council.

The voter turnout in Doña Ana County was about 3 percent.

At Gadsden Independent School District, Daniel Estupiñan was victorious over District 1 incumbent Gloria Irigoyen, but the District 4 incumbent Daniel Castillo was able to hold off challenger Maria Carter. Board member Maria Saenz was uncontested in District 3.

In Hatch Valley Public Schools, incumbent Paul Dulin was uncontested for Seat 2, but Seat 3 incumbent David Franzoy lost to Lupe Castillo in the field of four candidates. Seat 5 incumbent Greg Mitchell however was able to retain his seat against two challengers.

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# Looking Back

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Zak Hansen**  
Reflections

### 100 years ago

#### 1915

• The front page of the Feb. 6, 1915, Las Cruces Citizen proclaimed, "The Elephant Butte dam is reported officially to be eighty three percent complete; that water is now being stored and that floods cannot damage the monstrous structure. The completion of the dam means more for the Mesilla Valley than the most optimistic of our citizens have even dreamed. When the great irrigation system in connection with the Elephant Butte dam project received its final touches, and the tawny waters of the Rio Grande are spread out and carried to every part of the valley, we shall see broad desert tracks bloom as the roses in a fairy garden. The population of Doña Ana County will increase many fold, and Las Cruces will become a city of fifty thousand within the next decade."

### 75 years ago

#### 1940

• The Las Cruces Citizen reported that "a special election would be held here on March 12 to vote on a \$20,000 school bond issue." The funds would be used for "the Junior High school building and for the erection of a grade school on the West side of the viaduct." The WPA had allocated \$49,000 for the junior high building.

• Jodie the performing dog was scheduled for a stop in Las Cruces for a single matinee performance at the Mission Theatre in Mesilla Park en route to the West coast, the Citizen reported. The trainer and owner claimed "Jodie is the only trained dog in the world to obey commands by voice and not signals." An accompanying photo showed the canine lifting the hat from his master's head.

• The Citizen reported that census figures showed that 44,453 bales of cotton were ginned in Doña Ana County from the crop of 1939 prior to Jan. 16, 1940, compared to 46,654 bales for the crop of 1938 (Jan. 16, 1939).

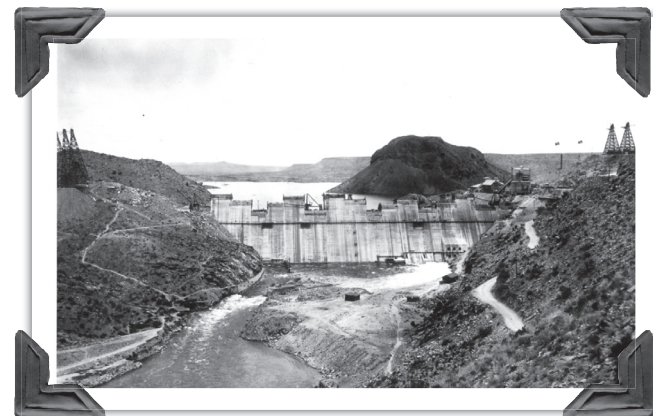
### 50 years ago

#### 1965

• The Las Cruces Citizen reported New Mexico State was one of 14 U.S. land-grant universities chosen from among 43 applicants for first-year allocations of \$75,000 each to begin a Water Resources Research Institute. Prof. Ralph H. Stuckey, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, had been tapped by NMSU Pres. Roger B. Corbett to head the institute.

• Olympic gold-medal rower John Sayre was scheduled to lecture at NMSU on "Moral Rearmament and the Olympic Games in Tokyo," presented by the Student Union Program Council of NMSU, and was free and open to the public.

• Unofficial enrollment figures for NMSU totaled more than 4,400 according to Dr. Robert Leestamper, registrar, the largest ever enrolled in a spring term at New Mexico State and an increase of 14 percent over



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This photo shows the in-progress Elephant Butte Dam, which was completed in 1916 but began filling in 1915.

the previous year.

### 25 years ago

#### 1990

• "Speculation that procedural gaffes and questionable management techniques led to the unexpected termination of former City Manager Dana Miller's contract," the Las Cruces Bulletin reported, based on its own discovery of "at least one city contract that appears to have been executed without City Council approval."

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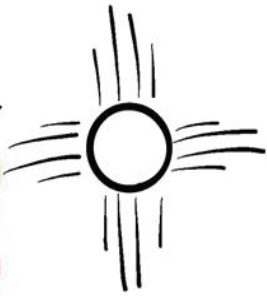
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Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the person or persons responsible for the Jan. 29 shooting that injured a 38-year-old man.

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

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

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

The man was stabilized at MMC before being

## CrimeStoppers

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

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

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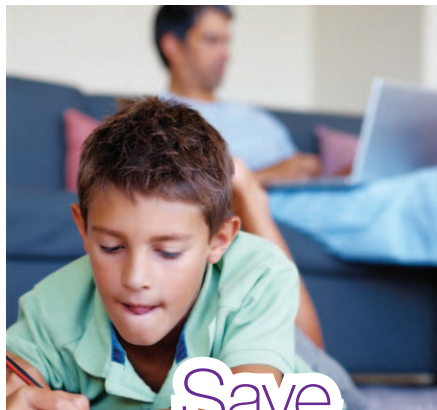
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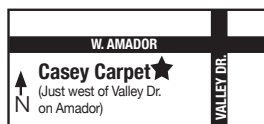
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## Ag softball honors veteran, starts season with Invite

During the New Mexico State University softball team's preseason Dining at the Diamond event for fans and boosters on Saturday, Jan. 31, NMSU student and Navy veteran Sean Robinson poses for a photo with the team after receiving a track chair, a motorized wheelchair with tank-like tread. The chair was given courtesy of the Hotes Foundation, established by Richard Hotes, founder of Alaska Structures, which produces fabric shelters for military and civilian purposes and operates a production facility in Las Cruces. The Aggie softball team was voted by coaches as the preseason favorite to win the 2015 Western Athletic Conference. NMSU placed four players on the all-conference team, led by senior outfielder Staci Rodriguez, who was honored as the WAC Preseason Player of the Year. The Aggies began their season Thursday, Feb. 5, with the start of the Hotel Encanto Invitational, which runs through Sunday.

LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE



## NMSU football inks 24 new players on national signing day

Bulletin Staff Report

New Mexico State head football coach Doug Martin announced the Aggies' 2015 signing class throughout the day Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Twenty-four student-athletes signed a National Letter of Intent/Financial Aid Agreement with the Aggies to attend New Mexico State University and play football beginning in 2015.

Coach Martin and the Aggie football team signed three tight ends, four defensive lineman, four offensive lineman, five wide receivers, two defensive backs, four linebackers, one running back and one kicker.

"The big thing is getting our scholarship numbers back where they should be. This class will get us to about 80 scholarships, which we haven't met in about 10 years because we had previously been at about 65 in this program," head coach Doug Martin said.

"The talent upgrades are obvious at tight ends, and we signed three today.

"Our offensive line is much bigger, taller guys than what we have had in the past, and even the linebacker core is exceptional in this class."

The new student-athletes came from various places in the country including Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. According to Martin, many of these players have the potential to make an immediate impact, but he would also like to redshirt some of them so that they can develop into even better players for the future.

"The talent upgrade and the scholarship numbers that we brought in are definitely going to give this team the boost they need," said Martin.

NMSU also announced a change of radio stations for the network's flagship in Las Cruces.

NMSU football and men's basketball games will now be heard on Fox Sports AM 570, The Ticket. The games will no longer air on Classic Hits 98.7.

### NEW AGGIES

Name	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown
Christian Gibson	DB	6-1	195	Dallas, Texas (Prime Prep Academy)
Javahn Ferguson	LB	6-1	225	Baton Rouge, La. (Southern Lab HS)
Montrice Johns	TE	6-5	245	San Diego, Calif. (Del Norte HS)
Derek Watson	DL	6-3	230	Denton, Texas (Guyer HS)
Tony Bello	OL	6-4	290	Lakewood, Colo. (Bear Creek HS)
Jassavia Reese	DL	6-4	245	Tyler, Texas (John Tyler HS)
Isaiah McIntyre	WR	5-11	175	Las Cruces, N.M. (Las Cruces HS)
Demarcus Owens	DB	6-0	185	Yukon, Okla. (Yukon HS)
Jonathan Hood	LB	6-0	205	Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley HS)
Brandon Leonard	RB	6-0	180	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Point HS)
Tyrian Taylor	WR	6-0	170	Ellsworth, Iowa (Ellsworth CC)
Clayton Granch	TE	6-3	240	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach CC)
Tymon Locklin	WR	6-0	170	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis North HS)
Anthony McMeans	OL	6-3	310	Yuma, Ariz. (Arizona Western CC)
Terrill Hanks	LB	6-4	220	Miami, Fla. (LaSalle HS)
Parker Davidson	K	5-11	155	Plano, Texas (Plano West HS)
Jackson Solbeck	TE	6-4	235	Cypress, Texas (Cypress Ranch HS)
O.J. Clark	WR	5-9	165	Wichita Falls, Texas (Wichita Falls HS)
Garron Nash	DL	6-5	230	Wichita Falls, Texas (Wichita Falls HS)
Cedric Wilcots	DL	6-5	250	Dallas, Texas (Wilmer-Hutchins HS)
Sebastian Anderson	OL	6-5	250	Goodyear, Ariz. (Desert Edge HS)
Izaiah Lottie	WR	6-0	185	Aurora, Colo. (Cherokee Trail HS)
Brian Trujillo	OL	6-3	270	Albuquerque, N.M. (Volcano Vista HS)
Shane Jackson	LB	6-1	220	Manvel, Texas (Manvel HS)

# Conference victory



NMSU forward Pascal Siakam splits a pair of UTPA defenders to drop in a layup. Siakam finished with 11 points.



Nephawe takes a jump shot. He finished the game with 4 points and 10 rebounds.



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University senior center Tshilidzi Nephawe keeps possession against Texas-Pan American Saturday, Jan. 31, at home. NMSU won 53-48.



Moving the ball past UTPA defense, NMSU guard Matt Taylor passes to an open teammate. The Aggies play again at 5 p.m. Saturday at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

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## Former 'Dawg a leader for PVAM

Senior Shontel Lopez is being counted on for her leadership this softball season.

The Prairie View A&M University (Texas) catcher and third baseman is entering her fourth season and her second consecutive as captain.

"I expect to do my job and anything to help my team," the Las Cruces High School graduate said. "I've become a lot more vocal."

Lopez opened her college career with a bang, nabbing the Southwestern Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year award and being named to the all-conference first team. In 39 games she hit .347, second on the team, with a team-best four home runs and 31 runs batted in.

But a knee injury hobbled her as a sophomore, limiting her to a .174 batting average and five RBIs in 17 games. The line-drive hitter recovered last year with a .322 average, tied for third on the team, and 21 RBIs, second on the squad, in 30 games.

She bats in the heart of the order because of her ability to make contact and do what is necessary to advance runners.

"She doesn't get herself out on a lot of bad pitches," head coach Vernon Bland said. "She's kind of too unselfish. I want her to swing away."

Lopez will be the team's primary catcher. She has been calling the pitches 99 percent of the time for the staff since her freshman year.

"She's very smart," Bland said. "She's a student of the game."

Her ability to manage the pitchers and handle their offerings solidifies the infield. She had a college-high .985 fielding average last year, when the Panthers had the third-best fielding percentage and the third-fewest stolen base attempts against it among 10 teams in the conference.

"Shontel has a reputation around our conference," Bland said. "She doesn't have a lot of (steal) attempts. She's pretty accurate. She has a quick release."

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

# Hope springs eternal on links

As we start the second month of the new year, hope springs eternal for all of us. We hope for a better world; we hope (and pray) for peace; we hope we will stay safe and secure in our homes. Some folks hope for a job; others hope that sick loved ones will get well.

Recently, I visited the Community of Hope to drop off a donation of blankets and clothing, and it truly gave me reason to be hopeful for the homeless and needy, realizing so many folks in need remain full of hope and heart.

The holiday season helps us put things into perspective a little bit, letting us reflect briefly on how good we have it, and giving us reason to be thankful. When it comes to sports it's important to remember that our baseball, basketball, soccer and football games, and our golf games, are just that – games. Sport is first of all entertainment and recreation. I'll admit that I got all wrapped up with my beloved sports teams, but it's still entertainment. Golf is important to me and I remain a passionate competitor, but it's still recreation – not life and death.

Nevertheless, I'm hopeful for a whole bunch of things in the coming

year with respect to golf. I hope that all golfers in our local area come to comprehend and truly appreciate what a blessing we have to be able to play really fine championship golf courses all year round. If we want more variety we don't have to travel far: Tucson, Albuquerque, T or C, Ruidoso, El Paso and east. Golf is not all that expensive in our region, unlike the rest of the country in major markets. And generally, the weather we have is such that the rest of the country would long to have it.

I am also hopeful our regional drought will soon slacken to provide irrigation water, mostly for farming crops, but for golf courses a well.

Golfers of all skill levels begin a new season sort of like baseball teams at winter training camps – they hope to improve from the previous season and, to play the game well and win. Golfers would like to put the flame-outs, the stupid mistakes, the frequent choking and the



**Charlie Blanchard**  
*Golf Doctor*

nervous misplays behind them – like our Ryder Cup Team wishes. To elevate your performance, set goals and make a plan. Know practice, learning, discipline and experience all trump hope.

One of the things I really hope for is that inventors, marketers and promoters of golf products tone down their often outlandish claims of more distance when you use their training device, golf ball or a new driver. Over the past 18 years, I have surveyed thousands

of golf products at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, and some of the product claims get pretty ridiculous. I'll quickly admit I'm always searching for golf's holy grail of 20 more yards, but we need to view product claims and infomercials with a skeptical eye.

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



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### KAELA CHAVEZ

Kaela Chavez is a 14-year-old freshman at Centennial High School who plays guard on the Lady Hawk's basketball team. She is averaging 12 points per game and made five, 3-point shots during the significant win over Hobbs. Chavez is a team player. She is unselfish and always has a positive attitude, is always smiling and supports her teammates in good times or bad. Chavez is an avid sports person, playing both basketball and volleyball during her time off. She is also a dedicated student, with a 3.57 GPA. Outside of sports and school, Chavez likes to spend time with her friends, but most of all enjoys spending time with her family. She hopes to continue playing sports at the next level. Chavez's dream is to go to Duke University and play basketball while studying criminal justice.



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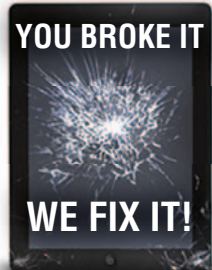
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# In the news

## Bidding for solar power arrays opens

New Mexico Commissioner Aubrey Dunn announced he will open sealed bids April 22 at the State Land Office in Santa Fe for solar power array projects on state trust lands in Doña Ana and Otero counties.

Advertisements for the bids will begin Friday, Feb. 6, and run for 10 weeks, during which time bidders will need to submit applications in order to qualify.

Auctions, originally set by the former administration for these solar projects, were postponed in January to allow Dunn time to ensure beneficiaries of the state land trust were protected in the process.

