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## Wage hikes protracted

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

The Las Cruces City Council passed amendments Monday, Dec. 1, to its new minimum wage law that keeps the first increase in place for the start of 2015, but pushes back the second and third increases by two years.

By the end of the seven-hour meeting, the proposal offered by Councillor Nathan Small got enough votes to push back future bumps after the first increase from \$7.50 an hour to \$8.40 an hour Jan. 1, 2015. The next increase, to \$9.20 an hour, will now be at the start of 2017 instead of 2016 and \$10.10 an hour will be reached Jan. 1, 2019, instead of 2017.

Other amendments passed included requiring City Council to review affects of minimum wage increases in July 2015, 2016 and 2018, as well as saying that who successfully sue to be paid the new minimum wage will get back pay with interest and legal costs reimbursed by the employer.

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*Stress relief*

After learning therapy dogs' are available to New Mexico State University students during finals week on the app "Yik Yak", NMSU students Graham Chapman, Sarah King and Mel Bentley headed to the first floor of Zuhl Library to spend some time petting a golden retriever named Lucy. The NMSU Library decided to renew "Pause for Paws," a popular program in the "Stress Buster" series hosted by the NMSU Counseling Center to help students unwind during finals week. "Pause for Paws" provided multiple dogs and handlers from the local Therapaws group.

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## NMSU, OSU reach pact on 'Classic Aggie' use

By **Justin Bannister**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University and Oklahoma State University on Wednesday, Dec. 3, announced reaching an agreement to allow NMSU to continue using the "Classic Aggie" image on a limited number of materials.

"We appreciate our friends at Oklahoma State University and their willingness in helping to resolve this dispute," said NMSU

President Garrey Car-ruthers. "The Classic Aggie is a piece of NMSU nostalgia and this agreement allows us to continue using our Classic Aggie on items that might be appealing to our alumni and the NMSU community."

"OSU is pleased to have this matter resolved," said Oklahoma State President Burns Hargis. "We appreciate working with President

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## Commissioners question county manager donation

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

A discussion about whether Doña Ana County employees should be allowed to make political contributions Tuesday, Dec. 2, prompted lone Republican Commissioner Ben Rawson to question whether the concern itself is politically motivated.

Rawson said the question is being raised after it became public knowledge County Manager Julia Brown gave \$460 to his campaign.

"It's ironic that this comes up now," Rawson said.

He said other county employees have donated to elected county officials and those donations weren't questioned before.

Rawson said Eddie Lerma, who heads the Office of Community and Constituent Services, donated \$540 and \$150 to Democrat Sheriff-elect Enrique "Kiki" Vigil, who recently announced Lerma

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### NEXT WEEK

#### Next phase for aquatic center

A Las Cruces City Council work session Monday, Dec. 8, will look at options for adding a competitive pool.



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# SunZia project crossing WSMR threatens national security

By **Mary Kay Papen** and **Steve Pearce**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Today, we in the United States face an unprecedented variety and quantity of threats against our safety. Our military requires the ability to train and adapt to threats as they emerge and evolve, as well as the ability to develop and test new technology.

There is only one military installation in the world that is able to provide this dual capability for the U.S. – White Sands Missile Range (WSMR).

WSMR is the nation's premier development and test facility. Unlike any other range, WSMR allows the military to conduct live tests of everything from Patriot missiles to laser interceptors.

This diversity is possible because of WSMR's size and location. Covering roughly 4,000 square miles with 100 percent restricted airspace, the Army, Navy and Air Force have a unique environment to create and engage in virtually any test.

This versatility makes WSMR invaluable to our national security and the protection of our men and women in uniform. Unfortunately, some ap-

pear to believe that corporate profits come before the defense and security of the United States.

In 2008, SunZia Corp. began plans to construct a 515-mile-long transmission line for alternative energy sources across New Mexico to Arizona. We support the prospects of alternative energy development in New Mexico, and do not oppose the construction of the SunZia transmission project. What is unsupportable is the route.

Currently, the route would directly impact WSMR by cutting through an important section of the installation used for nearly 30 percent of the test and evaluation operations at WSMR, which is expected to increase in coming years. Routing the line through this area will cripple the military's ability to conduct critical tests, jeopardizing not just the survival of WSMR, but the safety and security of American soldiers and citizens.

The SunZia transmission line is projected to cost more than \$1 billion, but construction has not begun. Final environmental impact studies have yet to be completed, and so, alterations to the route

can still be made with little difficulty, delay or cost. Not to mention it would be easier to construct next to existing power lines – like those already along U.S. Highway 60. Yet, for the last six years, SunZia has fought to route the line through WSMR.

We have yet to understand why, and our support remains solidly behind the range's mission.

Earlier this fall, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel agreed to mitigation terms that would allow the line to cut across WSMR, with the requirement of three small buried sections.

We struggle to understand how anyone could believe it is more important to prioritize the construction of a transmission line, than to protect the nation's top test and

evaluation site, which is unlike anywhere else in the world. In the end, it seems as though an unfortunate compromise was made, placing corporate profits over national security. This is unwise and dangerous.

WSMR provides nearly \$1 billion annually in revenue for New Mexico, and employs roughly 10,000 of our friends, family members and neighbors. Most

important, it provides our military with the springboard to conceptualize, develop and test the next generation of defense capabilities to face any threat. WSMR is fundamental to national defense, and to obstruct its mission is to invite peril.

*Mary Kay Papen is a Democratic state senator from Mesilla Park and Steve Pearce a Republican congressman for southern New Mexico.*

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

### Happy 45th Bulletin birthday

On Christmas 1969, when I was 6, I received a Hot Wheels Double Dare Race Action Set. I haven't thought about that since then. I probably wouldn't have thought about it again except earlier this week I thumbed through a copy of the Dec. 4, 1969, edition of the Las Cruces Bulletin.

It was the newspaper's very first edition, meaning our weekly newspaper has just turned 45 years old.

The Hot Wheels race set was advertised on Page 3 of the 16-page publication, on a full-page ad for TG&Y, located at Main Street and Madrid Avenue. The race set was \$4.44 and individual Hot Wheels cars were on sale for 66 cents. The same ad bragged of a 6-foot-tall \$9.99 Christmas tree made of "POLYETHELENE," with the all-caps and everything. You know, because nothing says Merry Christmas like polyethelene.

Held over at the Fox Rio Grande at 313-15 N. Main St. was the classic movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford.

In December 1969, the defending Super Bowl champs were Joe Namath's New York Jets, though in a few weeks, the Kansas City Chiefs would be the new champions. Interestingly, neither team has made it back to the big game since. That week's Bulletin included a feature article about Ron "Po" James, the New Mexico State University Aggie running back who had a great year and would finish the season, his sophomore year, with more than 2,300 career yards.

The edition also included the pre-season photo of the Aggie basketball team. That happened to be Coach Lou Henson's team featuring Jimmy Collins, Sam Lacey, Charlie Criss and Chito Reyes, which would make it all the way to the Final Four three months later.

City commissioners supported a port of entry at Anapra, the now almost nonexistent community that sits next to Sunland Park.

Color TVs at Ikards ranged from a \$259 Sylvania to an \$850 model in an early American cabinet with a Garrard turntable.

The front page of the Bulletin featured a photo of the newspaper's general manager, Ken Dahlstrom, visiting with Theresa A. Phillips, Miss New Mexico- Universe, at the Loretto Shopping Center in front of a Christmas tree.

The accompanying article described Phillips this way: "The 17-year-old beauty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Phillips of Las Cruces, and has two older brothers. She has lived in Las Cruces all her life.

"A 1969 graduate of Mayfield High School, Miss Phillips was cheerleader of the year, ROTC senior princess, prom queen and Demolay sweetheart. She has had four years of ballet and, after receiving her title, took a summer course in modeling and poise at Mannequin Manor."

Some of those things clearly are dated, even in a country that had just a few months earlier put a man on the moon.

Some things, however, seem timeless, such as the Operation Bread Basket, a project "whereby food and toys will be distributed to the less fortunate families."

We've always had that great spirit. Life is Good in Las Cruces.



### Letter to the editor Forfeiture abuse scary

For those of you who are unaware of how scary civil forfeiture is, go online and look up "civil forfeiture abuse." Read articles such as "What is civil forfeiture" on [www.endforfeiture.com](http://www.endforfeiture.com). Presumption of innocence is turned on its head; there is no right to an attorney and it can take years to get your day in court.

For example: In Philadelphia, Carole Hinders had her bank account seized by the IRS because she made deposits of less than \$10,000, which is a device used by drug dealers and criminals to avoid filing required government reports – a scheme to move money without detection. She owns a Mexican restaurant where customers pay by cash or check only. To avoid keeping large amounts of cash, she deposited them in her checking account often.

Eighteen months later, she is still trying to recover her money.

In New Jersey, a 40-year-old Hispanic carpenter had \$18,000 in cash to buy a car and police seized it claiming it was drug money. In Fairfax, Va., a 35-year-old African American had \$17,000 to buy a restaurant and police seized it. When he finally got it back, the restaurant had been sold.

Even states like New Mexico that have civil forfeiture legislation find laws are circumvented by local police. New Mexico Institute for Justice says civil forfeiture laws still do not offer protections. The chances for abuse are rampant. It has been called a license to steal and no evidence of a crime needs to be presented.

Thank Las Cruces City Attorney Harry "Pete" Connelly for alerting us to this danger. We need to overturn this law.

Janice Hoffman

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## Outgoing officials to be feted

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Each donor will receive a snack and some juice, along with promotional materials to show to family and friends who might consider making a donation.

During their regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners will present plaques of recognition and appreciation to two outgoing elected officials.

District 3 Doña Ana County Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson will present a plaque to outgoing Sheriff Todd Garrison, and Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown will present a plaque to outgoing Probate Judge Alice Salcido.

Garrison has served as Sheriff since February of 2004, when he was chosen to succeed Sheriff Juan Hernandez, who resigned due to health concerns. The commissioners who selected Garrison noted his law-enforcement experience with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. Garrison was duly elected to the post in both 2006 and 2010. His last day in office will be Dec. 30.

Salcido was elected Doña Ana County Probate Judge in both 2006 and 2010. Both she and Garrison are



GARRISON

prohibited by state law from serving more than two consecutive terms; the law applies to all county elective offices.

A swearing-in ceremony for newly elected

officials will be held at the Doña Ana County Government Center on Dec. 31, with Chief Third Judicial District Judge Fernando R. Macias administering the oaths of office.

Garrison, a Republican, will be succeeded by Democrat Enrique 'Kiki' Vigil. Salcido will be succeeded by Diana Bustamante. Both are Democrats.

Other county officials who will be sworn in on Dec. 30 are District 1 Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy G. Garrett and Doña Ana



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County Assessor Andy Segovia, who were re-elected in November. District 3 Doña Ana County Commissioner Benjamin L.

Rawson will be sworn in for his first full term as an elected official. Rawson was appointed to the seat in August of 2013 by New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez; he replaced Karen G. Perez, who resigned for personal reasons about three-quarters of the way through her second term in office.