The two projects include a 50-megawatt solar array located on 640 acres of state trust land in Doña Ana County, some 6.4 miles west of Santa Teresa; and a second array, expected to be the largest on state trust land, generating 150 megawatts of electricity. This development is to be located on 2,770 acres in Otero County.

"Following a full evaluation of the mineral estate that is now complete on the two parcels, I now feel comfortable going to bid with them," Dunn said. "I look forward to working with these companies and seeing these projects be-

come a reality on state trust land for beneficiaries far into the future. Both clean-energy projects promise to boost local economies with hundreds of jobs during the construction phase, and once finished, the projects will supply revenue for our schools, universities, hospitals and other beneficiaries for years to come."

The Otero County solar power array is expected to be three times as large as the state's largest existing solar array at Macho Springs in Luna County, also located on state trust land. Once finished, the project promises to generate enough energy to power more than 54,000 average homes. The Doña Ana County array is expected to power more than 18,000 average homes once completed. Both could potentially provide hundreds of jobs during the construction phase.

To qualify to bid, applications and required deposits must be received no later than 4 p.m. April 17 at the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87504. For more information about the lease process, visit the New Mexico State Land Office website at [www.nmstatelands.org](http://www.nmstatelands.org), or contact the Commercial Resources Division at 505-827-3827 or [cjohnson@sl.o.state.nm.us](mailto:cjohnson@sl.o.state.nm.us).

The State Land Office is responsible for administering 9 million acres of surface and 13 million acres of subsurface estate

for the beneficiaries of the state land trust, which includes schools, universities, hospitals and other important public institutions.

## Police warn of scams

The Las Cruces Police Department has received several reports that a perpetrator is calling local residents claiming to be a representative of the department – and from a telephone number that appears to be LCPD's – and demanded money or credit information in exchange for avoiding arrest.

The collection of any debt is a civil matter and the Las Cruces Police Department, and most law enforcement agencies, have limited roles in civil matters. Police will not make an arrest simply for an outstanding debt and officers will not accept money in exchange for avoiding an arrest.

The Las Cruces Police Department suggests following these simple rules to protect yourself from potential scams:

- Avoid revealing personal or financial information to people you do not know.
- Never provide personal or financial information, or pre-paid card information, to someone who initiated the phone call or contact. Do not simply return a phone call to a phone number they provide, as it is quite possibly a bogus phone number.
- Do not accept an offer to be a go-between in a fi-

nancial situation that requires you to deposit a check into your account, and then return or forward cash from your account.

- Do not send money via Western Union, pre-paid cash cards or any other electronic services unless you are absolutely sure who is receiving the funds.
- Do not purchase a pre-paid cash card to avoid an impending arrest.
- Keep in mind that courts and law enforcement will not solicit money if you have missed jury duty.
- If you receive a call suggesting you will be arrested unless you pay a certain debt, simply hang up and call police at 526-0795.

The Las Cruces Police Department encourages those who have been victimized by a financial scam – especially if they have been harmed or actually lost money to a scam – to contact their local law enforcement agency and file a report as soon as possible.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department also is warning residents of telephone scams that attempt to collect money for bogus warrants.

The scam has been reported to the sheriff's office in the past week. The victims all report the same nature of the call: A person falsely identifies themselves as a member of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, telling the victim that there is an outstanding warrant for their arrest, or for

someone in their family. In order to clear the warrant, the victim is told to deposit money into a PayPal account. In some cases, the caller ID indicates that the call is coming from a law-enforcement agency.

Other scams involve people saying they are IRS agents collecting delinquent taxes.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department does not contact people by phone regarding outstanding warrants. Anyone who has a warrant for their arrest will be told in person by a uniformed deputy.

If anyone is contacted regarding an outstanding warrant or IRA debt over the phone, you are asked to report it in person to the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department main headquarters at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Investigators ask that you collect as much information as you can, such as the phone number of the person calling you, and/or the name of the person making contact.

## City moves on Moongate settlement

The Las Cruces City Council took actions Tuesday, Feb. 3, to begin the process of settling a long-standing dispute between the city's water utility and Moongate Water Co. on the East Mesa.

Marcy Driggers, a city of Las Cruces attorney, said the dispute has resulted in several

lawsuits filed in state courts, and two administrative cases are pending before the Office of the State Engineer and the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

The litigation history goes back 11 years, she said.

As part of the settlement, the City Council agreed to rescind a 2011 decision to attempt to seize Moongate Water Co. infrastructure using eminent domain and re-issue to Moongate Water Co. an expired franchise agreement that allows the provider to run utility lines beneath city streets.

Both steps were needed for the city to progress with an umbrella settlement to resolve the entire dispute, Driggers said.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the city never wanted to own Moongate, but had to use the threat of eminent domain to block the company's expansion of use of the Jornada Basin water supply underneath the East Mesa.

Miyagishima scribed the settlement as a fair solution.

"This is a big step; this is huge," Miyagishima said. "I know it's been contentious, and I know there were some people questioning why we were doing this, but ultimately it was to protect our reserve, backup groundwater source."

As part of the arrangement, Moongate Water Co. has agreed to not support future legislation calling for municipal utilities to be regulated by the PRC.

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# Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe

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State Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Las Cruces, visits with Doña Ana County Assistant County Manager Chuck McMahon at the reception area in the Eldorado Hotel, where most of the Las Cruces stayed.



The grounds around the Roundhouse had to be cleared of a fresh new layer of snow Saturday, Jan. 31, as Las Cruces began arriving for a weekend of network and meeting legislators.



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce board President Russell Allen opens the reception.



Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown got around very well despite being on crutches with a fractured kneecap.

Paula Hansen, Merrie Lee Soules, state Sen. Bill Soules and Jim Hayhoe



Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith figured out a way to talk about politics without getting in trouble.

New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers leads the group in singing the Aggie Fight Song.



State Rep. Terry McMillan, R-Las Cruces, was the guest speaker who introduced Las Cruces on the House floor Monday, Feb. 2.



Freshman state Rep. Bill Gomez attended a brunch Sunday, Feb. 1, to review local legislative priorities.



Roundhouse staff help hang up banners for Doña Ana County and the Bulletin on the second floor of the Roundhouse rotunda.



Eldorado's presidential suite became Super Bowl central for the visiting Las Cruces.



# The Bowling Alley Massacre remains an active case 25 years later

Detectives are continuing to investigate the February 1990 mass-shooting at a Las Cruces bowling alley that claimed four lives that day and left three others critically injured.

Shortly after 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1990, police were dispatched to what was then known as Las Cruces Bowl, at 1201 E. Amador Ave., when 12-year-old Melissa Repass called 911 to report that she and six other people had just been shot execution-style.

Inside the bowling alley, first-arriving officers found three victims already dead: 26-year-old Steven Teran, his 6-year-old daughter Paula Holguin and 13-year-old Amy Hauser. Police found Teran's 2-year-old daughter, Valerie Teran, clinging to life. Valerie

was rushed to a local hospital but died a short time after arrival.

Wounded during the shooting were Repass, her mother Stephanie Senac, 34, and 33-year-old Ida Holguin (no relation to Paula). They were transported to area hospitals and survived the shooting.

The two men responsible for the mass shooting have never been positively identified.

Teran was employed at the bowling alley and, at around 8 a.m. that day, arrived for work along with his two young daughters who were scheduled to stay at the daycare facility located inside the bowling alley. The teenage girls, Repass and Hauser, were scheduled to supervise children in the daycare that day while

Senac worked at the bowling alley, which was owned by her father. Ida Holguin was employed there as a cook.

Detectives believe that when Teran walked into the building, he was immediately confronted by one of the suspects, who took him and his daughters to the bowling alley's office, where the other four victims were being held.

After the bowling alley's safe was opened and an estimated \$5,000 in cash was removed, the two suspects shot all seven victims and intentionally set fire to the office in what was believed to be an attempt to destroy evidence. After the suspects fled the scene, a critically injured Repass had the courage and presence of mind to call 911, and give first responders the initial details of what just occurred.

Within about a minute, Las Cruces police officers arrived and found all seven victims in the bowling alley's office. The investigation began immediately and has been ongoing ever since.

"The Las Cruces Police Department is continuing its investigation into this case and aggressively follows new leads as they come in," said Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya. "Anyone who has information relevant to this case – no matter how insignificant that information may appear to be – is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or the Criminal Investigative Section at 528-4222.

"It remains our intention to solve this case for the sake of the victims, their families and friends, and all the residents of Las Cruces who continue to mourn the senseless tragedy that shook our city on that cold February morning a quarter century ago."

In the 911 call for help, Repass initially described the two suspects as possibly being black though further interviews led investigators to believe they are Hispanic with dark complexions. Both suspects were said to speak clear English.

In 1990, the older suspect was said to be in his late 30s or early 40s, 5-feet-5-inches tall with a medium build and weighing between 160 and 180 pounds. The younger suspect was believed to be in his late 20s, between 5-feet-6 and 5-feet-8-inches tall, with a medium build and weighing around 190 pounds.

Today, the older suspect would be in his late 50s or early 60s. The younger suspect would be in his late 40s or in his early 50s. Composite sketches of the men were drawn in 1990 and again in 2005 to depict how they may have aged.



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LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTOS

The offices where the victims were shot at the Bowling Alley crime scene on Feb. 10, 1990.



Police sketches of the suspects then and as they may look if they are still alive today.

# NMSU scientists help mosquito DNA mapping effort

New Mexico State University professor Immo Hansen and graduate student David Price are among 120 scientists from around the world who co-authored a paper about mosquito DNA that may help solve the mystery of why only some mosquito species evolved to transmit deadly diseases to humans.

Their research is featured on the cover of the Jan. 2 edition of the journal "Science."

Hansen, an associate professor of biology in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Price, an NMSU graduate student in the molecular biology program, were part of an international collaboration to sequence the DNA of 16 species of mosquitoes in the genus

Anopheles, known to transmit human malaria. The specimens came from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, spanning 100 million years of evolution.

"The most dangerous animals in the world are the females of the mosquito genus Anopheles," Price said. "What makes them so dangerous is that they are the vector for human malaria. Even following a 17-year, multi-billion dollar series of programs by the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, an estimated 600,000 people die each year while many more become seriously ill from malaria."

"By comparing how genes and the genome are different between the 16 species, researchers around the world can

now further explore the genetics of what makes some Anopheles mosquito susceptible to malaria parasites."

Until recently, the lack of data limited scientists' ability to compare human malaria transmitting mosquito species and identify the genes determining the species' capacity to transmit the disease.

The role of the researchers from NMSU in

this paper was to compare an important class of genes across the 16 newly sequenced mosquito genomes with the existing Anopheles gambiae genome.

"Specifically, we examined genes which encode water channels called aquaporins," said Price. "Aquaporin function is extremely important for mosquito survival. As larvae they are aquatic,

while the adults must conserve water in order not to dehydrate, and when a female takes blood, she has to excrete large amounts of water through these aquaporins.

"We found all Anopheles species have the same number of aquaporin genes. Changes within the genes themselves have been conservative changes

which preserve function." Hansen said the results indicate that despite the worldwide distribution and different habitats of these different species, the water transport machinery is very similar.

"These findings could help to develop novel mosquito control methods targeting these water transport proteins," Hansen said.

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All participants will meet at Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell St., and every fourth week will do a "Field Trip Walk" at another location (optional).

Registration begins Monday, Feb. 2, at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center. The program is held from 8 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, from March 2 through May 29. The fee is \$36 per walker, and includes tracking of progress for the 12 weeks of the program.

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

## BINGO

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

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

For more information, call 526-9139.

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

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

For more information, call 528-3000.

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

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The first class is a beginner class and is free.

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*March 2, 1927 to January 31, 2015*

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved father and grandfather, FELIX RODRIGUEZ CHAVEZ, age 87, of San Miguel on Saturday, January 31, 2015. Felix was born March 2, 1927 in Asencion, Chihuahua, Mexico to Antonio R. and Jesus Rodriguez Chavez. Our beloved father, a mechanic and welder, will be deeply missed; his joy for laughs and jokes will be

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## FRANCISCO "PANCHO" RIOS ONTIVEROS

*January 9, 1929 to February 1, 2015*

On Sunday, February 1, 2015, FRANCISCO "PANCHO" RIOS ONTIVEROS, 87, of San Miguel left his dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with his heavenly Father. He was born January 9, 1928 in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico to Julio and Victoria Rios Ontiveros. "Pancho" as he was fondly known to his family and friends retired from the con-

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## CARLOS T. VALEZ

*October 30, 1917 to January 29, 2015*

CARLOS T. VALDEZ, age 97, lifelong resident of Garfield entered eternal life Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Sierra Health Care Center in T or C surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 30, 1917 to Escolastico and Rafaelita Telles Valdez. Mr. Valdez was a very well-known farmer in the Hatch Valley and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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## ALFRED D. GONZALEZ

*June 12, 1965 to January 30, 2015*

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend, ALFRED D. GONZALEZ, 49, of Albuquerque and formerly of San Miguel on Friday, January 30, 2015 in Albuquerque. He was born June 12, 1965 in Canutillo, Texas to Francisco and Maria de Jesus Delgado Gonzalez. Alfred was a graduate of Gadsden High School where he participated in cross country, basketball and baseball. He con-

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## DEATH NOTICE

### LOPEZ

LILLIAN R. LOPEZ, age 91, passed away Monday, February 2, 2015 at New Mexico Veterans Home in T or C. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222.

## DEATH NOTICE

### BRISENO

ALBERTO G. BRISENO, age 72, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, February 1, 2015 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222.

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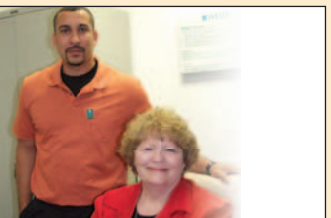
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An art-tastic weekend of exhibits, art events and performances takes place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 6-8, to create a connection between the NMSU University Art Gallery, Las Cruces Museum of Art and the various art galleries and organizations within the community.



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## Connecting the arts in Las Cruces

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

How does one bring together the Las Cruces community with the New Mexico State University community?

It's a question with no easy answer, but in recent years, strides have been made to improve the situation, beginning with the construction of the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts – especially its placement and design, set at the corner of University Avenue, its façade facing town, breaking with the university's inward-facing layout.

That's just one piece of the puzzle, though, and Marisa Sage, new director of the NMSU University Art Gallery, thinks she may have another.

Before arriving in the Mesilla Valley, Sage was a gallery owner and gallery association member in Williamsburg, New York, where among her numerous projects, she helped to create Williamsburg Every Second Friday, an art walk designed to “get people across the bridge.”

It may be difficult to believe today, but at the time, Sage said, New Yorkers didn't

often trek across the bridge to Williamsburg to see art.

“The water was the break,” she said.

Within two years of trial and error, experimenting with different strategies – marketing, maps, transportation and more – Williamsburg Every Second Friday took hold, drawing upwards of 10,000 people to the monthly event.

Now, Sage is bringing the lessons learned in one of the country's best art markets to Las Cruces, bridging the gap between community and campus with Las Cruces Connects, “a celebratory weekend of art exhibits, art-based events and performances.”

The idea is simple: To foster a connection between the University Art Gallery, the Las Cruces Museum of Art and other city museums and the numerous galleries, studios and arts organizations throughout Las Cruces, building toward a cohesive artistic community.

Sage's timing couldn't be better; just one week into February, For the Love of Art Month is in full swing, and kicking off the weekend is the monthly First Friday Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6.

That evening, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery, buses will run alternating every half hour to the Las Cruces Museum of Art, taking patrons between two exhibits: “Las Cruces Creates” and “Las Cruces Collects.”

At the Las Cruces Museum of Art, “Las Cruces Collects” features work from the collections of Billy and Cynthia Garrett, Lynn Wiley and John Purcell and the permanent collection of the New Mexico State University Art Gallery.

Across town, the University Art Gallery presents “Las Cruces Creates,” a group exhibition featuring work from 21 different artists currently creating work in Las Cruces – Chris Bardey, Nancy Begin, Karen Bucher, Sharbani Das Gupta, Greg Decker, Carlos Estrada-Vega, John Garrett, Stephen Hansen, Amanda Jaffe, Suzanne Kane, Robin Labe, Rosemary McLoughlin, Brack Morrow, Louis Ocepek, Mary Robertson, Joshua Rose, Jesse Reinhard, Jacklyn St. Aubyn, Isadora Stowe, Jean Reece Wilkey and Mary Wolf.

The next day – Saturday, Feb. 7 – Las Cruces Connects reaches even farther, with complimentary shuttle service from noon to 4 p.m. visiting five art locations – the West End, Mesilla, Downtown, Mesquite and University districts – including 21 participating galleries, each featuring unique new exhibitions in celebration of February's For the Love of Art Month.

Within the Downtown district, participating galleries are the Las Cruces Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center and the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, Big Picture Digital

Image Experts & Gallery, Cottonwood Gallery and El Paso Electric Gallery, along with the Las Cruces Arts Association exhibit on display at Main Street Bistro, Las Cruces Arts Association and Mas Art.

West End Art Depot, the Las Cruces Railroad Museum and Linda Lundeen Gallery all fall within the route's second stop, at the West End district, followed by Tres Manos Weaving, Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery and Rokoko Gallery in the Mesilla district.

The tour's fourth leg, to the University district, includes Cutter Gallery, Art Obscura Gallery, Tombaugh Gallery and, of course, the University Art Gallery, before moving on to the fifth and final stretch, the Mesquite District, which includes Cactus Flower Gallery and Consignment Shop and Mesquite Art Gallery, then returning to the Downtown district for the next group of art lovers.

Stops are as follows:

- Las Cruces Museum of Art (491 N. Main St.): Noon, 1:10 p.m., 2:20 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- West End Art Depot (401 N. Mesilla St.): 12:15 p.m., 1:25 p.m., 2:35 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.
- Tres Manos Weaving Studio (1910 Calle de Parian): 12:30 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 2:50 p.m. and 4 p.m. (last stop of the day)
- The Cutter Gallery (2640 El Paseo Road): 12:40 p.m., 1:55 p.m. and 3:05 p.m.
- Cactus Flower Gallery (517 N. Mesquite St.): 12:55 p.m., 2:10 p.m. and 3:20 p.m.

For more information on Las Cruces Connects, visit [www.lascrucesconnects.com](http://www.lascrucesconnects.com). For more information on individual exhibits and openings, see page B11.

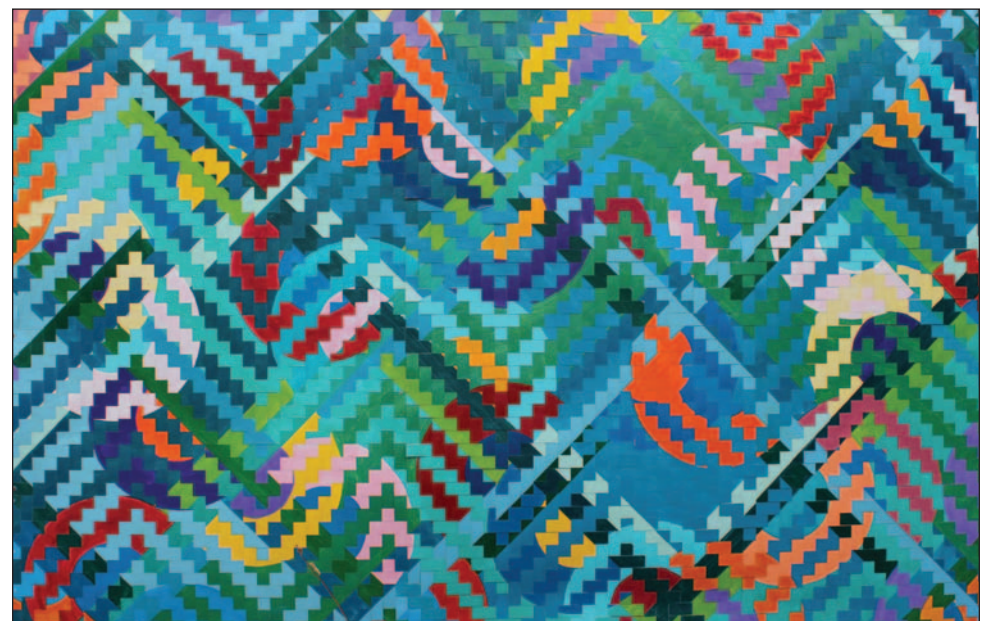
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John Garrett's “Jazz Garden,” currently on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art during “Las Cruces Collects,” a stop on this weekend's Las Cruces Connects tour. From noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Las Cruces Connects will offer complimentary shuttle service between 20 different galleries in five different arts districts.

# Harvey's 'Marriage' impossible to miss

Review by **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Opening night of "Impossible Marriage" was uncharacteristically wet and chilly outside the Black Box Theatre, but the stage was vivid with a southern spring.

A stunning mural of a lush garden patched with a winding bed of bright tulips, painted by Dia Taylor, dominates the wall, and an arbor tangled with roses anchors our thoughts immediately to matrimony.

Visually, the play is potently cohesive – the bright colors of the mural and the set are echoed in the costumes of the Georgia southerners.

Autumn Gieb did an excellent job representing the southern sartorial preferences and contrasting them with the heavy tweeds and somber browns for the unspecifically urban Edvard and Sydney Lundt.

The 1998 play by Beth Harvey maypoles around the central event of a wedding between young, whimsical Pandora Kingsley and older, venerated writer Edvard Lundt. More than the age disparity, he has a reputation as a drunkard, a philanderer and, most shockingly, has been known to wear a ponytail. "His character's not important," Pandora said. "He's an artist."

Besides, Pandora explains, she has to marry him – after all, he left his wife of 23 years and their children to marry her.

Edvard's wife did not take this well, and has sent her son – clinical, distant Sydney – to deliver an ominous note to Edvard threatening suicide if he follows through with the marriage. Sidney, in turn, threatens that he and all his siblings will follow his mother in death.

Edvard's former wife and children are not the only ones upset by the match. Pandora's mother, the widowed Kandall Kingsley, hides her disapproval behind the indomitable structure of hospitality, but it reveals itself through unshuttered windows.

Pandora's sister, Floral Whitman, is violently vocal in her objections. She has her own reasons to be cynical about marriage, however – despite her pregnancy and attentive husband Jonsey, she portrays obvious tensions, made more poignant and strained by her repeated denial of any problems.

Even the Reverend is burdened – by secrets, the necessity of being good and the inconsistency he feels between how he is perceived and how he feels himself to be.

Pandora's wedding opens the box of secrets, and while pestilence sweeps forth, so does hope.

For me, the production shone in darkness. Nighttime in the garden was full of revealing tete-a-tetes interrupted just past the moment of uncomfortable truth.

The nighttime, the heat, the flowers and the secrets all reference Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night Dream*. The capricious characters have a glister of fey about them, and so when Kendall references toadstools as the homes of fairies, it feels like something of which she has personal knowledge.

In director Nikka Ziemer's hands the play unfurls like a night-blooming flower, fragrant and revelatory in starlight and fairy dust.

McKensi Karnes has a truly beautiful voice. I could listen to her read her grocery lists. As Floral Whitman, her southern accent was melodious and her frustration palpable. She embodies the struggle between the primitive and the civilized, capping it with deadpan delivery and great comedic timing.

As the scandal obsessed matriarch Kandall Kingsley, Kathi-Jane Alvarado is dignified and elegant. Where her character could have been



Sam Damon and McKensi Karnes star as Edvard Lundt and Floral Whitman in the No Strings Theatre Company production of "Impossible Marriage," now playing at the Black Box Theatre through Sunday, Feb. 15.

strident, Alvarado makes her sympathetic and compelling.

As Sydney Lundt, C.S. Rede, succeeds in playing the most discordant note among the characters. Sidney has no stock in the artifice under which the others conduct their lives, and conveys both discomfort and disappointment in the people and proceedings.

Jonsey Whitman, played by Nathaniel Harper, nails southern good-ol-boy cadence and delivery – charming, friendly and as full of promise and disappointment as a summer puddle.

Abigail Bennett, as Pandora Kingsley, flips back and forth between the emotional extremes demanded of her character, pausing briefly midway in moments of unexpected frankness to let us know that her caricature is deliberate and all that she feels afforded to her childlike charms.

Shaun Hadfield, recently the director of the Black Box Theatre's "Moonlight in Magnolias," plays Reverend Jonathan Larence, man of secrets and desires but, in Hadfield's earnest portrayal, never leaving us questioning his basic good nature.

Meanwhile, Sam Damon is appropriately effusive and grandiose as artist Edvard Lundt, and the complicated and formal language of the play sits comfortably in his mouth.

The production is dedicated to Dale Pawley, a beloved staple of the theatre community – an actor, director, and supporter – who had been slated to direct this play before passing away unexpectedly a few months ago.

"Impossible Marriage" runs through Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12. Tickets are \$12 regular admission, \$10 for students and seniors; all seats on Thursday are \$8. For more information or to make reservations, call the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRI FEBRUARY 6** **10:30 A.M.**  
Rhythm Roundup Music and Dance for ages 2-5  
Branigan Library

**FRI FEBRUARY 6** **3:00 P.M.**  
Fantastic Friday Story/Craft Program for ages 7-11  
Branigan Library

**FRI FEBRUARY 6** **5:00 P.M.**  
1st Friday Artist Reception  
Rio Grande Theatre

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

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

**TUE FEBRUARY 10** **4:00 P.M.**  
Teen Game Night  
Branigan Library

**TUE FEBRUARY 10** **5:30 P.M.**  
Beginning Crocheting Class  
Branigan Library

**WED+THU FEBRUARY 11+12** **10:00 A.M.**  
Toddler Time stories for ages 1-3  
Branigan Library

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

**WED FEBRUARY 11** **2:00 P.M.**  
D.A. County Genealogical Society Meeting  
Branigan Library

**THU FEBRUARY 12** **5:30 P.M.**  
Beginning Knitting Class  
Branigan Library

**SAT FEBRUARY 14** **7:30 P.M.**  
Josh Grider  
Rio Grande Theatre

## ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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## New on DVD Tuesday, Feb. 10

### Addicted

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Boris Kodjoe, Sharon Leal  
Director: Billie Woodruff

### Force Majeure

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama, comedy  
Starring: Brady Corbet, Jakob Granqvist  
Director: Ruben Ostlund

### Nightcrawler

Rated: R  
Genre: Crime, drama  
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Bill Paxton  
Director: Dan Gilroy

### Predestination

Rated: R  
Genre: Science Fiction  
Starring: Ethan Hawke, Noah Taylor  
Directors: Michael and Peter Spierig

## Top-grossing Jan. 30-Feb. 1

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| <b>1</b> American Sniper (Week No. 6)<br>\$30,660,528  | <b>6</b> The Wedding Ringer (Week No. 3)<br>\$5,690,243  |
| <b>2</b> Project Almanac (Week No. 1)<br>\$8,310,252   | <b>7</b> The Imitation Game (Week No. 10)<br>\$5,010,913 |
| <b>3</b> Paddington (Week No. 3)<br>\$8,267,864        | <b>8</b> Taken 3 (Week No. 4)<br>\$3,745,914             |
| <b>4</b> Black or White (Week No. 1)<br>\$6,213,362    | <b>9</b> Strange Magic (Week No. 2)<br>\$3,361,664       |
| <b>5</b> The Boy Next Door (Week No. 2)<br>\$6,081,045 | <b>10</b> The Loft (Week No. 1)<br>\$2,747,342           |

# Picking the Flicks



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

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

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



### American Sniper

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



### Into the Woods

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



### Paddington

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



### The Wedding Ringer

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



### Project Almanac

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



### The Boy Next Door

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



### Taken 3

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



### Black or White

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



### Strange Magic

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



### The Loft

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



### Seventh Son

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Thomas Ward, a seventh son of a seventh son, adventures and apprentices under the Spook, facing off against Mother Malkin.  
Starring: Ben Barnes, Julianne Moore  
Director: Sergei Bodrov  
**OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 6**



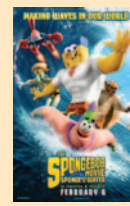
### Jupiter Ascending

Rated: PG-13  
Plot Overview: Jupiter Jones, a janitor, learns of her out-of-this world destiny from an interplanetary warrior, Caine Wise.  
Starring: Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum  
Directors: Andy and Lana Wachowski  
**OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 6**



### The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

Rated: PG  
Plot Overview: SpongeBob enters the real world on an adventure to rescue a stolen recipe from a pirate.  
Director: Paul Tibbitt  
**OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 6**



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# AtTheMovies

## Vacant 'Loft'

Review by **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 2008, director Erik Van Looy and screenwriter Bart De Pauw teamed for the Belgian thriller "Loft," which quickly became the most successful Flemish film of all time. In it, five close friends begin to suspect one another of murder when the body of a young woman turns up in a secret loft they share for their girlfriends and mistresses.

In 2010, De Pauw teamed with Dutch director Antoinette Beumer for the Dutch thriller "Loft." In it, five close friends begin to suspect one another of murder when the body of a young woman turns up in a secret loft they share for their girlfriends and mistresses.

In 2011, Van Looy and De Pauw collaborated once again, this time on "The Loft." In it, five close friends begin to suspect one another of murder when the body of a young woman turns up in a secret loft they share for their girlfriends and mistresses.

Now, after three years sitting unwanted on a studio shelf, "The Loft" has finally arrived along with all the fanfare due a late-January erotic thriller. Make no

mistake: This film is so bad, it borders on "so-bad-it's-good" pulp fare – a pubescent Joe Esterhaus channeling Agatha Christie – but takes itself so seriously, it never quite makes it.

To call this film's script "derivative" or "uninspired" should be futile – it is, after all, a remake of a remake of a sub-par film that could most forgivably be described as "Billy Wilder's 'The Apartment,' but with a dead lady" – but somehow, "The Loft" still comes across as half-cooked, despite being thrice-baked.

To call the acting in "The Loft" flat would be an insult to the second dimension, and what "acting" is on display is wasted on irredeemably bland characters.