Each outgoing elected official is customarily presented with a plaque at the last regular County Commission meeting of the year in which his or her term will end.

## Social media initiative showing results

Since its launch on July 1, Doña Ana County's social media initiative has grown steadily and has become a reliable way for Facebook, Twitter and Linked-In users to connect with the county for news updates, job openings and other information.

As of Dec. 1 – exactly five months since the program launched – Doña Ana County has 536 followers on Facebook, 125 followers on Twitter and 176 followers on Linked-In. That totals 837 people actively following Doña Ana County's online presence, in addition to the thousands of people who regularly visit the county's award-winning website.

The social media initiative aims to provide people with convenient tools to receive information on mobile devices without having to visit the county website.

LinkedIn, an employment networking tool that connects its user contacts with businesses and services, will provide Doña Ana County with another avenue to advertise job postings and trainings.

Doña Ana County's Twitter followers can stay in touch with real-time updates on regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and other important news events happening countywide.

Followers of the Doña Ana County Facebook page can stay up-to-date with all public meeting schedules, agendas, road closures and other important notices from all departments.

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# New approach to football, I hope, with new NMSU AD

**Michael Swickard**  
*In My Opinion*



The New Mexico State University Aggies need to stop selling losses. I am offended every time the administration thinks selling a loss is a good idea. They have been selling losses for most of 40 years and it has brought them quick cash and lasting failure.

Let me count the ways selling losses is a bad idea: first, every football team is

judged primarily by their win/loss record. Bowl appearances are determined by win/loss records. Further, the win/loss record has a positive correlation with home attendance. Teams who give up losses each year do not go to Bowls. NMSU has not gone Bowling since 1960.

So I have protested dozens of times about selling losses. Each time I am told I just do not understand educational administration. Psst: I have a Ph.D. in that field. They trade short-term employment for themselves for long-term institutional losses.

Every year I am told the money just does not work any other way. Yet in all those years the NMSU administration has had to shift money to the athletic department a number of times. Remember, "Easy money is always the hardest."

So there is a new athletic director, Mario Moccia. He is a former Aggie great in baseball. In his senior year at NMSU the Aggie football team was winless. That year, then, football head coach Mike Knoll was fired after a 4 and 40 career. How's that selling losses doing for you Mike?

The next coach finally stopped the skid with a victory so NMSU football only lost 27 straight games, some of them sold losses. NMSU was playing with players hurt in sold games. Add to that, the home attendance over the decades has been poor at best and nearly non-existent at all other times.

The NMSU administration said it had to sell losses because the fans were not coming to the games. They got it backwards. If they play and win, the fans come. Incidentally, since 1967 I have attended Aggie football. Many seasons I have six season tickets though this year we only got four.

Not because of the sold game, I was not able to attend most games this year. It was because of the illness of a relative for whom I am the caregiver. But we bought the tickets. And we supported as we have all of these years. We are the few remaining Aggie fans.

The Aggie mantra has been: just wait until next year. We have. Through that whole string of seasons without winning and without fan support the administration has been belligerent about criticism. They want to play the

big programs for cash and for the fact that they go to the sold games and experience what a winning program looks like. Unfortunately, it is not the NMSU Aggies who have the winning program.

So NMSU is at a crossroads. Some people say that a recent NMSU president got fired for publicly saying that NMSU was going to end the football program. I was not there but that perhaps is the reason. And I have nothing but immense respect for the current NMSU president, Garrey Carruthers. No, I am not sucking up to him, he and I have known each other for a very long time.

We now have a new athletic director. Can we take money from our reserves, hold bake sales, car washes, administration kissing booth (bad idea) or whatever so that next year NMSU has a good chance to win those games that they have been selling? The NMSU football program can turn around quickly with wins, and will be mired in cow dung with losses.

The University of New Mexico was pressured years ago to fire their successful football coach who had gotten them full stadiums and bowl appearances. How has that worked for you? Three wins in three seasons and then mercifully a new coach whom I like. The program is coming back. Will UNM sell losses? I think not.

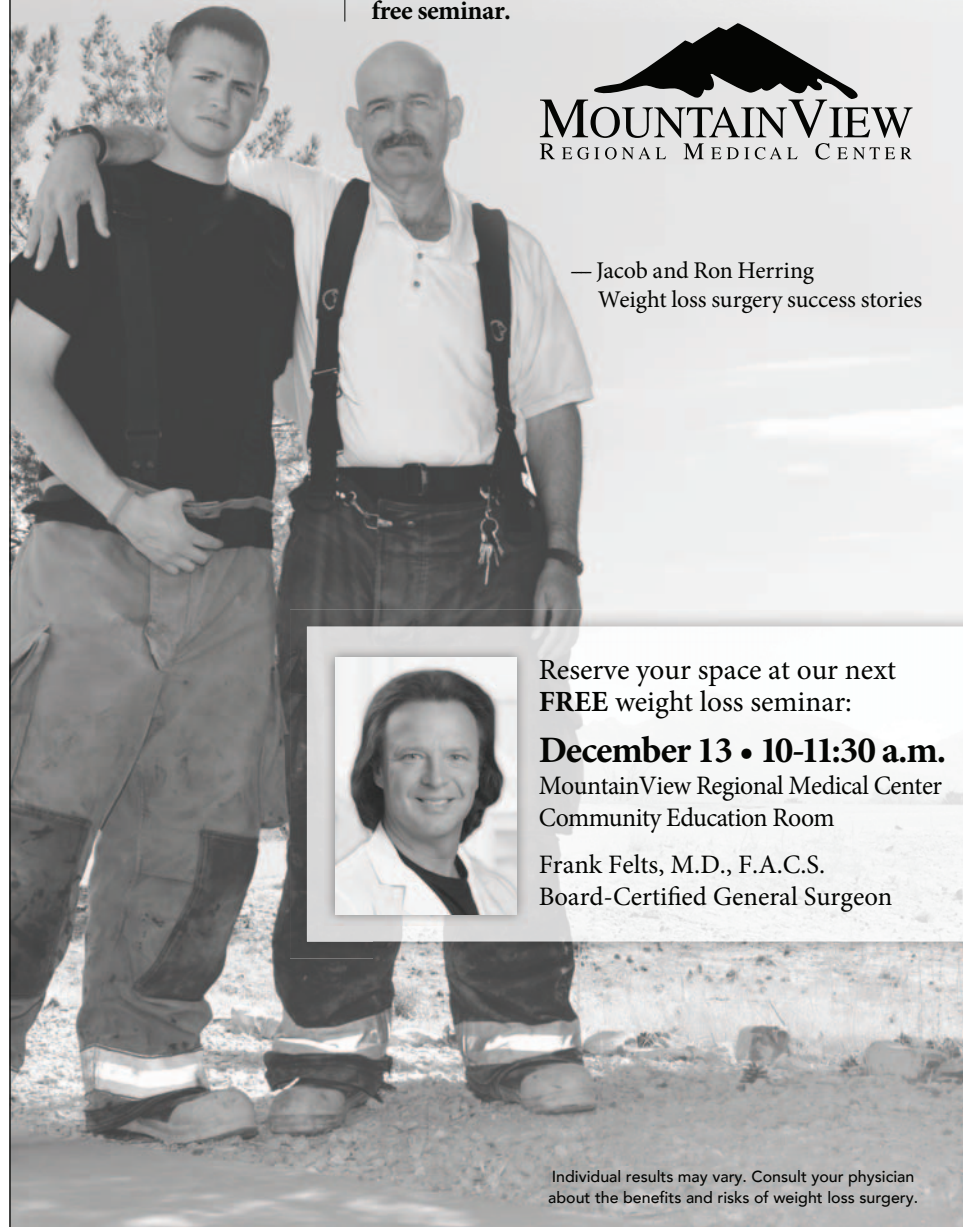
Can NMSU learn from these decades of losses? They can, but will they? That depends on the new athletic director. Yes, we are buying our football tickets for next year regardless. It would be nice to sit in a full stadium.

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

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## WAGE, FROM PAGE A1

As in the original ordinance developed by Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé), further wage increases will be determined by the city's cost of living indexing.

### Wage debate divisive

The action followed an emotional, lengthy debate about the efforts to raise the minimum wage – from both those favoring a substantial increase to those who believe it could hurt local small businesses – which has dominated city politics the past year and even created splits within those communities.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima responded to criticism he had “caved into CAFé.” Miyagishima, who originally opposed a minimum wage increase and then favored a more moderate increase to \$8.50 an hour by 2016 before also voting for CAFé's \$10.10, said he had a change of heart after working up real-world calculations for making ends meet for a mother with children making minimum wage. Miyagishima said he came to the conclusion that the only way for someone in that situation to keep up would be to take a second job and work 80 hours a week.

“That's the situation for many in the city,” he said. “I get it, we have to raise the minimum wage.”

Improving the situation can't be done by just increasing the minimum wage, Miyagishima said, but also by city officials doing more to attract better jobs. But in terms of setting the minimum wage, he said it is important that any changes made to the ordinance stay within the spirit of the citizens initiative.

The city had never dealt with an ordinance created through citizens signing a petition before, Miyagishima said, and the mayor acknowledged that the opposition also had legitimate worries. Local businesses do more than chain companies to raise contributions for nonprofits and schools, he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said he remains concerned that the minimum wage goal of \$10.10 an hour is not based on the local economy and supported delaying even the first increase to \$8.40.

CAFé Executive Director Sarah Nolan said her group's position was that their ordinance should be passed without amendments, other than allowing the reviews and stronger enforcement language.

Councillor Nathan Small, who had been one of CAFé's strongest voices on the council, announced prior to Monday's meeting that he would be recommending changes. He said discussions with some business owners led him to put the longer time lines on the table.

Small's amendments originally failed, but when other changes submitted by Smith and Councillor

Ceil Levatino also failed, his amendments were voted on again after Levatino reconsidered her vote on them.

### Later instead of too much, too soon

Councillor Miguel Silva said the councillors needed to find common ground and move forward because they were elected to be leaders and make tough decisions.

“It's too easy to say we agree to disagree,” Silva said. “Let's also agree to work together.”

Silva said he admired Small's courage to listen to concerns from business that the original CAFé ordinance time lines were too much, too fast. That is a starting place for finding common ground, he said, in which the council's action can lessen the impact on “mom and pop” businesses while improving the quality of life for minimum wage workers.

“We can trench ourselves on this end or that end, but eventually we have to work together,” Silva said. “Let's come up with a community solution.”

Miyagishima opposed Small's amendments because he felt they were too much of change to what people believed would be the end result when they signed the citizens initiative.

On the second round of voting for Small's amendments, Levatino's yes would give the proposal enough votes to pass with Silva and Smith also voting for the longer time lines. Voting against them were Miyagishima and Councillors Olga Pedroza and Gill Sorg.

Pedroza, Sorg and Small are targets of a recall effort based on their vote in September against simply adopting the CAFé ordinance because they wanted it to be a November ballot question. Of the three, only Small will be up for re-election in November 2015.

Pedroza criticized those had voted for the ordinance in September, saying their intent was to deny voters so they could change the ordinance later. Their “back tracking” now revealed the “political expediency” of their original vote, she said.

Levatino said she wasn't opposed to raising the minimum wage, but wanted to see an action that would be “fair and equitable to everyone,” while minimizing the negative impact to the rest of the community.

### Public debate still heated

Before making their decision, councillors listened to two hours of public input from both sides of the debate.

Bill Allen, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, said his organization had originally opposed any minimum wage increase, but tried to find a compromise. Tom Hutchinson, owner of La Posta de Mesilla who sits on a local bank

board, said CAFé wasn't interested in finding common ground, but it was more about getting a minimum wage ordinance on the general election ballot to the benefit of Democrats.

Russell Allen of Allen Theatres said his family business also owns movie theaters in Hobbs, where the oil industry is booming. He has to pay workers in Hobbs \$9 to \$11 an hour just to have workers in the movie houses because the job market is so competitive. Supply and demand for workers should guide minimum wage, not “mob rule,” he said.

Cassie Calway, a tipped wage worker going to school and raising two children, said the needs of workers have as much value as the business owners, who shouldn't see this effort as an attempt to take money away from them.

“I don't want your money, I just want a fair shot,” she said.

Dana Wortham, owner of Caliche's frozen custard shops, said she values her employees. Javier Morales, her general manager and longtime employee, said the business depends on selling low-cost items, mostly \$4 or \$5 purchases. Raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 would force him to cut about 20 percent of the workers, he said.

“There's is a big misconception that small business owners are taking home these large sums of money,” Morales said.

Oscar Andrade, owner of Pic Quik convenience stores, said he also owns four Subway stores, a national chain currently advertising a \$4 sandwich special that doesn't care what the minimum wage is locally. Also, Las Cruces shares a business market with El Paso, where the minimum wage is still at the federal \$7.25 an hour, he said. Raising the minimum wage is adding more stress to his businesses, which already are grappling with rising health care and other costs.

Debra Battista, Tesco's new president and CEO, said the first \$8.40 increase will affect only about 10 of its 600 workers, most of whom are developmentally disabled. But the other increases will result in less employment opportunities for these workers, she said.

CAFé supporters said the real issue is not subverting the City Charter and its conditions for allowing citizens to drive legislation. Liz Rodriguez-Johnson said for the council to alter significantly the ordinance or delay implementation would make a “sham” of the democratic process.

“Ladies and gentlemen, the petitions of Las Cruces citizens were collected,” she said of the more than 6,000 signatures CAFé volunteers collected for the initiative.

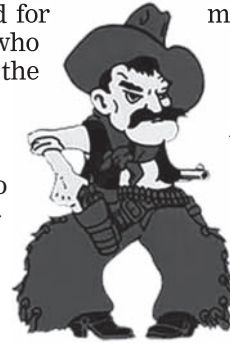
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Carruthers and his team to reach an agreement that protects OSU's long-held interest in its trademarks, while allowing New Mexico State fans to continue to enjoy their school's ‘Classic Aggie.’”

The “Classic Aggie” collection uses an image similar to one used by NMSU from the 1960s until about a decade ago. The collection was created for NMSU alumni who were fond of the older logo.

Under the agreement, NMSU agrees to pay OSU a licensing fee of \$10 per year in perpetuity. In return, NMSU



will be permitted to sell or provide as gifts a maximum of 3,000 items per year with the Classic Aggie image. The Classic Aggie merchandise may only be sold at the NMSU bookstore or its online retail space. It may only be gifted through the NMSU alumni relations office. NMSU also agrees not to use the Classic Aggie image in connection with its athletic programs or student recruitment.

With the agreement, OSU dropped its legal complaint against NMSU for use of the Classic Aggie image.

The agreement does not impact NMSU's current logo, which was not part of the original complaint.

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will be his undersheriff.

While that is more money than Brown contributed, “nobody seems to care about those,” Rawson said.

“Is it because he's on the other side of the political aisle?” Rawson said. “I find it discouraging that we would use this podium here to launch political attacks without looking all the way around and just choosing to pick on one particular candidate and one particular donation without researching the entire issue.”

Prior to Rawson's comments, county attorney David Medeiros said Doña Ana County doesn't have a policy restricting employees from making contributions. There is a concern, he said, if the employee is contributing to a candidate who could become a supervisor. He said he believed a policy for this kind of situation could successfully weather a court challenge.

As for commissioners, it's up to them to decide if the contribution would influence his or her policy making, he said.

Commissioner Wayne Hancock said the “appearance of impropriety” was his concern and that he found the other kinds of donations and relationships “problematic as well.”

Chairman Billy Garrett said his interest in the question was not politically motivated, nor personal. In his role on the commission, Garrett said, he is seeking proper decorum and best practices.

Brown's contribution was not illegal, Medeiros said, which prompted Commissioner Leticia Benavidez to defend the county manager.

“It's a free country,” Benavidez said.

Commissioner David Garcia said sometimes things happen that cause policymakers to reflect on an issue after the fact. There is a real issue in Brown's donation to Rawson, he said, because commissioners evaluate the job performance of the county manager.

Garrett asked legal staff to research how other governments handle the issue and report back to the commission.

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

# Third annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot



Lawrence Joy, president of the Las Cruces Running Club and emcee for the day's events, gives a high five to a young runner as he finishes the course at La Llorona Park.

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At the third annual Las Cruces Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2, Adam Black, winner of the costume contest, poses with Crista and Sherri Fredrickson, who placed second in the costume contest.



Dylan Villescas was the first 5K runner to cross the finish line with a time of 16:15. More than 450 runners who participated in the event.

## Jardín de los Niños donation



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The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El recently made a donation of diapers, wipes and stuffed animals to Jardín de los Niños, which provides day-care services to homeless and near-homeless children. Dropping off the donation Thursday, Nov. 21, were Terri Sugarman, Aggie Saltman, Elisha Rosenberg and her son Colin, 4, with Jardín Executive Director Audrey Hartley.



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# Coming up

## Downtown Plaza design open house

The Las Cruces Community Partners and PlaceMakers, in cooperation with the City of Las Cruces Community Development Department, will host a design open house for the Downtown plaza from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St.

## City Christmas tree lighting ceremony

The public is invited to the City of Las Cruces' annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Albert Johnson Park, 200 E. Picacho Ave., between City Hall and Branigan Library.

Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. The event is free.

## Fabian, Branigan exhibits

New Mexico State University's public history students have curated "Fabian Garcia: Cultivating Character" and "The Branigan Building: Then and Now," two new exhibits opening Friday, Dec. 5, at the Branigan Cultural Center.

The students were enrolled in Museums of North America, a new course taught by assistant professor Peter Kopp.

"The goal of the class is to provide students with a theoretical background for study and obtain hands-on experience," he said. "We worked toward researching and designing two of our own exhibits in a partnership with the

Branigan Cultural Center. I'm tremendously proud of our students for both their commitment to doing good research and thinking creatively about how to exhibit local history and culture."

The opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. "The Branigan Building" will be up for two years as a permanent part of the cultural center. "Fabian Garcia" will run through January 2015.

## FLARE rocket launch

The Fellowship of Las Cruces Area Rocketry Enthusiasts (FLARE) will host a free sport rocket launch from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Waterfalls Launch Site off South Holman Road on the East Mesa.

For more information, visit [www.flare-rocketry.com](http://www.flare-rocketry.com)

## Lavender Graduation

New Mexico State University's Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center will host the 10th biannual Lavender Graduation from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the NMSU Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive.

"In the past, we have given out the Christina Chavez Kelley Award for Excellence in Service to graduating students, faculty, staff and community members" center coordinator Jessica Spohn said. "To accurately reflect the true meaning of this award, it will only be given to faculty, staff and community members (including alumni) beginning with this ceremony."

The center now has an award for the Outstanding Graduating Student, who will receive a different stole, and have their name added to the plaque that hangs in the SGDRC office. Recipients are chosen from the graduates based on nomination submissions, academic

performance, leadership and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community. The Outstanding Graduating Students and the CCK Award recipients will be announced during the ceremony.

The Lavender Graduation consists of a four-course meal, keynote speaker, presentation of the stoles and awards, following a performance by the Singing Out Las Cruces Community Choir.

This year's speaker is Renay Scott, president of Doña Ana Community College. Scott became the ninth DACC president in June. She earned her bachelor's degree at Calvin College, master's degree from Michigan State University and Ph.D. from Wayne State University.

Nine students receiving their bachelor's and one master's student, coordinator Spohn, will participate in the ceremony.

Assistant coordinator Sendghuan Defibaugh-Chavez will serve as Spohn's replacement.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be bought online at <https://shopcart.nmsu.edu/shop/sgdrc>. To purchase tickets or diversity stoles by cash or check, visit the Office of Student Diversity and Outreach, Garcia Annex Room 235. The public can purchase tickets or stoles for \$30 to donate to the office. Donated tickets will go to low-income students.

For more information, contact the Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center at 646-7031 or [sgdrc@nmsu.edu](mailto:sgdrc@nmsu.edu)

## Share the Road Las Cruces Visibility Ride

Share the Road Las Cruces will hold Visibility Ride at 7:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, starting at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

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.

## Gun club Christmas

The American Gun Culture Club will hold its Christmas celebration at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at New Covenant Fellowship, 20 Holy Cross Road in Mesilla Park.

New Desert Harmony Singers will perform at 6:30 p.m. before dinner is served. Cost is \$10 per person.

For more information, email Bev Courtney at [bevyco@gmail.com](mailto:bevyco@gmail.com).

## Honor Flight reunion

The annual reunion of all Honor Flight veterans will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Cineport 10 at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m. The Honor Flight 7 film will be shown. Door prizes and Adopt-A-Vet presentations will be held. RSVP to Debra Melcher at 202-6366.

## Native American shaker class

There will be a Native American-style shaker class at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Cactus Flower Gallery and Consignment Shop. You can register at the gallery or call 210-749-1719 to register. There is a limit of 10 people. To cover expenses, the cost for the class is \$10 per gourd. The gallery is located on Mesquite Street just past the historic Sunshine Grocery building.

## NMSU library hours

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breaks, the New Mexico State University Library has adjusted hours for its Zuhl and Branson locations.

The following is an updated library hours schedule for the remainder of the month:

- Monday, Dec. 1, through Thursday, Dec. 11: regular hours
- Friday, Dec. 12: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14: closed
- Monday, Dec. 15, through Friday, Dec. 19: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 20, and Sunday, Dec. 21: closed

- Monday, Dec. 22, and Tuesday, Dec. 23: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 4: closed

The Archives and Special Collections Reading Room will be open by appointment only between the following dates:

- Wednesday, Dec. 17, through Tuesday, Dec. 23
- Monday, Jan. 5, through Friday, Jan. 9

To make an appointment for the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room, call 646-7455 or email [archives@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:archives@lib.nmsu.edu).

Current hours of operation are available at 646-4749 or <http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/libhours.html>.

## Light Up the Desert

The Asombro Institute for Science Education is giving the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park some holiday cheer by lighting up the desert.

From 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, stroll along the Desert Discovery Trail while enjoying hundreds of luminarias. Enjoy a campfire, hot chocolate, and the holiday spirit. Family friendly and free.