The five men – suave ringleader Vincent (Karl Urban), misogynist "pudgy clown" Marty (Eric Stonestreet), reluctant participant Chris (James Marsden), quiet-guy-turned-fey-voyeur Luke (Wentworth Miller) and coked-up psychopath Philip (Matthias Schoenaerts, reprising his role) – are so utterly unlikeable, it's difficult from the start to not wish for all of them to fall, making this film less of a whodunit and more of a

who-cares-who-done-it?

Sure, the men are all lecherous, predatory creeps in their own right, but what about the women?

In Van Looy's insipid little picture, the ladies are just as bad. The wives are all shrews and ice-queens, pushing their men into the arms of other women; those other women are little more than pin-ups trained in the art of softcore porn dialogue. "The Loft" plays out like "12 Little Indians" for the men's rights crowd, never stopping to pick up the pieces of its painfully fractured narrative. It may pull a few laughs for devotees of trash cinema, but for the rest of us, "The Loft" should remain vacant.

### THE LOFT

Rated: R

Running time: 104 minutes

Starring: James Marsden, Karl Urban, Rachael Taylor

Director: Erik van Looy



## February brings art and an evening at the museum

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

The Las Cruces museums are always lovely places for family and children, but February brings a special nighttime event just for adults at the Museum of Nature & Science.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums and High Desert Brewing Company are sponsoring "The Birds, the Bees and the Brews" event from 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27. During this special event, guests can enjoy child-free, brain-building science fun at the museum featuring live demos, fascinating presentations and a chance to explore the museum after dark.

Guests can indulge in tasty snacks, sweets and local beers available at a cash bar provided by the High Desert Brewery. The event is free, but guests must be 21 or older with ID to enter.

For all ages, Las Cruces museums are celebrating February's For the Love of Art Month with new exhibits and special activities. To welcome the exhibits, opening receptions will be held during the Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at all four city museums – Las Cruces Railroad Museum, Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center and the Museum of Nature & Science.

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum welcomes a watercolor exhibit, "Wheels & Wings: Tracing Our Heritage." Artists with the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter share their interpretations of how different types of transportation have influenced New Mexico. Thirteen artists from southern New Mexico have created 16 watercolor paintings that will be on display through March, and

all pieces will be available for purchase.

At the Museum of Art in February is "Las Cruces Collects," featuring works in various mediums from the collections of Billy and Cynthia Garrett, Lynn Wiley and John Purcell and the New Mexico State University Art Gallery. "Las Cruces Collects" will be on display through March 29.

Opening at the Branigan Cultural Center is the "Mesilla Valley Scenes" by Artamants. Loosely translated from Latin, "Artamants" means "lovers of art." Local "Artamants" have been gathering weekly for more than a decade to paint, share techniques and camaraderie. The local Las Colcheras Quilt Guild will present their annual quilting exhibit, "Number, please..." Through March 14, the quilters will provide special tours, workshops and demonstrations on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

On Valentine's Day, don't miss the perfect afternoon date: a free Ukulele concert at Branigan Cultural Center. On Saturday, Feb. 14, the Las Cruces Ukes will give a free concert from 1 to 2 pm.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums will be holding its February meeting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Museum of Nature & Science. The meeting is a perfect time for current or new foundation members to learn more about the foundation's work with the city museums, and ways in which members can support the mission. For more information on joining the FLCM, as well as events at all museums, visit [www.foundationlcm.com](http://www.foundationlcm.com) or [www.facebook.com/foundationlcmuseums](http://www.facebook.com/foundationlcmuseums).

The FLCM is a nonprofit organization of individuals who choose to support the museums with financial and volunteer contributions. Membership fees start at \$25 for students, \$40 for individuals and

\$60 for families. Members receive a free subscription to "Smithsonian" or "Air and Space" magazines, and support local exhibits, education and outreach.

The Branigan Cultural Center, Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature & Science are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and are all located on the north end of Main Street Downtown. The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Admission at all city museums is always free.

For more information, visit [www.las-cruces.org/museums](http://www.las-cruces.org/museums).

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# Oscar-nominated short films long on entertainment

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

Awards. "Gotta have it," my Uncle George used to say in a different context.

'Tis the season and the Oscars are on the horizon, the Golden Globes are over and forgotten and my favorite, the Independent Spirit awards, are still a ways off.

This year's short film nominations are a pretty good bunch, and the folks from the Mesilla Valley Film Society will treat you to the narrative and animated shorts, sadly skipping over the documentaries once again.

We'll start with animation:

A Disney offering, "Feast" is dialogue free, as these types of films often are, and is sweet, as a Disney film is oft expected to be. Winston the dog lives with his bachelor master and enjoys varieties of bachelor food from fat burgers to bowls of popcorn, until his master meets a lass who changes his dietary habits, at least for a while. What is Winston to do?

"The Bigger Picture" is from the UK, and a handsomely done dark comedy about two brothers at odds about putting their aging mother in a home. Do note that the dialogue in this piece is quite mumbly.

"A Single Life" is a very short short and very innovative work from the Netherlands. In less than three minutes, with the help of a stuck 45 RPM record, a woman goes through her entire life from little girl to vase. Keep an eye on the pizza.

Possibly the least interesting of the bunch is "Me and My Moulton," which shows the differences in reality between kids and parents when a girl who dreams of a bicycle gets something quite different. The director is Norwegian, the film from Canada.

Also from the U.K. is "The Dam Keeper." This 18-minute gem, done with 8,000 drawings, is the tale of young pig that finally makes a new friend, but

makes an error in judgment after seeing a drawing that Fox has done. The film is set in a somewhat dreary future, where Pig and Fox's town depends on a large windmill-powered dam to keep out clouds of poisonous air. Dialogue free, the film is a small treasure.

There are several other not nominated animated pieces that might air as part of the program at the Fountain. Those films are:

"Sweet Cocoon" – From France, this plays a bit like an old Warner Bros. piece. A caterpillar who is ready to undergo her metamorphosis finds she is too fat to fit in her cocoon, but two helpers appear to fix her plight.

"Footprints" – In a disappointing piece from master of animation Bill Plympton, an Elmer Fudd-like character follows a set of mysterious footprints only to find an interesting creature at the end of the trail.

"Duet" – Dialogue free, this piece should be a competitor and should win the Academy Award. It is a beautiful drawn piece about Mia and Tosh and how their lives interweave via an inspired and inspiring duet.

"Bus Story" is from Canada and again should have been in competition, not an also-ran. A young woman, who has always wanted to be a school bus driver, thinking it would be a quiet, friendly cruise to help kids and meet their parents, finds out that her fantasy is nothing like reality.

The animated program is about 80 minutes long.

On the live-action side:

"Butter Lamp" takes place in Tibet, where a young photographer and his assistant attempt to

photograph nomad families. Each family is set in front of a background picture that they will probably never see, thus creating a unique link between the people and the outer world.

A good idea that is too long and too slow, AYA is an Israeli film that offers up a story of what happens when a woman who is waiting for a friend at the airport actually pretends to be the driver for an intriguing stranger from Denmark.

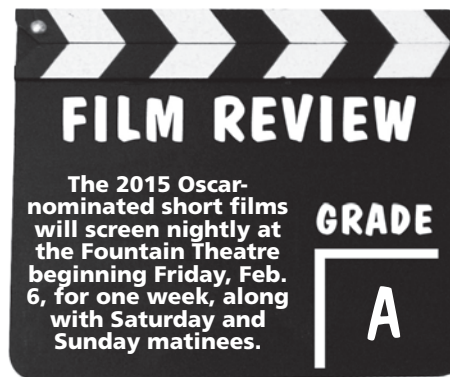
The best of the bunch is the serio-comedy "Boogaloo and Graham." In 1978 Belfast, two young boys receive baby chicks from their father as presents and they have to work hard to keep

them off the dinner table when things change for their family.

"Parvaneh" is the story of a young Afghani woman who is living at a refugee camp in Switzerland. Unable to produce the proper ID to send money home, she has a chance encounter with a homeless young Swiss woman that changes her life.

Two name actors star in "The Phone Call," a dark and sad short from the U.K. Sally Hawkins and Jim Broadbent play a crisis center phone operator and suicidal man, respectively, who end up helping each other in an odd way.

Not a bad selection all in all and certainly not as heavy as the last several years have been. This year's nominees are mostly deserving of the nod and hopefully the nationwide screenings will keep them from disappearing into oblivion.



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

## Sudoku

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

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

### BEGINNER

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

### CHALLENGER

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

### EXPERT

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

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

# BrainGames



## Word Salsa

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

### A DAY FOR SWEETHEARTS

#### ENGLISH

- AFFECTION
- BELOVED
- COUPLE
- DEAR
- EMOTION
- FEELING
- HEART
- I LOVE YOU
- KISS
- LOVE
- TO HUG
- TO KISS

#### SPANISH

- APECTO
- AMADO
- PAREJA
- QUERIDO
- EMOCIÓN
- SENTIMIENTO
- CORAZÓN
- TE AMO
- BESO
- AMOR
- ABRAZAR
- BESAR

N Ó Z A R B Q U E G U C L O R  
 Ó P A J E R A P U Ó N O V O A  
 I A J S J A U H B S V R M C R  
 C R O Z A R O R A E D A I O D  
 S S I K O T Y O Y U I Z Ó U E  
 Ó H E A D I E M O C I Ó N S V  
 N E T N A T V O L I Y N Ó E O  
 O A R O M R O A M E N Q Z Q L  
 I D C I A A L Q C B S U A T P  
 T E O T N E I M I T N E S I U  
 C V U O K H O I T O M R Z L O  
 E O P M Ó O T C E F A I A O C  
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## Crossword Puzzles

### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

#### ACROSS

- 1 Cleaner
- 4 Jessica's sis
- 7 King or mode?
- 8 Thai people
- 9 Kid
- 10 Don't tase me, \_\_\_
- 11 Exclamation of impatience
- 13 Also called
- 15 Good, in hip-hop
- 16 Van Gogh flower
- 20 Carp
- 21 "Matthew and \_\_\_" Cat Stevens song
- 22 Wall poster favorites
- 25 Crowd
- 29 Argument
- 30 Office reorganizations
- 32 Sombbrero
- 33 Monopolize
- 34 Vote marketer, briefly
- 35 Pyramid king
- 36 Gothic or Medieval
- 37 Improvise
- 38 Founder of Dada
- 39 Military corps
- 40 Shade
- 41 Foxy
- 42 Practice
- 43 "\_\_\_ Hard," Bruce Willis film
- 44 Tooth support
- 45 Power \_\_\_
- 46 Approval
- 47 Qualified
- 48 Except
- 49 70's rock group
- 50 Egg layer
- 51 Last in a series of varying amounts
- 54 Tease
- 55 Toe woe
- 56 Tipping target
- 57 Exist
- 58 Lofly point
- 59 "\_\_\_ Man Flint"
- 60 Got you!
- 61 Offer
- 62 1951 Baseball hall-of-famer
- 63 Car storage area
- 66 Beverly Hills officer?
- 67 Orange/yellow color
- 70 Ponders: \_\_\_ on
- 71 Sam Seaborn's actor, Lowe
- 72 Request
- 74 Exhilaration
- 75 Belle at the ball
- 76 Snake pet
- 77 Necessary duty
- 79 Play on words
- 81 Negative prefix

#### DOWN

- 1 Climbing palm
- 2 Audibly
- 3 Channels
- 4 Priest-wear
- 5 Thermoplastic resin
- 6 Pipe
- 12 AKA rap
- 14 Back then
- 15 Hair ribbon
- 17 Saudi Arabian coin
- 18 Mont Blanc fluid
- 19 "Boston Legal" action
- 21 Soaked
- 23 Rotten
- 24 Sea foam
- 26 Cold by-product
- 27 Challenge
- 28 Airport abbr.
- 29 Disquiet
- 30 Agile
- 31 Hovel
- 33 Timely units, briefly
- 38 Swiss mountain
- 39 Make look good
- 40 Temporary beach residence?
- 42 Butter dab
- 44 Card game
- 45 Key point
- 46 Taper
- 47 "A \_\_\_ Good Men" (movie)
- 48 Inception
- 49 "\_\_\_ I lie to you?" (Eurythmics)
- 50 Deceptive act
- 51 Indian VIP
- 52 Misstep
- 53 \_\_\_ rather do it himself
- 54 Military training org.
- 55 Piece of the machine
- 56 Voted in, for example
- 58 In addition
- 60 Qualified
- 64 What the kids won't eat (abbr.)
- 65 Pipe bend
- 66 Horse
- 68 Tidal motion
- 69 Recommence
- 71 Salty water body
- 73 Measure
- 75 Make free of frost
- 78 Correct a text
- 80 At this point

### BROKEN HEARTS

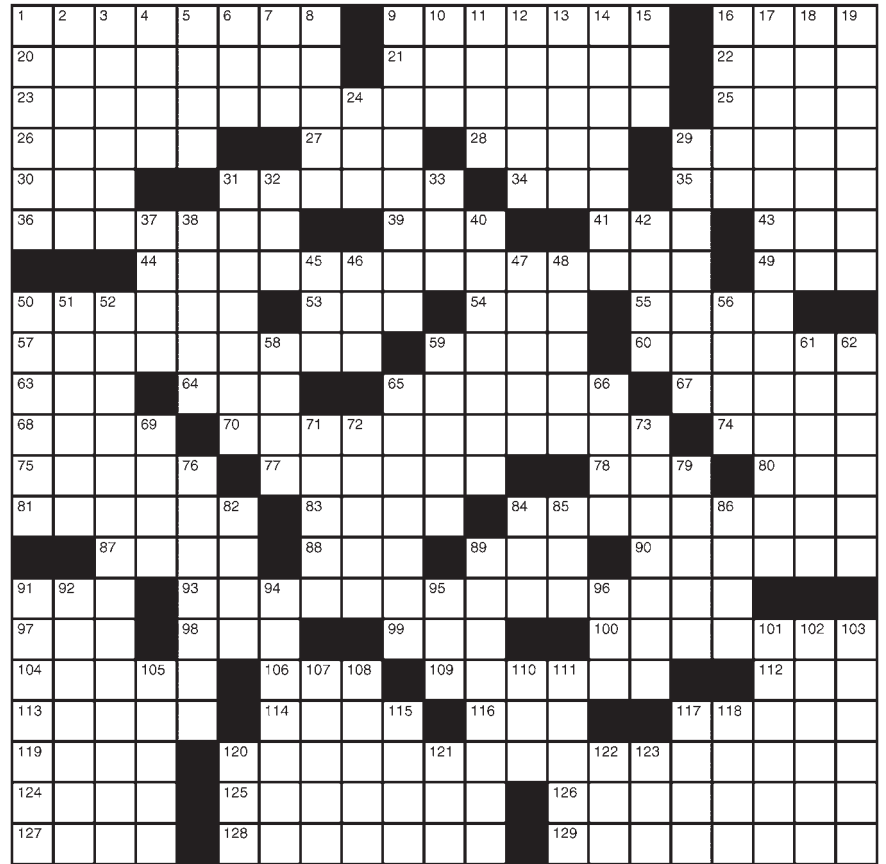
#### ACROSS

- 1 Candle wax
- 9 Green clusters
- 16 Scottish hillside
- 20 Australian city
- 21 Formula math
- 22 Enunciation problem
- 23 "Arrangement in Black and Gray No. 1; \_\_\_"
- 25 Eight: pref.
- 26 Sun: pref.
- 27 Create lace
- 28 Sign gas
- 29 "Over There" composer
- 30 Product to mine
- 31 Prescribing medicine
- 34 Mrs. in Madrid
- 35 Variety of corundum
- 36 Silk-fiber binder
- 39 Mil. address
- 41 Marino or Fouts
- 43 \$ dispenser
- 44 Some sculptures
- 49 Doc in training
- 50 German toast
- 53 Litigate
- 54 Russian chess master
- 55 Once, once
- 57 Stable staffers
- 59 Indonesian island
- 60 For example
- 63 Yes vote
- 64 S. American tuber
- 65 Southwest desert
- 67 Taiwan Strait islands
- 68 Word after Scotland
- 70 Be induced
- 74 Deck off.
- 75 For a specific purpose
- 77 Backs of boats
- 78 Memory unit
- 80 Beat follower?
- 81 See-through curtains
- 83 Art colony in New Mexico
- 84 Salt-scented air
- 87 Beginning on
- 88 Yuck!
- 89 Explode
- 90 China's Sun \_\_\_
- 91 90 degrees from vert.
- 93 Certain Native American item of value
- 97 Make a choice