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

The Asombro Institute for Science Education is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing scientific literacy by fostering an understanding of the Chihuahuan Desert.

The Asombro Institute provides hands-on science education programs for more than 19,000 students throughout southern New Mexico and west Texas each year. Anyone interested in learning more about the Asombro Institute for Science Education, membership and volunteer opportunities can call the Institute office at 524-3334 or visit [www.asombro.org](http://www.asombro.org)

## Ornament kid activity

Join us for holiday ornament making from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 13 and 20, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

Drop by any time and make your choice of ornaments.

Materials will be available for you to make historic- and scientific-themed ornaments and cards. Come put your imagination to work to make something truly special for family or friends. Staff members from the Branigan Cultural Center, the Las Cruces Museum of Art, the Museum of Nature & Science and the Las Cruces Railroad Museum will be on hand to assist with your creations.

Ages 6 and older are welcome, with parental attendance encouraged. A \$1 suggested donation per child at time of class.

For more information, call Joanne at 647-4480.

## City councillor meetings provide opportunity for residents to give input

Residents throughout Las Cruces will have a chance to discuss issues with their city councillors during meetings held in their respective districts in December.

Anyone who is not sure who their city councillor is should contact Jamey Rickman, community liaison for the City of Las Cruces, at 541-2192 or email at [jrickman@las-cruces.org](mailto:jrickman@las-cruces.org) with a physical address for look-up assistance.


Meetings scheduled include:

**District 4 – Councillor Nathan Small. These meetings will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at:**

- Tuesday, Dec. 16, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador Ave.
- Thursday, Dec. 18, City Hall, Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St.

**District 5 – Councillor Gill Sorg. These meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at:**

- Tuesday, Dec. 9, Sage Café, 6121 Reynolds Drive




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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Gap of no understanding

There is a bridge to cross in understanding between those who live off the land (rural) and those who benefit from it (urban), but have no personal relationship with it.

Examples abound. I suspect a large portion of urbanites imagine the wolf as a gladiator of the woods. He has a family with little ones. They only eat what they are forced to kill. Sort of a "Lion King" image.

Rural folks consider them more like the mafia. Don Lobo is the drug dealer, thief, leader of the gangs who shoot innocent bystanders, the muggers and serial killers.

Realistically, they are the apex predator and consider anything else that moves as prey.

The romantic image that wolves imbue to many urbanites explains why they support reintroduction of wolves into the rural areas. They are never exposed to the consequences. It's all movies to them.

Those rural folks who

are recipients of relocated wolves can predict that their lives and those of their children and livestock will be drastically changed.

Imagine if the government declared to the urbanite that they were going to plant stinging nettle or poison ivy in their backyard.

"Don't worry," they reassure, "We will only plant the poison ivy and nettle in one side of your yard."

"It will spread," protest the urban folks. "Why are you doing this in the first place? It took us years to get rid of the weeds, the thistle and cholla, the helmlock and kudzu. You will ruin everything. We have pets, we have young children, we have a stone barbecue grill, we have a fountain. We've planted shade trees, what kind of people are you?"

The government assures the recipients of the predator plants their goal is to make sure these plants don't become extinct. If they could only get them classified as en-

dangered, they could take your land.

Rural communities are often ravaged by a government of No Understanding. Can you imagine the appointed leaders of the Department of Interior or the Environmental Protection Agency treating their political benefactor or next-door urban neighbor the way they routine-

ly treat rural people? The majority of urbanites support the invasions as long as it is "not in my backyard." It's like talking to "what, me worry?"

Is there a way to bridge this gap of no understanding? Rural people do not hate wolves. They actually understand the predator/prey relationship better than most.

They are part of it on a day-to-day basis. Since Columbus and Coronado invaded the western hemisphere, man has gradually assumed the apex predatorship above wolves, bears, mountain lions, rattlesnakes and alligators. Man has been playing his part in nature since then. That is why there are no wolves in the

White House lawn, Hyde Park in Chicago or in the Hollywood Bowl.

The government's meddling is now trying to reverse nature's way, but only if it is "not in their own backyard." I guess it's their hypocrisy that most rural folks resent.

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# Santa arrives at mall



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A festive polar bear escorts Santa Claus to his seat at the Mesilla Valley Mall Friday, Nov. 28. Santa will be on hand daily through Wednesday, Dec. 24, near the Cineport 10 entrance to meet with children and take photographs.



Ayssa Olivas, 4, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.



Eryn Clark, left, and Martha Trujillo work with Santa at the Mesilla Valley Mall. Trujillo, in her second year with Santa, takes photographs while Clark assists children and customers.

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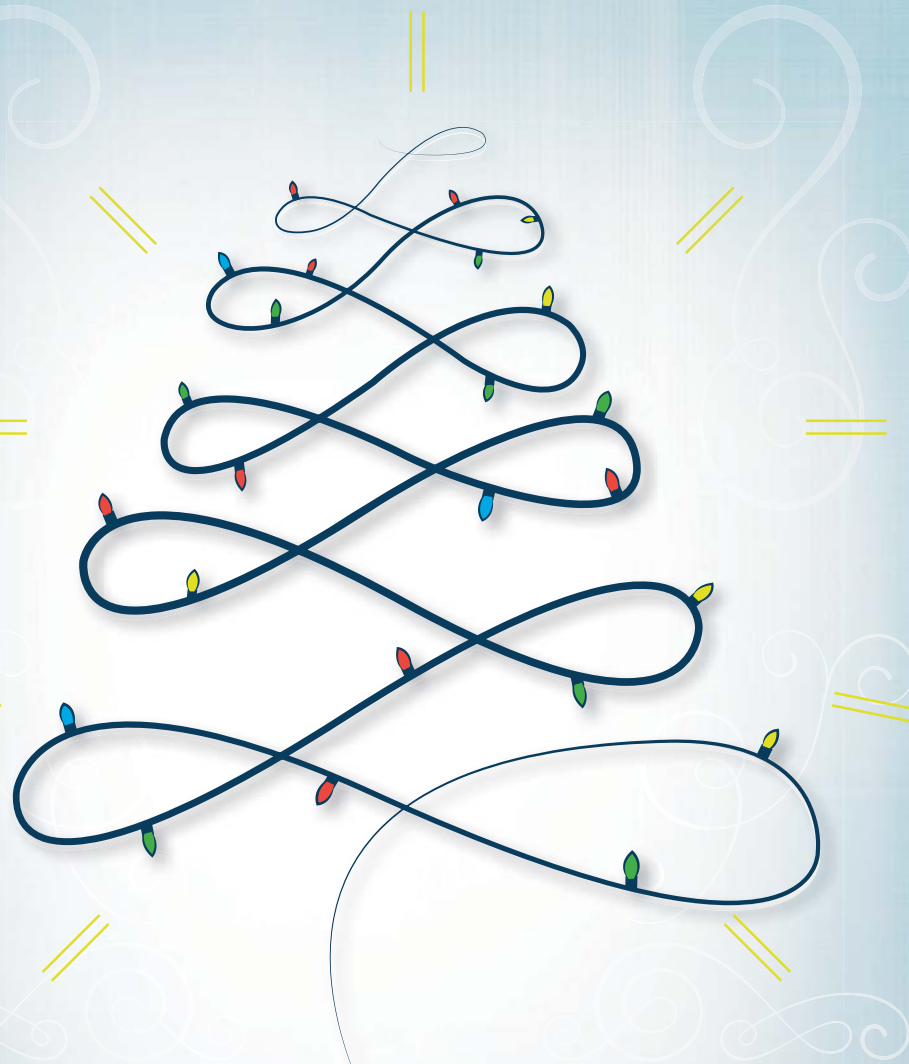
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the man who assumed that name moved to Las Cruces, presumably from San Antonio, Texas, in 2009 and used the identity of a Texas man to obtain a New Mexico driver's license.

Since 2009, the man held at least two jobs in Las Cruces and his employers paid taxes and Social Security under his assumed name. He also obtained four loans from Sun City Finance using the assumed name and personal information.

The man's assumed identity indicates he is 30 years old, but detectives believe he may be older. Police have reason to believe he may have moved to Albuquerque, Santa Fe or another community in that vicinity.

A warrant has been obtained for the man's arrest. He is charged with one count of identity theft and one count of fraud. Additional charges are pending.

Anyone with information that can help identify the man portraying himself to be "Armando Ryan Alvarez" is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to

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# Thanksgiving meal at El Caldito Soup Kitchen




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Kelly Wood accepts a plate of hot food for his Thanksgiving meal Thursday, Nov. 27, at El Caldito Soup Kitchen. Volunteers at the soup kitchen estimated they served about 300 holiday meals.




Christie Palacios de Dios said she has had a lot of problems during the year, but God has blessed her and she is happy to once again have a warm Thanksgiving meal.



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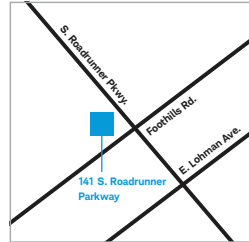


Soup kitchen volunteers Rebecca Castel and Martha Provencio, along with a fellow volunteer who said "call me St. Nick," are ready to spray whipped cream on any of the variety of pie pieces available during the Thanksgiving meal.



Las Cruces resident and former U.S. Marine Linda Leigh said the Thanksgiving meal at El Caldito is great, but the Christmas feast each year is even better.

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## Trojans hunt for title in Rio Rancho



### Mayfield to play for 6A football championship

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

After 10 games and three rounds, just two teams remain to compete for the state title in the New Mexico class 6A postseason. Top-ranked Rio Rancho will host the No. 2 seed Mayfield Trojans in the championship game.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in Rio Rancho.

As expected, both teams moved with ease through the quarter and semifinal rounds. In addition to being seeded No. 1 and No. 2, Rio Rancho and Mayfield are also ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the state respectively.

With a bye in the first round, Rio Rancho (12-0, 4-0 district) handled Las Cruces and Eldorado, scoring 105 points in the two games combined. The Rams offense is centered on a strong passing game from senior quarterback Easton Bruere.

In the Ram's semifinal win against Eldorado, Bruere passed for 567 yards and a 74 percent completion rate. The Rams passing ability paired with a

LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ORLANDO SANTANA

The Mayfield High School football team prepares to take the field Friday, Nov. 21, to play Clovis in a state 6A quarterfinal game at the Field of Dreams. The Trojans won 35-21 and then defeated La Cueva Friday, Nov. 29. Mayfield will play at Rio Rancho in the 6A state title game Friday, Dec. 5.

See **Trojans** on page A19

## Ags fall to Lobos; host Miners

Senior Remi Barry scored a team-high 13 points on 4-of-7 shooting from the field, however, it wasn't enough as the University of New Mexico basketball team overcame an early, double-digit deficit and fought past New Mexico State 62-47 in the first installment of the Rio Grande Rivalry series at The Pit in Albuquerque.

"They did a really good job and executed their game plan," NMSU head coach Marvin Menzies said. "Any time you play a rivalry game you want to put your best foot forward and we didn't do that."

For the game NMSU shot 34 percent – 16-of-46 – from the field, while UNM hit 47 percent – 23-of-48 – of its shots.

Daniel Mullings scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds to nearly complete the double-double. The Toronto

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native also moved into first place on the NSU career list in steals with 218.

He's also in the top 10 for points and assists.

"We had too many turnovers and gave them a lot of transition points," Menzies said. "In the second half we had to be aggressive and it didn't work well."

The Aggies are back in action 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, and play host to University of Texas-El Paso at the Pan American Center.



New Mexico State University guard DK Eldridge takes the ball up the court in the Aggies' victory against Northern Colorado Wednesday, Nov. 19. The Aggies play host to rival UTEP Saturday, Dec. 6.

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# TROJANS, FROM PAGE 18

strong offensive line has led to an average of 46.3 points per game while the defense has done an exceptional job, holding opponents to a mere 16.6 points per game. This is Rio Rancho's first appearance in the state championship game and they are seeking their first title.

After a devastating one-point loss to cross-town rival Las Cruces High last year in the state championship, Mayfield is seeking its ninth state football title in school history. Most recently the Trojans captured the state title in 2010 with a 69-42 rout of the Manzano Monarchs. Mayfield head coach Michael Bradley describes his team as "ready to go and excited to be back in the championship game."

"They are pumped up," Bradley said. "I think we are healthier than we have been all season long, guys are confident about what they've done and what we can do. We still haven't played our best game yet and hopefully it's still in front of us and hopefully it will be on Friday."

Although the Trojans have overpowered their opponents with a resilient offense this season, the keys to a green and gold victory will come from a sturdy defense. The ability to disrupt the Rams passing game and control the ground will be the main focus for the Trojans.

"They have the highest scoring offense in the state and one of the best defenses in the state. They are very tough, talented and well coached team so we are going to have to be our best," Bradley said. "We have always relished the underdog role and I think we are definitely the underdog even though we have been here before."

Mayfield's defense has shown steady improvement throughout the playoffs and seems to be peaking at the right times. Coach Bradley knows the defense must be ready for Rio Rancho's offense on game day.

"Rio Rancho is mainly

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**Mayfield at Rio Rancho**  
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a passing team but they run the ball real well," he said. "They throw the ball about 70 percent of the time, they throw deep and short passes and are very explosive. They like to spread out and we have to make tackles. We have to make sure that we are not letting them get a whole lot of yards after they catch the ball. We have to make sure that we are making them drive down the field and are not giving them anything easy and that's the main thing on defense."

Regardless of the outcome, Bradley has a strong belief in who the real champions are.

"The kids have worked harder this week than they have all year long, they are very focused and have worked their tails off," he said.

When you get to this game, regardless of who gets the trophy, both teams are champions for getting to this point. When you work this hard an you have a championship attitude, a championship work ethic and a championship commitment, that's what its all about and that's what we are trying teach these young people."

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# Aggie women sign pair of new golfers

New Mexico State women's golf head coach Jackie Booth announced two student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to attend and play for the Aggies starting next fall.

Maria Prado, of Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico and Lauren Blumears, a native of Phoenix signed letters of intent during the early signing period two weeks ago and will join the team and university when the 2015-16

academic year begins.

"Maria is a great student from Mexico, which will help ease the transition into being a student-athlete at NM State," Booth said. "She is a fun, little player to watch that has a great short game and a positive attitude every time she sets foot on the course. Her upside is huge and it will be awesome to see her develop while she is here at NM State."

Blumears, who was born in

Harare, Zimbabwe, was raised in the Phoenix, Ariz., area where she attended Mountain Pointe High School. During her four years there, Blumears played golf and was named the team MVP as a sophomore, junior and senior.

"Lauren is another student-athlete that will bring with her a great work ethic in both academics and athletics," Booth said. "She is an extremely hard worker who is becoming better."

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# Hit the links in the cold, yet stay comfortable



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

It's getting cold.

Maybe not in Palm Springs or Palm Beach, but winter is just about upon us here in the high desert. Nighttime temps have plummeted down to the low 30s and even the 20s in some locations, and morning frost delays on the golf courses have already started. This may be the right time for you to get the right information and the right gear to keep yourself comfortable on the golf course as the mercury drops further while we approach mid-winter.

For the next few months we can expect daytime highs in the 40s, 50s and maybe the 60s; but those are the highs - the average temperatures are much lower. Sure we're blessed with a climate that offers year-round golf, but many days in

December, January and February can be pretty harsh. Daytime cloud cover will make it downright frigid. Stiff winds can make a 40-degree afternoon feel like it's 28. We simply have to be smart about how to dress and cope with changing outdoor conditions.

Two of the dangers always lurking where folks are active in the frigid outdoors are hypothermia and Raynaud's phenomenon.

Hypothermia is a serious consequence of unprotected exposure to cold temperatures with the condition further exacerbated by dampness from wind and rain. Your body's core temperature can drop to a dangerously low level even in seemingly mild conditions - 50 degrees when dampness and wind-chill gang up on you.

Telltale signs of hypothermia are noticeable discomfort, shivering,

unsteadiness, numbness, feeling weak and stiff, and of particular concern to us golfers, mental dullness and poor judgment. When you're really cold, your motor skills are off and you don't think clearly.

Raynaud's phenomenon is a condition caused by vascular over-response to the cold. The small blood vessels, especially in the hands and feet, are damaged to the point of shutting down, causing painful numbness and whitening of the affected skin areas. Once major damage is done, the Raynaud's generally persists for many years and is triggered by less extreme cold. Consult [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com) for more detailed data on Raynaud's.

What's the best way to stay warm and comfortable? The secret is layers.

It doesn't matter if you're golfing or hiking or skiing or fishing. Layering is the answer. Understand that priority one is warmth, while a very high priority two is minimum restriction of movement.

You need to be able to make a normal golf swing while

suiting up. Forget about bulky longjans and heavy woolies. Michelin Man can't make full turn with a five-iron. We're talking about dressing for our sport with lightweight, fashionable, functional high-tech gear.

It starts with your compression base layer, a next-to-the-skin, body-fitting shirt (usually of a stretch type fabric) that increases muscle support and control while providing warmth and moisture wicking. You don't want anything sweaty, cold and clammy next to your skin on a biting winter day. Under Armour, Nike, Columbia, Layer 8 and Adidas make good base layer stuff. Next, add your thermal mid-layer, which might be a nylon or laminated vest or shell, worn mainly for retaining body heat and blocking the wind from penetrating your torso. A light cashmere sweater might also be good.

Bear in mind your layers should be fairly thin, thereby permitting freedom of movement, and so they can be added or removed as the conditions fluctuate. For average chilly days, you

might combine a stretch-type turtleneck shirt with a wool sweater.

To complete your ultimate layering protection, you need an outer lightweight weatherproof jacket and perhaps matching weatherproof pants.

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Ideally, a good golf jacket should be one with adjustable cuffs, sealed seams, vented shoulders and sewn from fabric that is waterproof, windproof and breathable. Gore-tex is the best.

Be wary of "showerproof" labels, and be careful of cheap imitations of weather-shielding fabrics, which typically can be like a rubber suit and make you very uncomfortable.

You'll get more tips on swinging into winter in next week's column.

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## Former 'Dawg plays at UND



**Barbara Boxleitner**  
Keeping up

Jo Terrel de Rouen has been a productive starter for the University of North Dakota men's basketball team.

The junior guard out of Las Cruces High averaged 8.4 points, fourth on the squad, in starting each of the five games he played. He led the team with his season high of 12 points in a loss to University of Utah and was among three North Dakota players to have 11 points in a loss to University of Northern Iowa.

He was second on the team in assists and fourth in steals.

### Men's basketball

Oñate High School graduate Tim Jacobs had

two points, two assists and one rebound for University of New Mexico against University of Southern California.

### Football

Abilene Christian University freshman linebacker Sam Denmark finished with 77 tackles, fourth on the team, in 10 games, including nine starts. The Las Cruces High graduate had two sacks, two interceptions and one fumble recovery.

Freshman running back J.J. Granados ranked second on Glendale Community College in kickoff returns. The graduate had 11 returns for 264 yards and one score in the seven games he played. He rushed 10 times for 45 yards and made two tackles.

Redshirt sophomore linebacker Geoff Smelser,

out of Oñate High, had three tackles in eight games for University of New Mexico.

Sophomore defensive back Asahi Herrera, another from Oñate, had two tackles in two games for Avila University.

### Wrestling

The Citadel redshirt senior Joaquin Marquez placed sixth in the 125-pound Open Division at the Hokie Open. The past Bulldawg was 3-2, including two major decisions, during the event. Rochester Institute of Technology senior Nick Fisk has a 2-4 record. Formerly at Mayfield High, he was 2-2 in the 184-pound class at the Monarch Invitational Tournament.

*Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at [BKLE3@aol.com](mailto:BKLE3@aol.com).*

## A good season comes to an end

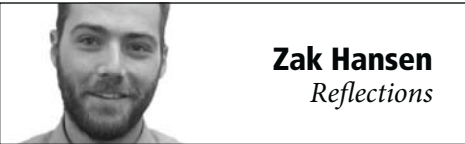


**Centennial High School's Matt Alvarez scoops up a fumble and puts the Hawks in the red zone early in the third quarter against Belen Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Field of Dreams. The Centennial Hawks lost the semifinal contest and Belen moved on to play in the state 5A championship game.**

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# Looking Back

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Zak Hansen**  
Reflections

### 100 years ago

#### 1914

• A strange development in the continuing drama between Professor Hiram Hadley and Frank T. French: As the Las Cruces Citizen reported, the two rivals “were seen in secret conclave in the middle of the street one day this week.” While the Citizen assented it did not know the “nature of the plot (...) as they had their sights focused on our window, we fear the plot may be to ‘swipe’ our narcissus bulbs.”

• Seemingly undaunted by the supposed Hiram-French alliance forming, the Citizen also prodded the Santa Fe New Mexican in an editorial, calling the paper “puerile, silly and sarcastic” and slamming the publication for a recent dig at the Citizen as “a flash of near wit.”

• The Las Cruces Fire Department was expanding, using \$300 of its own funds to procure another 300 feet of fire hose needed “for better protection of the city, as it was evident at the Sam Beam fire that the city was not supplied with enough hose,” the Citizen reported.

• Seventy-year-old Charles M. Cooney – secretary of the board of regents of the New Mexico School of Mines – was believed to have perished somewhere in the Mogollon Mountains. As the Citizen reported, “age had not diminished the fever of the prospector in his veins and he went in the desolate range October 25,” never reaching his destination of Mogollon.

• Friends of the aged prospector’s nephew, Thomas F. Cooney, a prominent area rancher, “trust that his uncle may be found alive and well,” though the Citizen took a different stance, stating, “That the pioneer miner is dead is regarded as practically certain here.”

### 50 years ago

#### 1964

• According to the front page of the Dec. 10 Las Cruces Citizen, “a giant step was taken in the United States Moon program with the unqualified success of the firing of a ‘Little Joe II’ in the cold air of White Sands early Tuesday morning.” According to test documents, “leaving behind a column of white flame, the 340,000-pound thrust Little Joe II thundered from its White Sands launch pad at 8 a.m., as scheduled.” The test was termed “a milestone in this nation’s bid to put men on the moon by 1970.”