- 98 49-ers' 6-pointers
- 99 "\_\_\_ Gracias"
- 100 Star in Scorpio
- 104 Iranian religion
- 106 Die dot
- 109 Fragrances
- 112 Electric meas.
- 113 1964 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- 114 Mental spark
- 116 Actress Arden
- 117 Glossed term
- 119 Cows
- 120 Antique Gallic hearing aid
- 124 M.I.T. grad
- 125 Responded to a stimulus
- 126 Reduce by ten percent
- 127 Scottish loch
- 128 City on the Loire
- 129 Desalination byproduct

#### DOWN

- 1 Pitifulness
- 2 Stick
- 3 One who staggers
- 4 Jai follower?
- 5 Gambler's card game
- 6 Tailor's concern
- 7 Brutal Amin
- 8 Brooding places
- 9 Patronymic
- 10 Shade tree
- 11 Greek contest
- 12 Gala celebrations
- 13 Really hate
- 14 Caribbean island
- 15 Jug handle
- 16 Blossom
- 17 Warm browns
- 18 Fertility goddess
- 19 Names turned into words
- 24 Mai \_\_\_ cocktail
- 29 Vitamin brand
- 31 Painting in two panels
- 32 Sailors' grp.
- 33 Coll. student's rating



- 37 \_\_\_ dixit
- 38 Capital on the Nile
- 40 Numbers at the pump
- 42 Greek god of war
- 45 Linguistic suffix
- 46 Take flight
- 47 Widespread confusion
- 48 Satellite of Jupiter
- 50 Spanish beaches
- 51 Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 52 Succeed at eavesdropping
- 56 Wound cover
- 58 West and Murray
- 59 Glenn and Lennon
- 61 Court session
- 62 Submerged
- 65 Set the rowing pace
- 66 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
- 69 Bunny moms
- 71 Top room
- 72 Stretch
- 73 Tripoli populace
- 76 Land of Zagreb
- 79 Flier
- 82 Letters for Nob Hill cops
- 84 Bar fly
- 85 Center starter?
- 86 Kett of the comics
- 89 Continues after a pause
- 91 Sinatra's birthplace
- 92 Like a translucent gemstone
- 94 Hopeful one
- 95 DDE's rival
- 96 Excess weight
- 101 Flutist Jean Pierre
- 102 Clown Kelly
- 103 Sudden flows
- 105 States with conviction
- 107 Paradigm
- 108 Pieces of pounds?
- 110 Gabor sister
- 111 Socially inept losers
- 115 Proceedings
- 117 San \_\_\_ Obispo
- 118 Jane Austen novel
- 120 To's companion
- 121 Coop resident
- 122 Golfer's gadget
- 123 Pioneering TV co.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### Word Salsa

I N T O P I L E U P U G N I N  
 E M O H Y A T S E V E R E O I  
 S T R E L A E H T N O P D R N  
 T W M A W P R O F U N D O E G  
 A O E V D E L L E C N A C V U  
 N N N Y L L I A M O N D A E N  
 C O T S I I A T R E L A N S C A  
 I R A N O G U P E E D S C U A  
 A U E O M R E R N F H E I R O S  
 G G L W R O V O E A Y P L R E  
 A E I E U S A F M S A E A E N  
 S S P V T O W A R N U V O G M  
 E N O E F D U N O U S E O N R  
 R I T T R E V D A R A L I P A O  
 A E R R O C N U G N I N E I D T

#### Diagramless

S P A R K L E O  
 H E R S A R A  
 A T T I C H I N D O  
 E L F I G N I T E  
 P E L T E N T R Y  
 S A L E R U H R  
 G U T S Y U S A Y E T T I  
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#### Product Placement

C A S P E R S O A K S T A R S T A B  
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 S O F T S O A P B R A W N Y A J A X  
 U N L E S S Y O Y O S L I T E R A L  
 B L E W P A M P A S T E C I L E  
 T O E B E H O L D L A V A C A S C A D E  
 L A C O C A L A I R I S M U S T E R  
 E N E A T B A Y P E A K A P I A R Y

#### CRYPTOGRAM

S K V R R V W B J E K N Z V I E J  
 E V R V H N Z V I Z E K V W B .  
 S K V R R V W B J E K B N H V H N  
 B N H .

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
Don't limit your challenges. Instead, challenge your limits.

# Events Calendar

## FRI. 2/6

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

**7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic**, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.

**7 p.m. Short-film showcase**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council will help kick-off For the Love of Art Month with a special screening of local films produced and



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

## SAT. 2/7

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

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

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

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts for Kids**, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children of all ages are invited to come by the museum and create their own Valentine's Day crafts to take home. Regular museum admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 children ages 5 to 17 and free for children 4 and younger. Call 522-4100.

**10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces**, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Cris Fernandez 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.

**Noon to 2 p.m. Cowboy-Mounted Shooting**, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Riders from the Borderland Pistoleros will practice and compete at the museum's roping arena. Come enjoy watching the fast-growing sport of cowboy-mounted shooting as competitors ride and shoot balloons with "blank" ammunition. Regular museum admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 children ages 5 to 17 and free for children 4 and younger. Call 522-4100.

**2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Jerry Pacheco and Ed Camden**, 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.

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

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

## MON. 2/9

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

## TUE. 2/10

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

210-749-1719.

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

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

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

**7 p.m. Waterfalls and slot canyons of New Mexico**, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Doug Scott of Taos will give a slideshow presentation about the waterfalls and slot canyons of New Mexico. Scott will share his years of experiences adventuring around New Mexico, as well as his spectacular photographs of some of the state's natural treasure. Free. Call 522-5552.

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

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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 "Chrysalis" by Kim Todd. Free. Call 541-2221.

## THU. 2/12

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

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

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m. "Connecting the Dots" discussion forum**, Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. Joshua Rose and Jacklyn St. Aubyn will lead a forum on art collecting in conjunction with the exhibit "Connecting the Dots," featuring work chosen by "searcher/collectors" Alex Glowacki, Cassandra Lockwood, Joshua Rose, Jeanne Rundell, Jacklyn St. Aubyn and Unsettled Gallery's director Catherine Brenner. Free. Call 635-2285.

**7 p.m. Culture series: Hell-Raising Texans and Cattle Outfits along New Mexico's Northern Border**, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Michael Maddox is the author of "Porter and Ike Stockton: Colorado and New Mexico Border Outlaws." During the 1860s and '70s, Texas cattlemen and their cattle surged into Colfax County. Texas cowboys such as Clay Allison and the Stockton brothers would make Cimarron one of the wildest towns in the American West. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2. For more information, call 522-4100.

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

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

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

## FRI. 2/13

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

## SAT. 2/14

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

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

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

**10 a.m. 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, Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

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

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

**2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Julio Ortiz**, 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. Live music with Josh Grider**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council proudly continues the 2014-15 Performance Series with the return of hometown boy Josh Grider. The AMP recording artist will spend an intimate evening sharing songs and stories from his near 10-year career

as a band leader and songwriter in the trenches of the Red Dirt Music Scene – a career that has included five number one songs on the Texas Country Music Charts, five full length albums and two EPs. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advanced reserved seat tickets \$32.25 main floor or \$22.00 balcony, or \$37.50 and \$27.25 at the door. Call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

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

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

## SUN. 2/15

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

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

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

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

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

## MON. 2/16

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

## TUE. 2/17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# How do you support local film?



**David Salcido**  
*Through the lens*

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

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

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

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

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

When seen in this regard, it makes the efforts of the RFDAC, which once again is lobbying

heavily in Santa Fe for leverage money, appear to be a savior of a languishing concept. I take exception to that viewpoint.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Right now, as I type this, somewhere in the area, there are films in pre-production, there are shoots taking place, there is editing being done and there are finished products being readied for premiere screenings, film-festival entries and limited distribution. I gave several examples in last month's column, but even more can be found simply by checking in on the Film Las Cruces Facebook page.

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

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

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campaign to raise money for her student film, "Overland."

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

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

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

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

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

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


This is exactly the red-carpet treatment our local filmmakers deserve and, I believe, speaks volumes about how the community truly feels about this rising industry.

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

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


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

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




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# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**WEST END ART DEPOT** presents "Feral Friday: Expressions of Illegal IV," an exhibit of work conjured and curated by SABA with the intent to brighten the darkest parts of the city with beautiful colors, lots of people and, of course, mind-altering paintings and performances that will help one pause and appreciate the beauty of life. Artists include Cloudface, LETER91, LIVER, Julian Hunting, SewMetal, Logan Howard, Ernesto Roland, Woar2, Anahy Nuñez, RGUE, Sirnesto, Tomas Clark, Sebastian "Vela" Vasquez, Beni9n, Patience, ASHES, Nadir, Collette Marie and Cameron Vigil. "Feral Friday: Expressions of Illegal IV" opens with a reception from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, featuring live music, art, screenprinting and more. The exhibit 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).

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents "Las Cruces Collects," featuring work from the collections of Billy and Cynthia Garrett, Lynn Wiley and John Purcell and the New Mexico State University Art Gallery. The Billy and Cynthia Garrett collection features works in various mediums, including pieces by Las Cruces artists Rosemary McLoughlin, Jeanne Rundell, Stephen Hansen, Joyce Macrorie and multiple works by John Garrett, brother of Billy Garrett. Artist Lynn Wiley and her husband John Purcell share prints accumulated over the course of Wiley's own printmaking and teaching career. Works include prints by notable artists Pat Steir and Elmer Schooley, among others. The University Art Gallery presents two series from its collection, showcasing Mexican photographer Manuel Carillo (1906-1989) and conceptual multimedia artist Ceilia Alvarez Muñoz. "Las Cruces Collects" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will remain on display through Saturday, March 29.

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

**COTTONWOOD GALLERY**, located inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents "The Wild: Worth Loving," an exhibit championing nature and the out-of-doors by the Ten O'Clock Club, a group of artists committed to thinking or making art just 10 minutes each day, often at 10 a.m., realizing that 10 minutes expands and expands. Members meet on the 10th of each month at 10 a.m. with coffee and paint to discuss making art and their work. "The Wild: Worth Loving" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

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



"Off the Grid," part of Stephen Hansen's "Great Moments in Art," opening at Cutter Gallery with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

Backroads" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "Number, please," an exhibition of quilts from the 2015 Las Colcheras Quilt Guild Challenge. Each year, Las Colcheras issues a guild quilt challenge, followed by a judging for rosettes and cash awards. Entries are displayed publically in Las Cruces in the months of January or February, a tradition dating back to 2005. This year's challenge revolves around numbers. We already know that quilters have sharp math skills they put to use in measuring, fitting and stitching a quilt, but the Las Colcheras quilters take this idea a step further in 2015, by incorporating numbers into the titles, designs and repetitions found in the quilt. "Number, please" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY** presents the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter during For the Love of Art Month throughout February. The show features small works including a wide variety of subjects. The exhibit opens with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will remain on display through the end of the month.

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

**LAS CRUCES RAILROAD MUSEUM** presents "Wheels & Wings: Tracing Our Heritage," an exhibit of interpretive work by the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter showing how both wings and wheels have shaped New Mexico. "Wings & Wheels" opens with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will remain on display through Saturday, March 28.

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

**CUTTER GALLERY** presents "Great Moments in Art," an exhibit featuring 20 new works from paper-mache artist Stephen Hansen. The exhibit opens with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and will remain on display through March.

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

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

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.

**LULU FINE ART GALLERY** presents "The Aesthetics of Perception: Exploring Feeling and Form," a new exhibit featuring original photography, painting and sculpture works by Yanick D'hooge, Marjorie Moeser, Caroline Ryan Crawford and Amanda Sudimack. The exhibit opens with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, and will remain on display through March.

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

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

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

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

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



"New Mexico Backroads," an exhibit of the hectography work of Naida Zucker, is on display this month at Big Picture Image Experts and Main Street Gallery, opening with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6.

**LINDA LUNDEEN GALLERY** will feature the work of Patsy Blasdell, Penny Duncklee, Rebecca Courtney and Les Fairchild, along with more than 300 other pieces of fine art. A reception will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.

Linda Lundeen Gallery is located at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. For hours and more information, call 526-3326.

## ONGOING

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents "Scale," an exhibit of the work of Roy van der Aa featuring non-objective geometric work from 2014-15, both squares and rectangles varying in size from 5 inches to 5 feet. "Scale" will remain on display through Saturday, March 7.

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

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

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.

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

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

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information call 635-2285.

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

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

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

## Sun setting on solar credits



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“If I sell my house before the solar has paid for itself, can I still recover my investment?”

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So, back to the question – will you be OK? This one is easy. Absolutely. A report released in January from a new study conducted by the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory shows across-the-board price enhancements for homes with solar.

The study analyzed data collected from the sale of 22,000 homes sold in 2002 and 2013. Interestingly, their study focused on states where you would not expect solar to be a big winner: Maryland, Connecticut, North Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania. Only two of the more solar prolific states were included, California and Florida.

The study compared the sale of 3,951 homes with solar and 18,871 comparable homes without the solar energy generating systems. The study was performed using a hedonic regression, which deconstructs each home into component characteristics. This approach delivers the most thorough and usable results by eliminating the influence of extraneous factors.

This is not the first study to conclude you’ll benefit financially from adding solar to your home regardless of your future plans. If you remain in the home, you’ll benefit from lower or eliminated electricity bills and the tax credits. If you decide to sell your home, not only have you enjoyed the previously mentioned benefits, but you’ll also do well on the sale.

How much did solar add to the selling price of the home? On average, about \$4 per watt.

That may not seem like a lot, but

SEE **HONEK**, PAGE B13

## Creating cookbooks preserves family history

By Jane Moorman  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Everyone has a favorite dish made by a relative, be it a grandmother, great aunt, mother-in-law or even an uncle. It is so easy to wish you had gotten the recipe, after the person has passed away, and to wonder why you didn’t get it when they were alive.

Cydney Martin, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service home economist in Santa Fe, encourages people to collect those recipes and create a family heirloom cookbook.

“When my Grandma was 92, I realized I needed to save her recipes,” Martin said.

“She made most recipes from memory. I realized our family might lose these recipes.”

Martin decided it was time to make a family cookbook so her children, family and friends would have these treasured recipes along with some photos and memories.

“It’s our history, our legacy to our children,” she said. “Nothing provokes memories better than the smell of something you ate in your childhood.”

Martin watched her grandmother for the millionth time making her favorite foods and wrote the recipe down. They also went through her grandmother’s collection of old recipes and memorabilia, which she added to her cookbook.

“My Grandma clipped recipes from magazines and newspapers forever. One that we prize is from a well-known Texas restaurant, Underwood’s, which is no longer in business. She had the recipe for the barbecue sauce that was unique

in flavor,” the Farwell, Texas, native said.

Her collection of recipes and memories has been published in “Apron Strings,” which Martin sold in her Clovis antique shop before joining NMSU’s Extension faculty.

Now she is sharing her experience creating the cookbook in workshops in the Santa Fe area. She has taught the workshop several times and is scheduled to work with students at the Santa Fe Indian School to help them create a cookbook.

“There are three reasons most people don’t do a cookbook,” Martin said.

“They say they don’t have time, they have lost the recipes and they don’t know where to start.”

Martin experienced lost recipes when her paternal grandmother’s house burned down.

“I am sad that I only had a few of her recipes,” she said.

“I hadn’t gotten others before they were lost in the fire. So I tell people the time to do it is now.”

She tells people that their collection could be just in a notebook, which they can copy for others, or a three-ring binder. They could also self-publish the book as she did.

“Creating a cookbook is fun,” she said.

“You can add family memories and stories, pictures and letters. It can be any theme. It could be what we had for Thanksgiving since 1960.”

One family’s unique cookbook idea was organized by centuries.

“They were good about keeping their family’s history,” Martin said.



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO BY JANE MOORMAN

Cydney Martin, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service home economist in Santa Fe, created a cookbook of her family favorite dishes to preserve her grandmothers’ recipes.

“They had kept recipes according to years. It was titled, ‘These are our family recipes from the 1600s to 1700s, 1700s to 1800s, and 1800s to 1900s.’”

It’s fun to read those old recipes because of the ingredients and measurements.

“One of my recipes calls for a 15-cent bag of Fritos,” she said. “People get a kick out of that. It dates the recipe to the 1960s automatically. I left it that way, because I wanted the recipe to be the way it had originally been written.”

Before measurements were uniformly

used, cooks would set their portions by a specific cup or jar, or a measurement was the size of a black walnut, because people knew the nut has a uniform size. Also if they didn’t have a clock, they would measure time, such as how long to boil the sauce, by singing a song that they knew lasted the correct length of time.

Martin’s collection of cookbooks includes those she has bought from restaurants where she enjoyed a specific dish.

“Some of my favorite dishes are from the Peach Tree Inn in

Fredericksburg, Texas,” she said. “I’ve included some in my cookbook, and given credit to where I found them.”

Other cookbooks are from restaurants in the Clovis area that are no longer in business, and church cookbooks.

“I have most of the cookbooks created by the First United Methodist Church in Clovis, because there are recipes in them from my husband Robert’s grandmother and mother,” she said.

“Cookbooks record our cultural history,” she added. “It’s fun to read them and try the recipes.”

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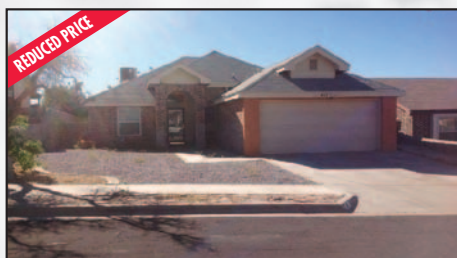
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Imagine the same scenario without solar on your home. I suppose you could call the electric company and ask for a refund for all the electricity

delivered to the home for the past few years. If you think about it, that's exactly what you get from the added value of the installed solar energy system when you sell your home.

*Mellow Honek is a managing member at Sunspot Energy Systems LLC, a Las Cruces solar photovoltaic systems contractor. For more information, call 541-3533 or visit www.sunspotenergy.com.*

## Religion Listings

### TEMPLE BETH-EL TO HOST CD RELEASE EVENT

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

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

For more information, call 524-3380 or email rabbi@tbelc.org.

Sonoma Springs Ave. The format will be a mediated public discussion, moderated by Judith Sherman Russell.

The entire Las Cruces Community is welcome to attend this event. Light refreshments will be served.

### NIGHT OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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

For more information, call 993-1289.

### THIRD ISRAEL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The Israel Committee of Temple Beth-El announces The Third Israel Roundtable on the topic: "How Do Recent World Events Impact Israel?" The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, in the Social Hall of Temple Beth-El, 3980

### CONCERT TO BENEFIT MINISTRY

The Allen Family will be in concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St.

A love offering will be received to help support Allen Ministries. For information about their ministry projects, visit www.allenministry.com.

### INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION

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

Vipassana meditation, also called insight or mindfulness meditation, is the oldest and most traditional meditations of the Buddha. The core of insight meditation is the practice of mindfulness, the quality of awareness that comes from being present to our moment experiences and seeing without judgment.

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

### BOOK STUDY

New, open, spiritual book study meets from 6 to 7:15 p.m. every other Wednesday at the Bahai Interfaith Information Center, 525 E.

Lohman Ave. The current book is "Founders of Faith," by H. Rosen.

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### NEW LOCATION

Mountain View Baptist Church announces a new location, 705 N. Main St., across from City Hall, just north of the roundabout.

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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.



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## Valentine for your heart

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

For many adults, thoughts of childhood Valentine's Days grace our memories during February, bringing a smile to our face and warmth to our heart.

Great care was taken with making the mailboxes that would hold those special and very important valentine cards we would receive. We mainly focused on homemade hearts of pink, red and white, which no Valentine's Day can be complete without.

As we grew older, we came to understand the heart encompassed in our human bodies is even more important, and deserves just as much focus as those Valentine's Day creations of yesteryear.

In focusing on the human heart, I'd like to share some suggestions from the National Institute on Aging. To help avoid heart disease, which can affect the aging heart, several steps are recommended.

Staying active is an excellent start. Even 10 minutes of moderate exercise three times a week can make a difference in your heart health. Finding an exercise you can enjoy is a positive step in keeping up a permanent routine.

Many of the residents of the Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village actively participate in daily and weekly exercise classes. When asked about their dedication to exercise, the responses are varied from wanting to stay healthy, enjoying working out with friends and the fun they have with exercise classes.

If you are a smoker, it is never too late to quit. Other ways to maintain a healthy heart include following a healthy diet, eating lots of delicious fruits and vegetables and lowering your salt intake. If you consume alcohol, lower your consumption to no more than two drinks a day if you are a man, and no more than one a day if you are a woman.

Whether you are continuing to focus on your heart health, or you are just beginning this journey, remember to always treat your heart lovingly.

*Penney McClarin is the director of resource development and marketing for Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village.*

## NMSU offers free childbirth prep class



Martha Morales (left), New Mexico State University School of Nursing college assistant professor, gives instructions to participants in a Lamaze childbirth preparation class in December 2014.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

The New Mexico State University School of Nursing will host free, six-week Lamaze childbirth preparation classes during spring 2015.

Classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Memorial Lounge of the College of Health and Social Services building.

The class runs from March 11 to April 22 with the exception of March 25. NMSU nursing faculty and students are teaching the series to women who will be in their seventh and eighth month or 24 to 32 weeks of pregnancy by the first class.

Classes fill quickly, so participants should call college assistant professor Martha Morales at 646-8089 or email [moralest@nmsu.edu](mailto:moralest@nmsu.edu) to register as soon as possible.

Lamaze childbirth education classes provide expectant women and their support person the information they need to feel confidence in their body's natural ability to go through the birth process and make the healthiest decisions for their baby.

The classes will cover options, including medications, for attaining greater comfort during labor and birth, as well as alleviate the fears regarding the birth process and help in the management of pain, according to [www.lamaze.org](http://www.lamaze.org).

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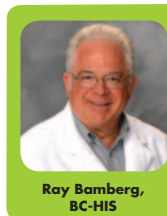
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# Healthy Happenings



## FREE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

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

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

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

For more information, call 556-2179 or email [prodgers@good-sam.com](mailto:prodgers@good-sam.com)

## FREE NUTRITION SEMINAR & COOKING DEMO

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

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

For more information, call 522-1711.

## EAT MORE VEGGIES, LIVE WELL

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

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

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

## YOGA OFFERED

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

For more information, contact 522-5350 or [wildyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:wildyoga@yahoo.com).

## SEXUAL COMPULSIVES ANONYMOUS

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

This 12-step recovery program meets 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. (behind

the large T-Mobile sign). For more information, call Don B. at 908-432-7816 and leave a message.

## DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

Debtors Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

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

Attendees can find an abundant, joyous and free life in this program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours.

For more information, call 527-1803.

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

For more information, call Tony or Michael at 382-5200.

## BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS

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

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

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

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

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

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

## 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.

## Pet Briefs

### SHEPHERD MIX PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Murphy, a handsome shepherd mix who is undeniably sweet and wise beyond his years. Murphy may be little older than most of the other dogs here, but he likes to consider himself mature and sophisticated. Age is just a number, right? Murphy loves taking long walks; he says the fresh air makes him feel young again. Please help Murphy find his forever home today.



MURPHY

Murphy has been at the shelter - located at 8551 Bataan Memorial West - for 11 months. The shelter can be reached at 382-0018.

### APA SEEKS OLD SLEEPING BAGS

ACTION Programs for Animals is seeking

comforters or old sleeping bags to help offset the cooler temperatures that accompany the changing seasons.

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

The donations will be used as dog beds at the facility and quarantine foster homes.

For more information, call 571-4654.

### SHELTER ASKS FOR DONATIONS

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is in need of dog crates and treats as well as collars, leashes, towels and igloos. Donations can be dropped off from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 382-0018.

### FOSTER HOMES SOUGHT

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## WESST aims to grow with Downtown

By Alta LeCompte  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Jennifer Craig came to Las Cruces in 1995 to open a WESST office, she talked Bank of America into giving her some office space.

The arrangement lasted about two years.

“They were merging and they didn’t have room for us anymore,” Craig said. “They kicked us out – in a very nice way. They gave us furniture and everything.”

Since then, the nonprofit that helps small businesses launch and grow has operated from headquarters in several locations – Las Cruces Avenue, North Main Street, Idaho Avenue.

In its latest evolution, WESST moved into 221 N. Main Street.

The location both symbolizes and facilitates WESST’s growing involvement with fostering small business growth Downtown.

“This was a great move, an opportunity to be part of the pulse of the growth of Downtown, which is dear to my heart,” said Craig, who grew up on Las Cruces Avenue.

### Coming together Downtown

She would love to give Downtown business a boost, but she’s not planning



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTTE

Manuel “Manny” Morales and Jennifer Craig of the WESST district office in Las Cruces, bring consulting, training and financial services to help small business in seven southern New Mexico counties.

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## Citizens Bank names three board members

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces has announced the addition of three members to its board of directors.

They are George Ruth, president and CEO of the bank; Kari Mitchell, CEO and owner of Las Cruces Machine Manufacturing and Engineering; and Brad Beasley, partner with Beasley Mitchell and Co.

Ruth has been in banking more than 42 years.

He is currently chairman of the board of the Bridge of Southern New Mexico, and has a long history of community service.

Mitchell has served in many community and civic leadership positions, including current New Mexico State University regent. Her service include vice chair, co-founder and executive committee member of the Bridge of Southern New Mexico, chair of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, chair of the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition,

member of the NMSU Town and Gown Advisory Committee, founding board member of the New Mexico Economic Development Partnership, board member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and founder of the South/Southwest Manufacturing Consortium.

A graduate of Leadership New Mexico, Mitchell was awarded the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2008 and was recognized with the 2014 Women of Influence Award for Business.

Mitchell earned both her undergraduate marketing and management degree and an MBA from the University of Houston.

A native of Las Cruces, Brad Beasley joined Beasley Mitchell in 2004. He has managed the audit and assurance practice and provides accounting and tax services to a broad range of clients, with a concentration in commercial

and residential construction, the transportation industry and franchise operations.

He previously worked in the gaming industry for Harrah’s Entertainment.

His community, civic, and industry involvement includes chairman of the New Mexico Society of CPAs, president of the Doña Ana County Chapter of CPAs, president of the Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary Club and officer/secretary for the Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation.

He is currently an AICPA Council Executive Committee member for New Mexico, a member of the Emerging Leaders Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and a member of the audit committee at NMSU.

Beasley has a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and was an all-conference catcher and Academic All Conference for the Running Rebels baseball team.

## BRIEFS

### Health exchange February events set

BeWellNM, the official state marketplace for New Mexicans to shop, buy and compare health plans, will host two free informational events in Las Cruces.

The first event will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Lions Club Community Center, 1501 N. Solano Drive. The second is 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Community Resource Center, 5745 Ledesma Drive

The deadline to enroll in an exchange-based health plan for 2015 is Feb. 15.

The community events will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the changes in federal law affecting health insurance and health care, the various plans offered on the exchange and subsidies or tax credits for which they may be eligible.

There will also be assistance provided to help with individual enrollment.

For more information about the events, call 505-433-3498.

### HTC to hear Cheney, Martin

The February High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico meeting will feature speaker Mike Cheney, the chair of the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.

The meeting will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Cheney will introduce NMSU football coach Doug Martin.

Cheney received a bachelor’s degree in finance from New Mexico State University in 1985 and attended the Western States School of Banking.

He has served on the Business Advisory Council for the NMSU College of Business, board of directors for the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the San Juan County United Way Campaign, among many volunteer positions.

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

# Hispanic Chamber's first Business Serving Business Resource Fair & Expo



PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTE  
Facilitator Steve Chavira leads a speed networking session at the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Fair & Expo Jan. 29 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Don Panagrossi acquaints Brent Kingsley and Rick Supple of Washington Federal with Enchantment Land LLC.



Speed networking participants have 30 seconds to pitch their businesses.



Exhibitors and attendees exchange information at the expo.



Adriana Castillo exhibits products for which the International Business Accelerator (IBA) facilitates trade across national borders.



George Ruth



Kari Mitchell



Brad Beasley

## Welcome New Board Members

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

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



# WESST,

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to do it alone.

“We’ve talked with the Farmers Market artisan group. We would like to be able to partner with them to start a business incubator for retail,” Craig said, noting the Las Cruces Green Chamber, whose office is next door in 221, also shares WESST’s goal.

“Downtown needs fun, interesting, eclectic shops – home-grown businesses,” Craig said.

Her vision coincides with that of city plans for Downtown, including mixed-use buildings with shops on the ground floor and people living above the shops.

Not surprisingly, Craig has also been talking with Gary Camarano, Las Cruces economic development director, and Arriana Parsons, interim executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership.

While all the players haven’t sat down around one table, there’s a lot of conversation among them Craig hopes will yield concrete results.