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A group of ushers stand below the marquee of the Rio Grande Theatre in this photo dated 1940. “Phantom Raiders” and Don Ameche’s “Four Sons” were this week’s fare.

### 25 years ago

#### 1989

• Two Las Cruces Public Schools students were hospitalized after a “mysterious bus accident,” the Las Cruces Bulletin reported. While the details of the accident were unclear, “it appears the bus (...) left the roadway and bounced across the desert while on its Corralitos Ranch Road route.” One student’s spleen burst in the accident; the other suffered a punctured lung and

several broken ribs.

• Las Cruces business owners would be in for a surprise when they went to renew their business registrations in 1990: the Bulletin reported the Doña Ana County Commission approved an ordinance that would require owners to fill out a hazardous chemical questionnaire.

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# In the news

## DanceSport team places 4th

The New Mexico State University DanceSport Company has returned from a record-setting weekend at the National Collegiate DanceSport Championships (NCDC), held Nov. 21-22 in Columbus, Ohio.

In the University team points category, NMSU's official team of 18 ballroom, Latin and swing partner dancers placed fourth overall of 46 universities, in only its second appearance at the event, besting last year's fifth-place performance.

The team also scored first runner-up for its Team Ballroom Formation performance, as well as landing third place overall for the American Style Team Match.

Of more than 850 dancers at the NCDC, NMSU DanceSport members excelled individually, with finalists in 26 competitive events, including national champions in eight separate categories, some of which saw more than 100 couples competing.

Placing first at the NCDC were: Irvin Zavala Verdugo and Valeria Zerecero (Newcomer Cha Cha, Newcomer Rumba, Newcomer Swing, Bronze Mambo, and Bronze Rhythm); Brandon Romero and Jade Augustain (Bronze Latin and Silver Viennese Waltz), and; Zachary Pohl and Ariel Freilich (Pre-Championship Open Smooth).

Placing second at the NCDC were: Walker Fleming and Katrina Armstrong (Newcomer Foxtrot); Damon Harrison and Cydnee Plant (Newcomer Rumba and Newcomer East Coast Swing); Zachary Pohl and Perla Castillo (Bronze Latin), and; Brandon Romero and Perla Castillo (Gold Rhythm).

Placing third at the NCDC were: Walker Fleming and Katrina Armstrong (Newcomer Tango); Brandon Romero and Ariel Freilich (Silver Latin); Aaron Prescott and Perla Castillo (Gold Smooth); Brandon Rome-

ro and Perla Castillo (Novice Open Rhythm), and; Zachary Pohl and Ariel Freilich (Merengue Fun Dance).

Other finalists at the NCDC were: Walker Fleming and Ruby Marquez (fifth Bronze Mambo); Kenneth Holley and Ruby Marquez (sixth Bronze Smooth); Irvin Zavala Verdugo and Morgan Metcalf (seventh Bronze Smooth); Zachary Pohl & Morgan Metcalf (sixth Bronze International Foxtrot); Brandon Romero and Jade Augustain (fourth Silver Smooth and fifth Gold Smooth); Zachary Pohl and Jade Augustain (fourth Silver Rhythm), and; Zachary Pohl and Natalie Cardenas (eighth Gold Rhythm).

"These competitions are essential to fulfill our mission to develop highly-trained collegiate DanceSport athletes and aspiring DanceSport professionals," said Hannah Cole, NMSU DanceSport Company coach and dance assistant professor.

With the help of financial support from this year's recent Look Who's Dancing! fundraiser, the NMSU DanceSport Company will next turn its competitive attention to the Manhattan Amateur Classic held in New York City in January, 2015.

NMSU DanceSport Company is an athletic and performance competitive ballroom, Latin and swing dance company in the Department of Human Performance, Dance and Recreation. The company's mission to develop highly trained collegiate DanceSport athletes and competitive DanceSport alumni; to foster a thriving local and regional dance community, and to build and maintain a worldwide center of excellence in partner dance training and teacher education.

For more information on the NMSU DanceSport Company's biggest annual performance and fundraiser, Look Who's Dancing, visit: [www.lookwhosdancing.com](http://www.lookwhosdancing.com) or call 646-4067. The team also has a Facebook page.

## Pet coalition set for roundtable

The Coalition for Pets & People will be the topic at the Unitarian Church Round Table from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, located at 2000 S. Solano Drive.

Billy Garrett, Doña Ana County Commission chairman and Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley board member will lead the panel discussion. Frank Bryce, president of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico and Michelle Corella, director of the Feral Cat Management Program on New Mexico State University campus will be panel members.

Also at the Unitarian Church before and after the panel discussion, holiday gift boxes will be available for a donation.

The pre-wrapped and re-usable gift boxes will be available from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sunday Dec. 7-14 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The boxes come in a variety of sizes, colors and styles, and are ready-to-use by just sliding off ribbon to put gifts inside. Donations for the boxes go to support the social justice work of the Unitarian Church of Las Cruces and services help-

ing animals in need provided by the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico.

## Pearce's Native American housing bill advances

Congressman Steve Pearce announced Wednesday, Dec. 2, the bipartisan passage of the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act Reauthorization of 2014 (NAHASDA).

By a voice vote, the House of Representatives acted to increase access to safe and affordable housing for Native Americans nationwide. HR 4329 includes a number of reforms that will provide lease-to-own programs aimed at providing rural tribes with the means for self-determination, and allow tribes to focus more on money and development, instead of administrative requirements.

"Prosperity has eluded Native American families living on tribal land for too long," Pearce said. "NAHASDA has been a driving force in reversing this trend on tribal lands, providing opportunity and housing for millions more since its inception in 1996. I am extremely proud to be the sponsor

of this legislation, which has been called transformative by tribal leaders. It represents another positive step in modernizing current housing, and providing tribal leaders with greater self-autonomy in meeting the needs that face their communities.

## Burglaries on the rise

A string of more than a dozen burglary reports to the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office over the Thanksgiving weekend is prompting another reminder for residents to take measures that could reduce their chances of becoming victims.

Sheriff's deputies responded to several residential burglaries in Doña Ana County from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1, including a handful of reports involving thefts from vehicles. In each case, unlocked doors gave thieves access to valuables and personal property that have yet to be recovered.

"This is the time of year that criminals will take advantage of any opportunity to take what doesn't belong to them," said Sheriff Todd Garrison. "The increased shopping season that happens in November and December is when thieves are

looking for packages or bags left in plain sight, as well as personal property left unsecured."

Garrison urged residents to make a habit of always locking their vehicles, whether they are parked in public places or in a private driveway.

"Taking extra precautions can reduce these types of crimes that are entirely preventable."

## Shelter offers holiday specials

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will offer a 12 Days of Spay sterilization special to help control the pet population in Doña Ana County and to promote responsible pet ownership.

Anyone in Doña Ana County can have their female dog or cat spayed for only \$12 throughout the month of December.

The regular cost for spaying at the clinic runs \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats.

Additional services will also be offered at a discount, including micro-chipping for \$10 and rabies vaccinations for \$10. City of Las Cruces animal licenses are only \$5 during the promotion, and licenses for those who live in the county are \$7.

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## ROBERT RICHARDSON

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Robert Richardson passed away on Nov 24, 2014. Born in San Francisco, Calif. on Feb. 1, 1927, God gave Bob 87 good years of living on this beautiful Earth. He has been a Christian Witness of Jehovah since 1956 when he was baptized. Bob's hope is to live again in the resurrection on a clean Earth under our King Christ Jesus.

He is survived by Ruby Dorothy Richardson, his wife for over 60 years, their daughter

Rebecca Baroni, grandchildren Kisha Garza. Other ones that Bob considered and raised as his grandchildren are Richard Ensminger, Levi Ensminger, Dustin Ensminger, Ashley Stephens and four great grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located at 901 E. Mulberry Ave. at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



### MEGHAN AGUILERA

is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. She is the number one runner and varsity team captain on the Lady Knight's cross country and track teams. Aguilera is district champion in cross country, state qualifier and medalist in track. In the all-state, she won the Alamogordo district championship and Loretto Invitational in cross country this season and was the district 3-6A champion in 2014. Aguilera is an outstanding student with a 3.90 GPA. She is hardworking, respectful, motivated and disciplined. Aguilera is a great leader. Her ability to get along with others is evident in the attitude others express toward Aguilera. It is this kind of sensitivity that has earned her the respect of fellow students and teachers. When not running or in school, Aguilera enjoys painting, drawing, hiking and reading.

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

## AEROBICS

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

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

## TRAVELERS CLUB

Discover Switzerland, April 22-May 1, 2015, \$3,549 double; \$3,849 single. Sign up by Nov. 17.

Alaska Cruise, May 29-June 9, 2015, \$3,400 and up.

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

Nashville Show Trip, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, 2015, \$886 double.

Costa Rica, Oct. 24-

Nov. 1, 2015, \$2,399 double.

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

## AQUATICS FITNESS

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

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

## YOGA CLASSES

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

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

## DANCESPORT

New Mexico State University's DanceSport team teaches two weekly lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the

Rentfrow Gym on the NMSU campus, 3165 Williams Ave.

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

## BOARD GAMES

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

For more information, call 528-3035.

## BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at the Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave.

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

## 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.

## CHAIR EXERCISES

Chair exercises led by Lisa Ortega are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. A \$1 donation is suggested.

## ENHANCE FITNESS

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

Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

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

## CALL FOR LOCAL SENIOR ARTISTS

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

The work medium is paint and the surface is the exterior of the Tornillo side of the building. Submit résumés by Jan. 31, 2015, to Lori Crumet at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## LECTURE SERIES

The Academy for Learning in Retirement is hosting a lecture series at 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 2, 4, 9 and 11, in the Good Samaritan auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Professor Melissa Guynn will be presenting a series of topics on the subject of How Memory Works.