## Branching out

“I see WESST moving in many directions to grow small sustainable businesses, said Craig, who is transitioning to retirement. Efforts going forward will be led by a new director and by Manuel “Manny” Morales, who succeeded Jo Ann Garay as WESST program coordinator and trainer.

Morales said the level of customer service – including one-on-one consulting and in-person and online training, micro-lending to startups and classes for entrepreneurs – will be maintained.

WESST partners with SCORE to offer classes by in-house and guest experts.

“We’re taking the team approach to everything,” Morales said.

He also is planning MoneySmart financial training in conjunction with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), to be offered in April.

WESST also is partnering with the Mesilla Valley Economic Develop Alliance (MVEDA), to provide market analysis reports for clients.

WESST’s cross-border marketing also is growing, in collaboration with International Business Accelerator (IBA), Morales said. IBA has connections in Canada as well as Mexico.

“A lot of our clients need products manufactured in small runs,” he said. “Most U.S. companies will manufacture only in the tens of thousands – or

## MANUEL ‘MANNY’ MORALES

Trainer/program coordinator  
WESST

### Previous Experience

- Recreation supervisor, City of Las Cruces
- Supervisor, U.S. Marine Corps

- Sales associate, Walmart

### Education

- Bachelor’s degree, spring 2015, New Mexico State University
- Las Cruces High School

### Organizations

- Volunteer basketball coach
- Hot Legs for CARE volunteer

don’t talk to me,” he said. IBA works with a border town where factories can make most anything at a lower price and in smaller quantities than in the U.S.

Overseas communities also are potential markets for southern New Mexico products, Morales said.

Craig said another direction in which she sees WESST moving is making available financial products such as insurance and retirement plans designed especially for small businesses that want to help their employees but have limited resources to do so.

## Local and statewide resources

WESST also assists small business loans – up to \$10,000 for startup and \$50,000 for expansion.

The statewide WESST organization provides specialized services through its Albuquerque office.

“We’ve have a marketing team in Albuquerque that will consult for our clients,” Craig said. “They’ve been really successful.”

For clients willing and able to travel, WESST has incubator services and even a green screen studio available in Albuquerque.

WESST began as the Women’s Economic Self Sufficiency Team, started by entrepreneurial women who experienced difficulty getting a business loan and asked, “How can we make it better for other women?”

The loans the women were seeking were small, and banks couldn’t be bothered with the paperwork, Craig

## JENNIFER CRAIG

Regional manager  
WESST

### Previous Experience

- Business consultant /writer
- Training specialist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
- Training coordinator/assistant human resources administrator, PSL/NMSU, Las Cruces
- Public relations/personnel officer for 21 counties, MHMR, Amarillo, Texas
- Continuity director/copywriter, KVII-TV,

### Education

- Bachelor’s degree, journalism/mass communications, New Mexico State University
- Graduate study, training and development/ management

### Honors

- SBA New Mexico’s Women in Business Advocate Award
- Soroptimist International of America Woman of Distinction

### Organizations

- Rio Grande Council for Minorities
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Business and Professional Women
- American Society for Training and Development) former member
- Southern New Mexico Personnel Association past president

said.

WESST borrowed from the Small Business Administration in a pool in order to help clients get started.

“I had clients start with \$5,000 when I opened the office,” Craig said.

The office, serving seven counties, reached into rural areas to assist women in the colonias, which continues to be an important part of mission.

“WESST is a very good company to work for,” Craig said. “It’s a nonprofit that’s stood the test of time – going into its 26th year. I see it continuing to grow.”



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7.5	18,249.74	33,692.69	55,863.04	87,691.44	133,385.23	198,984.57	293,160.91
8.0	18,774.58	35,189.14	59,307.51	94,745.30	146,815.04	223,322.58	335,737.25
8.5	19,315.30	36,758.41	62,986.87	102,425.47	161,727.57	250,897.58	384,978.66
9.0	19,872.35	38,404.08	66,917.44	110,788.77	178,290.26	282,149.67	441,950.24
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FRI. 2/6

**5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Las Cruces Young Professionals First Friday**, Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Valley Drive. For more information, call the greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

SAT. 2/7

**2 to 3 p.m. Awesome Women of the Borderland inaugural networking lunch meeting**, Paisano Café, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Cynthia de Lorenzi, founder and CEO of Success in the City.org, a national membership organization of more than 4,000 senior-level business women in the D.C. area, will be guest speaker. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/AwesomeWomenoftheBorderland?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](http://www.facebook.com/AwesomeWomenoftheBorderland?ref=aymt_homepage_panel) or contact Lisa Marcato at 202-7936 or [lcm5268@gmail.com](mailto:lcm5268@gmail.com).

TUE. 2/10

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) Business in the Borderplex**, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Luis Mauricio A of Chihuahua's Aviation and Aerospace Cluster will speak. The meeting will begin with a hot-entrée buffet. Reservations are required. Advance registration is \$25, payable by major credit card. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30. Registration closes Friday, Feb. 6. Register online at [www.mveda.com/blog](http://www.mveda.com/blog).

THU. 2/12

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

THU. 2/19

**2 to 4 p.m. What It Takes to Be an Entrepreneur workshop**, Small Business Development Center

## Lorenzo's is Small Business of the Year



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BYALTA LECOMPTÉ

Richard Coltharp, Las Cruces Bulletin publisher, presents the Small Business of the Year Award to Vince Vaccaro owner of Lorenzo's Italian restaurant on University Avenue. The award sponsored by the Bulletin is one of the 2014 Chamber Choice Awards announced at the annual gala Jan. 16. Also pictured are Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bill Allen; Mary Ostland, Vaccaro's sister and partner in Lorenzo's; Chamber Board Chairman Russell Allen and Chamber Vice President Troy Tudor.

(SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. Room 101 E. For more information, contact Pavla at 527-7676 or [sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu](mailto:sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu).

FRI. 2/20

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

THU. 2/26

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

FRI. 2/27

**Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual**

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

TUE. 3/3

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

THU. 3/12

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

TUE. 3/17

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

THU. 3/26

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

SAT. 3/28

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



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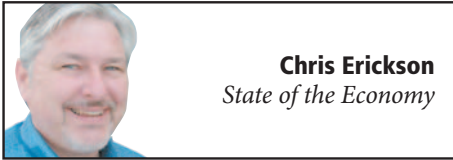


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# The resource curse is a paradox of plenty



**Chris Erickson**  
State of the Economy

Very often, countries rich in natural resources are often also poorly governed, a paradox referred to as the “resource curse.”

An example is the case of Equatorial Guinea, a country of 2 million people. It has substantial oil reserves, making it the richest country per capita in Africa. Despite this wealth, extreme income inequality means the majority of the population continues to live in poverty. Perhaps half the population, for example, lacks access to clean water and adequate sanitation. The country ranks 144th on the UN Human Development Index.

Enforcing this kind of inequality requires extreme measures. Equatorial Guinea’s authoritarian dictator Teodoro Mbasogo is among the worst violators of human rights. Human trafficking is common.

Unfortunately, Equatorial Guinea’s experience is not unique. Other resource-rich human rights violators include Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia and many others. All these countries are in the same situation – a large share of government revenue comes from oil or

other natural resources.

The reason for the resource curse is unclear. It may be that the geographic concentration typical of natural resources distorts the political economy. A resource like oil can result in an enclave economy, where the resource sector is over developed while the rest of the economy is allowed to stagnate. Investment in infrastructure, workforce and capacity are directed to the resource sector.

Populations enjoying access to the resource sector prosper while the rest of the population languishes.

We can even see this in New Mexico, where the state stagnates even as oil producing areas in the eastern part of the state prosper.

Very often, the oil rich countries become rentier states. The government lives off the royalties paid by multinational corporations for access to the country’s resources. Government officials, who control access, become tempting targets for barbs. Freed from the need to collect taxes, government officials are free from having to provide essential services, instead diverting resources into their own pockets.

Not every resource-rich country has evolved into a despotic hellhole, Norway and the United States are oft-cited examples to the contrary. Countries that

avoid the resource curse seem to have strong democratic institutions. The Norwegian people are well educated and have enjoyed high incomes for generations prior to the discovery of oil. Already a rich country, Norway was made richer by oil, but institutions already in place prevented exploitation by government officials.

In the United States, unlike in most countries, subterranean resources are generally owned by the surface property owner (although there are plenty of exceptions). Private ownership means government officials couldn’t as easily expropriate income for natural resources.

One wonders if the poor economic performance of New Mexico relative the rest of the country can be traced to the resource curse.

New Mexico state government derives about 20 percent of its revenue directly from oil and gas producers. Another 10 percent is generated indirectly.

Dependence of state government on one industry mitigates the incentive to develop other industries, which explains our state’s lack of industrial diversity.

How important the resource curse is for New Mexico’s economic development is hard to say. We aren’t Equatorial Guinea, but we also aren’t Norway either. The resource curse probably is not dominant, but it may very well be a

## Unemployment rate drops

New Mexico’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in December 2014, down from 6.4 percent in November and down from 6.6 percent a year ago.

The national rate was 5.6 percent, down from November’s rate of 5.8 percent and down from 6.7 percent in December 2013.

The rate of over-the-year job growth for nonfarm payroll employment, comparing December 2014 with December 2013, was 1.7 percent, representing a gain of 13,500 jobs in New Mexico. Between April and November 2014, job growth improved from -0.6 percent to 1.8 percent. December’s net job gains, however, were somewhat lower than gains in November, which were the highest since March 2007.

factor contributing to the lack of development in our state.

*Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He has studied the New Mexico economy for nearly three decades. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at cherrick@nmsu.edu.*

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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Outgoing members of the NMSU Board of Regents Jordan Benegas, Isaac Pino and Javier Gonzales (not shown) were honored for their service to the university during the board's meeting in Santa Fe.

## Regents approve lease for possible future campus hotel

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved a land lease for Aggie Development Inc. during their regular meeting in Santa Fe Jan. 30. Aggie Development allows NMSU to better manage and develop its assets.

The lease will allow Aggie Development to pursue a third-party to develop a hotel property on the NMSU campus.

For a number of years, the university has worked to develop a third-party hotel property on campus for the benefit of the community as well as students.

The approved lease is on 2.5 acres along University Avenue, near the Las Cruces Convention Center. As part of the process, regents also approved of an amendment to the ground lease between the city of Las Cruces and the university for the convention center. That lease amendment will now be forwarded for consideration by the Las Cruces City Council.

President Garrey Carruthers presented information about NMSU recently receiving the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification. He also outlined the university's legislative priorities and informed the board of a recent title change for the NMSU president.

As a result of a recent meeting among the leaders of NMSU's Las Cruces campus and the university's community colleges, the title of NMSU's president will change to NMSU President and Chancellor of the NMSU System. The change is consistent with existing NMSU policy and allows for better continuity among the university's campuses. Each of the university's community college presidents now reports directly to the NMSU President and Chancellor of the NMSU System.

Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard updated regents on progress in the university's efforts to align courses offered on NMSU's Las Cruces campus and its community colleges. The effort is designed to assist students who take courses at different campuses.

NMSU Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Bernadette Montoya updated regents on enrollment and recruitment. Enrollment for NMSU Las Cruces is expected to be down for the spring 2015 semester. Montoya highlighted recruitment efforts under way by the university, including efforts to attract out-of-state and international students to the university.

During the meeting, resolutions were read for outgoing regents Jordan Benegas, Isaac Pino and Javier Gonzales in honor of their service to the university during their time on the board. Each is also an NMSU graduate.

The regents presented the Above and Beyond Award to Ben Woods, president and CEO of Aggie Development and special adviser to the NMSU president. Woods has worked at the university for more than 24 years. He has been a direct report to 11 NMSU presidents.

"I have worked closely with Ben over the past four years in my capacity as a member of the Board of Regents," said Regents Chairman Mike Cheney. "Ben is the consummate professional and has always represented the university in a way that commands respect. His knowledge and love of history makes him the 'go to guy' when we need to understand context for some of the decisions we make."

## USDA launches survey of organic production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has kicked off its organic survey to gather detailed data on U.S. organic agriculture production. The survey is a complete inventory of all known organic producers that are certified, exempt from certification and transitioning to certified organic production.

"Total organic product sales by farms and ranches in the United States have continued to grow over the last few years, increasing by 83 percent between 2007 and 2012," said USDA Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden.

"These latest census results show the continued interest in organic agriculture among consumers, producers and businesses. As we look to the future, the important information we gather will be crucial to capturing the strong private and public sector support to sustain the continued growth of this industry."

Conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the organic survey is a result of growing demand for organic agricultural prod-

ucts and data. The survey looks at many aspects of organic agriculture during the 2014 calendar year – from production and marketing practices to income and expenses. It also focuses on the future of organic production by including producers transitioning to certified organic agriculture.

Survey responses will provide important and detailed information to help determine the economic impact of organic production, and this information will help USDA develop programs and services for organic crop and livestock producers.

Farmers and ranchers can fill out the survey online via a secure website, [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov), or return their form by mail. Federal law (Title 7, U.S. Code) requires all producers who receive a form to respond and requires NASS to keep all individual information confidential. Recipients are required to respond by mail by Feb. 13 or online by April 3.

For more information about the organic survey, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov).

## USDA trains beginning farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced more than \$18 million in grants to educate, mentor and enhance the sustainability of the next generation of farmers.

"As new farmers and ranchers get started, they are really looking to their community for support," said Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden.

"The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program empowers these farmers and ranchers to bring innovative ideas to the table when it comes to addressing food security, creating economic enterprises, and building communities."

The BFRDP program aims to support those who have farmed or ranched less than 10 years with workshops, educational teams, training and technical assistance throughout the United States. NIFA awards grants to organizations that implement programs to train beginning farmers and ranchers.

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program is currently accepting applications for the 2015 grant cycle. Applications are due March 13.

For more information about USDA support for new farmers and ranchers is available at [www.usda.gov/newfarmers](http://www.usda.gov/newfarmers).



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

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on October 10, 2014 Mid Ray Clark and Susan Linda Clark, PO Box 1500, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application numbered LRG-4-3C with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County whereby the applicant proposes to transfer surface water and groundwater combined, in an amount reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, from 15.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, also described as Lot 2 Block B and Lots 1, 4 thru 7, 22 Block C of La Mancha Estates Phase 1, and further described as part of Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-012-0112 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, historically irrigated with a combination of surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District and groundwater diverted from the following wells, which are located on land owned by Cinco, LLC and Cruces Equity Partners, LP.

LRG-4 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 40.23"N, 106° 50' 13.21"W WGS84, and further described at X = 1,459,003 Y = 465,304 NMSA Central NAD83; and

LRG-4-S-2 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 58.08"N, 106° 50' 21.14"W WGS84, and further described at X = 1,458,333 Y = 467,111 NMSA Central NAD83; and

LRG-4 POD13 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 54.89"N, 106° 50' 22.52"W WGS84, and further described at X = 1,458,213 Y = 466,789 NMSA Central NAD83.

The surface water and groundwater combined, in an amount reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, transferred from the 15.0 acres described above will continue to be exercised from wells LRG-4, LRG-4-S-2, and LRG-4 POD13 described above for the irrigation of 15.0 acres of land, owned by Cruces Equity Partners, LP, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, also described as Tract 1 of La Mancha Estates Phase 1a Replat No. 1, and further described as part of Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-012-0112 of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico.