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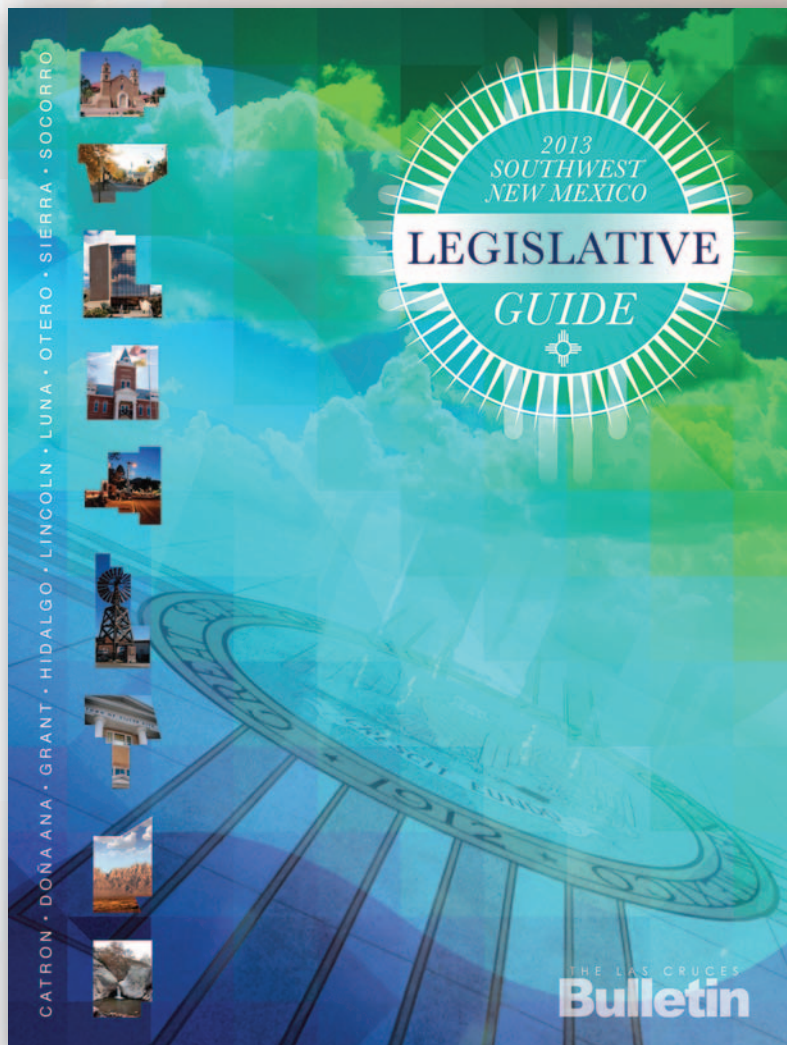
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# A 'BillionGraves' for genealogy

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Ryan Bybee observes Kenny Harrington, 14, record a grave marker at the Las Cruces Masonic Cemetery Wednesday, Nov. 26. They are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, whose youth group learned of a smart phone app called BillionGraves in which they could send photos of gravestones to help people doing genealogical searches.



Maya Handly, 14, takes pictures of graves in the section of the cemetery her group was assigned. More than 50 youths participated in the project to upload images of all the Masonic gravestones and markers.



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The Hatch village test well site was photographed Nov. 5 by geologist Jim Witcher while a crew from Baker Hughes of Farmington cemented a surface casing, a process required by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer if there is any potential for artesian water or water under pressure to leak.

## Hatch farmers await well test results

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Village of Hatch is digging deep to ensure its world-renowned chile fields stay green for years to come.

Responding to concerns of local farmers, the village has drilled a 1,008-foot-deep test well north of the community in the Percha Aquifer at a cost of \$496,000.

Officials and growers alike are awaiting test results, which are expected by

Christmas. They are hoping to hear the aquifer is a viable source of groundwater.

Rob Spence, president of the Hatch Valley Chamber of Commerce, said he first heard of the proposed drilling at a meeting in spring attended by farmers, the mayor and trustees.

“The farmers told the mayor if they don’t get a new water source besides their shallow wells, the valley will not be able to produce any kinds of vegetables,” Spence said.

He previously had told the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico that Hatch is concerned about the quantity and quality of its current water supply.

“The farmers are scared, I could see it in their faces,” he said. “They said there may be less than three years of chile production.”

In good times, surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID)

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## Jobs Council seeks boost in economic development funding



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Mark Lautman details the New Mexico Jobs Council’s approach to assessing New Mexico’s economic development challenges at the Dec. 2 meeting of the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico.

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Jobs Council wants to nearly double the state’s economic development budget in the coming year as the first step in creating 160,000 economic-based jobs in 10 years – the number needed to catch up and start growing the economy.

At a lunch meeting Tuesday, Dec. 2, the council’s Mark Lautman told members and guests of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance the “ask” is for \$70.425 million new dollars in FY 2016 – in addition to the state’s current economic development budget of some \$83 million.

“We probably have 20 percent of the budget and boots on the ground

we need to hit our numbers,” he said.

The number of economic-based jobs needed in the next 10 years is based on the council’s calculation of the number to close the unemployment gap (16,000), replace jobs likely to be lost (110,000) and generate growth (34,000). He said economic-based jobs are those that bring new money into the state.

Recommended economic development budget increases for FY 2016 include \$500,000 for the New Mexico Partnership, \$50 million for LEDA (Local Economic Development Act) funds to close deals with companies considering locating in New Mexico,

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## BRIEFS

### General to give WSMR update

Brig. Gen. Timothy R. Coffin, commanding general at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Hanson Scott, director of the Office of Military Base Planning and Support, State of New Mexico, will speak at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce 2014 Military Membership Update 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Cost is \$20 for chamber members, \$40 for non-members. For more information, visit [www.lascruces.org](http://www.lascruces.org) or call the chamber at 524-1968.

### Lee named star employee at Double Eagle

Juan Lee has been named a star performer at the Double Eagle restaurant for his outstanding work in September and October, General Manager Jerry Harrell announced.



LEE

Lee is a prep and banquet event cook, which requires proficiency in kitchen sanitation, knowledge of food preparation techniques and knife skills as well as experience in plate and buffet presentation.

“Juan is very dedicated and always works to make sure customers enjoy the look of the food as well as the taste,” Harrell said.

Employee nominations are made by the staff based upon job knowledge, a positive, professional attitude and appearance, helpfulness to co-workers, exhibiting excellent customer service and people skills as well as a record of good attendance.

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helped flush out the minerals that make local groundwater “salty.” As a result of the multi-year drought, Hatch well water is getting more scarce and saltier.

“The quality and quantity of the field has gone down considerably,” said farmer and Mayor Andrew Nuñez, who will return to the state legislature in 2015. “A lot of fields are fallow. Some farmers don’t even have wells.”

### More wells likely

The village could be getting a fantastic holiday present from the drilling company, Rodgers & Co. Inc., but one with a large price tag for Christmases yet to come. More test wells and production wells will likely be needed to supply area farmers and perhaps eventually for domestic users.

Nuñez said the price tag could be in the \$10-\$15 million range, as more holes will need to be dug.

He said the village may seek state capital outlay funds, but will not be ready to make a request during the 2015 legislative session.

Nuñez said state Water Trust Board has provided funding for the test well off Percha Road on a ranch about 3 miles from town.

Troy Richardson, drilling supervisor for Rodgers & Co., said the test site was chosen by Witcher & Associates geologists, who did geophysical studies to see into the sub-surface.

He said his company is awaiting the arrival of perforated pipe to install in the well. After the pipe arrives and is placed, tests will be conducted at various intervals, Witcher said.

“So far, things are looking good,” he said.

After the screening arrives, the remaining work at the test well should take about two weeks, Richardson said.

“There will probably need to be more test wells before large-scale production can begin,” he said.

Richardson said the purpose of digging additional test wells is to better understand the aquifer in order to select production well sites.

“I think it’s large,” he said.

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\$12 million for JTIP (Job Training Incentive Program), \$2 million for advertising the state as a place to locate a business and \$4.5 million to increase local economic development staff.

### Overcoming barriers

“When Davin gets a company to the goal line, you need closing resources,” Lautman said of the request for more LEDA money for local economic developers like MVEDA’s Davin Lopez.

The current appropriation is \$15 million.

After asking what factors could stop New Mexico from reaching job creation targets, the council identified infrastructure and bandwidth, workers and insufficient marketing/lead generation as some of the critical barriers.

Growth occurs when the economy expands faster than the population, Lautman said.

“It doesn’t work if only the top one-third are getting wealthier,” he said. “If it weren’t for this distinction, you could solve all your problems by opening up 10,000 Laundromats.”

Lautman said growing economic-based jobs has gotten a lot

harder and more complicated since 2007.

“It’s getting harder to find economic-based companies, more expensive to close them and they don’t last as long,” he said. “You have to spend twice as money and work twice as hard to get half the results.”

He said the qualified worker population is shrinking and a lot of workers’ skills aren’t relevant for emerging jobs.

“Education has to be the point of the spear of economic development,” he said. “You now have to do the community development piece first, before attracting employers. You have to make yourself attractive. You have to improve the schools.”

### The local challenge

Lautman said south central New Mexico – Doña Ana and Sierra counties – will need to create 15,743 jobs in the next 10 years, or 1,574 per year. The council arrived at the 10-year total by figuring the two-county region will need 7,989 jobs to replace ones that will be lost, 4,059 to fill the unemployment gap and 3,695 for growth.

“These are your numbers,” he said. “They are pretty scary numbers – 1,500 jobs a year – if you’re Davin and his crew.”

He said since MVEDA esti-

mates it can create 14,310 economic-based jobs in 10 years “you’re in the ballpark.”

### Legislators seek help

The council was convened at the request of the legislature, because lawmakers were having difficulty determining which of proposed bills labeled as economic development measures were important and which were not, Lautman said.

In addition to legislators of both parties, cabinet members and economic development professionals from around the state, stakeholders and members of the public participated. A group of about 100 developed and unanimously endorsed the assessment and budget recommendations in a series of seven all-day meetings held around the state.

Lautman said the Jobs Council set out to develop a framework for identifying job creation priorities, assessing factors of production issues and building a bi-partisan legislative agenda.

“We produced not a plan, just an assessment,” he said. “To start to plan before doing an assessment is stupid and unproductive.”

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## BRIEFS, FROM PAGE B1

### Transloading coming to Albuquerque

New Mexico Transloading (NMT), an expansion of GandyDancer LLC, a New Mexico family-operated railroad construction and maintenance business headquartered in Albuquerque, broke ground Monday, Dec. 1, for a facility in Albuquerque.

Gov. Susana Martinez announced the company will create

35 jobs in the first year with an average annual salary of \$84,000, and a total of 200 jobs in the next several years.


GandyDancer has a close relationship with BNSF, providing construction and maintenance of their rail lines. BNSF will allow New Mexico Transloading connectivity to BNSF’s line. This site will be the designated point of transloading for the greater Albuquerque area and also be the largest and only multi-use transloading facility in the state, the governor’s office said.

NMT will be working with BNSF to reach out to other

customers needing transloading services.

“New Mexico has many unique advantages as a natural logistics and transportation hub, which is an industry sector that creates good paying jobs and provides essential services to other businesses, helping them grow and prosper as well,” Martinez said.

“We are working hard to build this sector throughout the state, such as what we’re doing in Santa Teresa with the location of the Union Pacific facility and making our tax environment more competitive with neighboring states.”




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# Building Las Cruces



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Denny's restaurant is hiring some 90 full- and part-time workers for its new location, scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 20, at 3901 Bataan Memorial Highway. Applications are available at the Workforce Connections office, 226 S. Alameda Blvd. Denny's also has a restaurant at 740 S. Main St.

## Health Exchange seeks input, holds enrollment

BeWellNM, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange, has announced a public comment period until Friday, Dec. 19, pertaining to the organization's proposed plans for long-term financial sustainability.

The 2015 open enrollment period for BeWellNM runs from now through February 15, 2015. New Mexicans who are looking for affordable coverage can go to [www.bewellnm.com](http://www.bewellnm.com) to shop, compare and buy a plan that is right for them.