Well LRG-4 is located southwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 220 feet southeast of the intersection of South Fairacres Road and Fortune Lane.

Well LRG-4-S-2 is located southwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 760 feet northeast of the intersection of South Fairacres Road and Chivalry Lane.

Well LRG POD 13 is located southwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 420 feet northeast of the intersection of South Fairacres Road and Chivalry Lane.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing, to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer,

575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 2015

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

No. CV-2014-01629  
Judge: Kugler

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

vs.

**ROBERTO L. GARCIA, AND 1998 FORD WINDSTAR, GREEN; VIN: 2FMZA5141WBD96042; NEW MEXICO PLATE NO. LYD 287, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent Roberto L. Garcia:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1998 Ford Windstar, Green; VIN: 2FMZA5141WBD96042; New Mexico License Plate No. LYD 287.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: William R. Babington Jr.  
William R. Babington Jr.  
City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(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: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

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

NO. CV-2015-64  
JUDGE DOUGLAS R. DRIGGERS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp**

**FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, Wherein He seeks to change his name from Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp to Timothy Austin Tharp, and that this petition will be heard before the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers, District Judge, on the 23 day of February 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 6 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, 88005.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp  
Timothy Austin Lopez-Tharp  
4762 Agave Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 621-4117

Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02011

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LISA J. CANO, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF LISA J. CANO, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LISA J. CANO, Deceased, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 25, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and

interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5855 Organ Peak Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOTS NUMBERED 33 OF VISTA DE LA MONTANA UNIT III PHASE 1, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VISTA DE LA MONTANA UNIT III PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 24, 2010 IN PLAT BOOK 23, FOLIO 58-59.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 21, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$159,083.08 and the same bears interest at 3.750% per annum from November 29, 2014, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded 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.

**GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(505) 525-2711

Dates: 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02630

**U.S. BANK, N.A., as Trustee on Behalf of Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-1, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MAX LOYA, if living, if deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MAX LOYA, DECEASED; DELLA LOYA, if living, if deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF DELLA LOYA, DECEASED; GREEN TREE FIN SERV CORP; DOÑA ANA COUNTY TREASURER; and THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 4, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4245 Independence Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 12, Block 2, INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 11, 1995, as Plat No. 2712, in Book 18 Pages 330 and 331 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: VIN# PH173150AB.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 27, 2015, being

an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$93,571.98 and the same bears interest at 7.250% per annum from February 1, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
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(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01624

**BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROBERT D. SANDERS SR., ELIZABETH J. SANDERS and BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled

Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 6764 Camino Blanco, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17, CAMINO BLANCO, PICACHO HILLS, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 25, 1986, IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 222-223 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 a.m. on March 11, 2015**, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on January 28, 2015, in the principal sum of \$183,808.36, plus interest due on the Note through October 1, 2014, in the amount of \$12,445.42, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.250% per annum (\$31.47 per diem) until paid, plus late charges of \$828.75, plus escrow advances due in the amount of \$3,677.65, plus MI Premium of \$269.24, plus a payoff fee of \$25.00. Plus unapplied funds of (\$15.09), plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$680.00, and costs in the amount of \$653.10, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.250% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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/s/ John A. Darden, III  
John A. Darden, III  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
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Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20,  
02/27, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01289

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MARLENE SANCHEZ, Defendant.**

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4980 Kyler Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012 and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED J OF RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 23, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 164-165, RATIFICATION OF PLAT FILED OF RECORD ON APRIL 18, 2007, RECORDED IN BOOK 806, PAGE (S) 1267, DOCUMENT NUMBER 0713698, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY NEW MEXICO. A.P.N. : 02-34244

The sale is to begin at **10:30 a.m. on February 18, 2015**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on January 13, 2015, in the principal sum of

\$130,284.10, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 1, 2014, in the amount of \$14,114.20 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$23.20 per diem, plus late charges of \$597.72, plus the balance due on the Mortgage's required escrow for property taxes and insurance of \$2,420.51, plus a balance due of \$1,046.20 for the FHMA monthly premium due on the subject HUD guaranteed loan, plus fees currently assessed of \$161.16, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$950.00 and costs through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$497.37, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.500% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ John A. Darden, III  
John A. Darden, III,  
Special Master  
c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C.  
5120 San Francisco Road NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109  
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 02/6,  
02/13, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-201402173  
Judge Mary Rosner

**KIMBERLY C. FLORES, as PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERTA L. COLEMAN, and KIMBERLY C. FLORES, individually, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**HAROLD D. WHITT, III and AMY SISNEROS, and any unknown heirs of MARY JANE WHITT, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises**

## adverse to Plaintiff

I, Norman E. Osborne, Court Executive Officer of the Third Judicial District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, hereby issue this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process by publication on any and all unknown heirs of Mary Jane Whitt. The Plaintiff, Defendants, and the civil cause number are set out above.

The general object of this action is to quiet and set at rest title to the lands described herein against any claims adverse to Plaintiff. The property affected by this pending action is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 12, Block 3, Country Club Heights Unit No. 3, as shown and designated on Plat No. 2843, filed on June 14, 1996, in Book 18, at Pages 486-487, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is: Karen E. Wootton, CARRILLO LAW FIRM, P.C., P.O. Box 457, 2001 East Lohman, Las Cruces, NM 88004. (575) 647-3200.

Any unknown heirs of Mary Jane Whitt adverse to Plaintiff are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion with this Court within thirty (30) days after the date of the fourth and last publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such suit against them by default.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL** this 14th day of December, 2014.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
Court Executive Officer

By: /s/ Joe M. Martinez  
Deputy - Joe M. Martinez

Dates: 01/23, 01/30, 02/06,  
02/13, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01758

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ERIN M. BARNARD, Defendant.**

## NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1340 Pines Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 14 IN BLOCK NUMBERED J OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 25, 1957 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 57.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on February 13, 2015**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded an in rem Judgment on January 2, 2015, in the principal sum of \$85,584.39, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 15, 2014, in the amount of \$7,274.64 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$14.06 per diem, plus late charges of \$335.88, plus escrow advances of \$1,776.24, plus currently assessed fees in the amount of \$881.98, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through December 1, 2014, in the sum of \$511.05, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.000% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Faisal Sukhyani,

Special Master  
c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C.  
5120 San Francisco Road NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109  
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30,  
02/06, 2015

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

D-307-CV-2014-01462  
Judge Kugler

## ASLM II, LTD., Plaintiff,

vs.

**JOSE ALEJANDRO DIAZ, LILIA VAZQUEZ, ISELA CARDENAS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT and TREASURER OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Thursday, February 12th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 8800 the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property to be sold is situated in Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is more commonly known as 2049 Boy Scout Lane, Sunland Park, New Mexico and is more particularly described as follows:

**Lot 11 Block 4, HACIENDAS SAN MIGUEL UNIT TWO, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 7, 2008, as Plat 4693, in Book 22, Page (s) 417-418 (the "Property").**

The sale will be made to satisfy Final Partial Summary Judgment and Final Partial Default Judgment filed November 24th, 2014, in favor of Plaintiff, pursuant to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

Plaintiff, ASLM II, LTD, has a Judgment against Defendant, Jose Alejandro Diaz Lilia Vazquez and Isela Cardenas, in the sum of \$168,157.08, which bears interest at 10.5% as of July 30th, 2013 and \$8,075.00 as reasonable attorney fees and

\$1,092.35 for cost, which bears interest at the rate of 10.5% per annum from November 24th, 2014.

Plaintiffs may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other restrictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

The attorney for Plaintiff is Edward DeV Bunn, Jr. of Firth+Johnston+Bunn+Kerr, 415 N. Mesa, Third Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901

/s/Kenneth L. Beal  
Kenneth L. Beal  
Special Master

Dates: 01/16, 01/23, 01/30,  
02/06, 2015

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

Case No.  
D-307-DM 2014-559  
Judge: Mary W. Rosner

**Juana Hilda Guerrero, Petitioner,**

vs.

**Victor Manuel Zelaya, Respondent.**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO Victor Manuel Zelaya, RESPONDENT:**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Dissolution of Marriage

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Juana Hilda Guerrero

P.O. Box 3272  
Anthony, NM 88021  
(915) 253-6180

**WITNESS** the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, 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 20 day of January, 2015.

NORMAN E. OSBORNE  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Noemi Ramirez  
DEPUTY

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20,  
2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

D-307-DM-2014-01266  
JUDGE DARREN  
KUGLER

**NANCY ESTRADA  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**MARIANO  
ESTRADA-SOSA  
Respondent.**

## AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER

**PETITIONER** has filed a motion requesting that the court approve service of process upon Mariano Estrada-Sosa by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

The court finds that the Petitioner has made diligent efforts to make personal service, but has not been able to complete service of process.

The court further finds that the newspaper of general circulation in this county is **LAS CRUCES BULLETIN** (name of newspaper) and that this newspaper is most likely to give the Respondent notice of the pendency of the action and in the county of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, a newspaper most likely to give notice of the pendency of this proceeding to the person to be served is: **LAS CRUCES BULLETIN** (name of newspaper).

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Petitioner serve process on Mariano Estrada-Sosa by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks in the **LAS CRUCES BULLETIN** (newspaper).

The Petitioner shall file a proof of service with a copy of the affidavit of publication when service has been completed  
Dated this 20 day of January, 2015.

/s/Darren Kugler  
District Judge

**NANCY ESTRADA  
3859 VAN ESS CT  
LAS CRUCES NM 88012**

**MARIANO  
ESTRADA-SOSA  
2428 CENTRAL PARK  
CHICAGO IL 60623**

Dates: 1/30, 2/06, 2/13, 2015

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00476

**BANK OF AMERICA,  
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LUIS GOMEZ, aka LUIS A. GOMEZ; and if married, JANE DOE GOMEZ (true name unknown), his spouse, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on March 4, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1740 South Alamo Street, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lots 20 and 21, Block D, Sierra Vista Subdivision, filed September 28, 1951, in Book 7, Page 17, Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a Chiseled Mark found on the East line of Alamo Street for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described being identical to the Northeast corner of Lot 21, Block D, Sierra Vista Subdivision, filed September 28, 1951, in Book 7, Page 17, Doña Ana County records;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the East line of Alamo Street and around the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 200.54 feet, an arc length of 84.32 feet, through a central angle of 24 deg. 05'25" and whose long chord bears S.11 deg. 48'31"E., 83.70 feet to a nail found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the East line of Alamo Street, S.83 deg. 01'00"W., 109.65 feet to a

cross set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.28 deg. 12' 00"W., 49.77 feet to a 12" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract being identical to the Northwest corner of Lot 21, Block D, Sierra Vista Subdivision, filed September 28, 1951, in Book 7, Page 17, Doña Ana County records;

Thence along the North line of said Lot 21, Block D, N.65 deg. 57'40"E., 126.17 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.1825 acre of land more or less.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on September 24, 2014, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$159,502.02 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from August 30, 2014, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 (575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01911

**BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA**

**as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**VICENTE RIVERA, SR. aka VICENTE Z. RIVERA aka VICENTE Z. RIVERA, SR., Martha S. Rivera, husband and wife, and STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAX AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3245 Trucha Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate in Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, N.M.P.M., of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, in the Village of Picacho, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the northwest corner of the tract herein described, WHENCE the northwest corner of the aforementioned Sec. 9 bears N 07 degrees 45 minutes 19 seconds W, 1574.08 feet;

**THENCE** from the point of beginning S 42 degrees 45 minutes 47 seconds E, 120.37 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

**THENCE** S 22 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds W, 410.93 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron pipe;

**THENCE** N 35 degrees 12 minutes 06 seconds W, 132.59 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

**THENCE** N 22 degrees 30 minutes 48 seconds E, 390.45 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 1.02 acres, more or less.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on March 6, 2015**, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded an in rem Judgment on January 2, 2015, in the principal sum of \$299,430.83, plus interest due on the Note through December 1, 2014, in the amount of \$9,981.00, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.00% per annum until paid, plus late charges of \$428.16, plus escrow advances in the amount of

\$1,506.72, plus payoff fee of \$25.00, plus appraisal fee in the amount of \$445.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through November 20, 2014, in the amount of \$950.00 and costs through November 20, 2014, in the amount of \$648.51, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.00% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani Special Master c/o 5120 San Francisco Road NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 (505) 858-3303

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT**

No. JQ-2014-30 Judge Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of J.L., V.L, N.I. and E.L., Children, And Concerning Alicia Ibarra, Gabriel Lopez Cervantes, Nicolas Martinez and Ivan Quintero, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**TO: Gabriel Lopez Cervantes, Respondent**

If you need help reading this document, the court will appoint an interpreter for you at no charge and you can call 575.523.8200.

Si usted necesita ayuda para leer este documento, el tribunal le nombrará un intérprete sin costo y usted puede llamar al 575.523.8200.

**YOU ARE HEREBY** that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused J.L., a child, and seeks legal custody of the child.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the

District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Armamarie DeLovato P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004 tel. (575) 373-6400

**THIS PROCEEDING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Date: 2/2/15

Clerk of the District Court Angelique M. Huerta Deputy

Dates: 2/06, 2/13, 2/20, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT**

No. JQ-2014-16 Judge Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of R.R., I.R, I.M. and R.M., Children, and Concerning Paulette Duenez, Jorge Rosales, Pedro Meraz and Rogelio Marquez, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**TO: Jorge Rosales and Pedro Meraz, Respondents.**

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Si usted necesita ayuda para leer este documento, el tribunal le nombrará un intérprete sin costo y usted puede llamar al 575.523.8200.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused R.R., I.R, I.M. and R.M., children, and seeks legal custody of the children.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the

The name, address and telephone number of the

Attorney for the Petitioner is: Annamarie DeLovato P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004 tel. (575) 373-6400

**THIS PROCEEDING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Date: 1/15/15

Clerk of the District Court by /s/ Noemi Ramirez Deputy

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 15-0018

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Melvin P. Jenkins Sr. Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: 1-29-15

/s/ Melvin P. Jenkins Jr. Melvin P. Jenkins Jr 1901 A Bolden St. Camden, SC 29020 803-272-5788

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02063

**MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**QUIRINO A. VEJAR AND JANE DOE VEJAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE; EVANGELINA VEJAR AKA EVANGELINA M. VEJAR AND JOHN DOE VEJAR, WIFE AND HUSBAND; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND**

**DEWISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Quirino A. Vejar and Jane Doe Vejar:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff MGC MORTGAGE, INC has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 5820 Sanderling Drive, Santa tersa, NM 88008. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 6 OF DESERT SHADOW SUBDIVISION - PHASE I, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 21, 1998 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19 AT PAGES 143-144, PLAT RECORDS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By: /s/ Joshua A. Spencer Jeannette M. Whittaker Joshua A. Spencer 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (855) 809-3977 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 2015

**Help Wanted Part-Time**

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02063

**MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**QUIRINO A. VEJAR AND JANE DOE VEJAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE; EVANGELINA VEJAR AKA EVANGELINA M. VEJAR AND JOHN DOE VEJAR, WIFE AND HUSBAND; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND**

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