Agents, brokers and enrollment counselors who can be located on [BeWellNM.com](http://BeWellNM.com) are available across the state to help New Mexicans understand their options at no cost to them.

The BeWellNM contact center is open seven days a week at 855-99-NMHIX (855-996-6449).

Through SHOP, small businesses are able to purchase competitively priced health insurance plans and offer their employees the ability to choose from an array of plans.

Since the BeWellNM Small

Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Exchange has already been operational for a year, BeWellNM will need to fund SHOP operations starting Jan. 1, 2015.

BeWellNM will need to be fully financially self-sustainable starting on Jan. 1, 2016, when federal grants to fund operations will no longer be available.

The financial sustainability approach outlined in draft amendments to the BeWellNM Plan of Operations will follow the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act and is designed to have minimal impact to New Mexico citizens and issuers. The revenue raised through assessments will be used to support the operations of a consumer-friendly exchange.

BeWellNM encourages public comment on the proposed amendments to the Plan of Operation that will operationalize a financial sustainability plan. The proposed amendments can be found online at <http://www.nmhix.com/public-comment-period-proposed-changes-to-nmhix-plan>

of-operation.

Written comments regarding the draft amendments may be submitted to the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX) at any time in person or by mail to the administrative offices of the NMHIX: 6301 Indian School Road NE No. 100, Albuquerque, NM 87110; or by email to [lgarcia@nmhix.com](mailto:lgarcia@nmhix.com) by Dec. 19.

BeWellNM, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange, was created to help individuals and small businesses get access to affordable health insurance plans. BeWellNM helps consumers compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. BeWellNM also helps individuals determine whether they are eligible for premium assistance, and, if so, at what level.

For more information on New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, visit [www.bewellnm.com](http://www.bewellnm.com) or [www.nmhix.com](http://www.nmhix.com), call 855-99NMHIX (855-996-6449) or text BeWellNM to 311411.

## Save the Date

### FRI. 12/5

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Military Membership Update Luncheon**, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Members \$20; non-members \$40. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 524-1968.

**5:30 p.m. Las Cruces Young Professionals First Friday**, Heart of the Desert Pistachios and Wine, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 1400 Dripping Springs Road. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 524-1968.

### THU. 12/11

**4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Mix 'N' Mingle**, AAA, 3991 E. Lohman Ave. Suite A. For more information, call the chamber at 524-8900.

### WED. 12/17

**8:30 to 10 a.m. Business Networking International Chartering Group, Elite Business Builders**, Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Professionals doing business in Las Cruces meet every Wednesday. Newcomers are welcome.

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Small Business Workshop**, New Mexico State University Players Grill, 300 Herb Wimberly Drive. Cost \$20 for Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce members, \$40 for non-members; \$5 additional fee for payment at door. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

### FRI. 12/19

**5 to 8 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Good Evening Las Cruces**, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

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# Negotiating with suppliers is a business art

By **Sandy Nelson**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Many businesses rely on suppliers or vendors for inventory, raw materials or services, and that makes contract negotiation skills essential to securing the best prices, terms and product quality.

Becoming a skillful negotiator requires a business owner to know what his business needs and can do without, and what materials costs are common in his industry. It also requires flexibility and willingness to compromise – qualities that can lead to a sustainable business-to-business relationship.

Price isn't everything: Sometimes getting the best price for a product requires a business to buy in volume or agree to inconvenient delivery schedules. Sometimes it means getting a product of lower quality. Not all businesses can afford this. A lean manufacturer who wants raw materials right when they're needed on the assembly line might be willing to pay more for this guarantee; for this business, punctual delivery isn't negotiable. The same is true for a restaurateur who needs regular stocks

of perishable goods in time to prepare fresh meals. But a business with lots of warehouse space might get a deep discount by buying in large volumes at irregular intervals.

Before entering negotiations, the business owner or purchaser should know what matters most to the business's smooth functioning and bottom line. They should also consider what compromises they're willing to make to get the terms that matter most. For example, a more expensive copy machine might be better than a cheaper one if the contract includes ongoing service, maintenance and round-the-clock technical support.

## Shop around

A business should approach multiple suppliers and vendors for written estimates before beginning negotiations. This gives the business an idea of its negotiating position: If the vendor corners the local market, he might have the advantage, but if he's hungry for market share or needs to move inventory, he might offer a great deal. Sometimes the business has more leverage, as when it's the vendor's principal customer. Knowing the terms, prices and conditions

available from all potential vendors gives a business the facts it needs to press for the best possible arrangement.

## At the table

Bigger businesses can assign vendor and supplier negotiations to a purchasing manager or team of account managers. The owner of a small business might find herself doing the haggling. Whatever the case, the business negotiator should have a strategy and the confidence to stick to it. A positive way to start the give and take is for each party to express what it likes about the proposal without revealing its fallback position.

A business should counter any initial offer with a proposal that eliminates nonessential features or otherwise improves terms or conditions. The ideal outcome is one that doesn't force the supplier to reduce product quality, technical support or customer service to protect its own interests.

## Relationships matter

Vendors are happy to do business with companies that compromise and respect their needs, and they're likely

*'Vendors are happy to do business with companies that compromise and respect their needs, and they're likely to reward that treatment at contract renewal time.'*

to reward that treatment at contract renewal time. Good will goes a long way in business-to-business dealings, and entrepreneurs who approach vendor negotiations with a long-term perspective can often secure preferential treatment and the kinds of benefits that come with it.

*Sandy Nelson is a member of the Finance New Mexico team. FNM is a public service initiative to assist individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. To learn more, visit to [www.financenewmexico.org](http://www.financenewmexico.org).*

# Year-end tax review should include estate planning

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

With constant changes in estate planning, end of the year planning is important, and it's never too late to focus on assets.

"Estate planning is a highly technical and changing area and it is necessary to guarantee family and financial plans are met," said Diana Seward, secretary of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico Board of Directors and financial advisor with Edward Jones. "The only way to ensure your wishes are carried out is if you have an estate planning professional put together all the documentation."

By estate planning, people are able to name those who will receive assets after death, make sure appropriate steps are taken so taxes do not draw more than needed, select those who will handle business affairs and medical care in the event that the planner becomes incapacitated and have a peace of mind that financial affairs are in order.

Estate plans can be very simple or complex.

Estate planning is important no matter what the net worth, and taking inventory of assets with a financial planner is the best place to start,



keeping in mind estate planning becomes more complicated for people with sizable estates. Estate planners can create legal documents, offer advice, keep up with current laws and help administer the disposition of assets. Assets include investments, retirement savings, insurance policies and real estate or business interests.

In addition to making sure family members are taken care of after death, estate planning allows for charitable giving.

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The CFSNM also provides training for

estate planning attorneys, accountants, bankers, investment advisors, estate planning and tax practitioners, financial planners and life insurance underwriters during the annual Estate Planning Institute.

During the Estate Planning Institute local, regional and nationally recognized speakers offer the latest information on estate planning. Before the Estate Planning Institute was created, professionals had to travel across New Mexico to attend classes for their continuing education credits. Now estate planning professionals from all

over New Mexico and El Paso attend the annual institute.

Before the end of the year it is important to review estate plans and tax plans to prepare for any changes that need to be made in 2014.

"If there is not a review of an estate plan this year, it definitely needs to be done at the start of next year. If there is not an estate plan in place, that needs to become a priority," Seward said.

*Charlotte Tallman is a regular contributor to the Las Cruces Bulletin. She can be reached at 635-6833.*

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# Global slowdown has mixed implications for U.S.



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

The growing importance of globalization is a cliché, but nevertheless true. My 26-year-old son, for example, complains of the “boring” conference calls that he routinely has with colleagues in Korea, Japan or Taiwan several times a week – something I would have been viewed as extraordinary when I was in my 20s.

One implication of globalization is the increasing dependence of U.S. businesses on foreign customers, so the recent news of a slow growth in Europe and a recession in Japan is disturbing. The fear is that problems for our overseas customers will mean problems for U.S. business.

Conceptually, the effects of the global economy can be placed into two categories – demand side and supply side.

On the demand side, the global slowdown is bad news for U.S. exporters, as their customers’ disposable income is less than it would have been otherwise, while the continued U.S. recovery is good news for foreign producers – as U.S. demand for imports is expected to only increase. The combination is likely to result in a deterioration of the U.S. trade balance.

On the supply side, less competition for resources from foreigners means lower commodity prices. This is good news for the Americans, as our manufacturers will be able to purchase inputs at lower costs, making our producers more competitive. And, of course, the ultimate beneficiary is U.S. consumers who will see lower prices in stores. The supply effect has already manifested in falling oil prices we’ve seen in the past couple of months. Oil prices have declined 40 percent since June, in line with the global slowdown.

Historically, oil prices

have been a particularly important influence on economic activity, although this is becoming less true. Fracking has transformed the U.S. oil industry. The result is that we are much less dependent on foreign oil.

To the extent that we pay less for imported oil, the effect is unambiguously beneficial for Americans. But falling oil prices have an ambiguous effect to the extent that we depend on domestic production. On the one hand, falling prices benefit oil consumers; on the other hand, lower oil prices reduce profits for producers.

During past global recessions, demand- and supply-side effects have tended to offset each other. Whether this will be true during the current global recession, given the changes in the structure of the oil industry, is yet to be seen.

If U.S. financial markets are to be believed, continued expansion can be expected. The U.S.

stock market, the best single predictor of future economic activity, has repeatedly ascended to new highs. It appears that investors expect continued U.S. strength.

One thing is certain. The decline in oil prices will have a negative impact on the New Mexico economy. New Mexico is an oil exporting state, so declining oil prices mean fewer jobs and lower tax collections.

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## EBID to assess aquifer level

By **Marvin Tessner**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It’s too early in the season to determine the Mesilla Valley ground water levels and how they could effect pumping for irrigation, said Ereck Fuchs, Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) groundwater specialist.

“The growing and irrigation season is over,” he said. “Growers are now preparing to harvest pecans. After all the pumping of groundwater the last couple of years, I’m sure it’s gone down a little. But we won’t know until we make our year-end analysis, which we’ll make in December or early January.”

Preliminary signs are that EBID farmers could be in for more groundwater pumping this irrigation season. They don’t have much to build on.

During the 2013 irrigation season the EBID released 300,000 acre-feet of water. The normal release with an average mountain snow pack is 950,000 acre-feet, according to Phillip King, EBID hydrology consultant.

District field men also said it is too early to report how many acres farmers plan to set aside because of water shortages.

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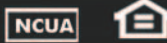
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# Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces

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From farmers and artists to nonprofit groups, vendors reach out to make the outdoor shopping experience both fun and educational for local lookers as well as out-of-town guests.



Ristras deck the stalls of area growers at the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces Saturday, Nov. 29. Although the market is open every Wednesday and Saturday, the week was special for vendors and bricks-and-mortar businesses, with Small Business Saturday marking the beginning of the shop local season.

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Issued 2nd day of December, 2014.

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By: Lydia N. Chaparro  
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Dates: 12/5, 12/12, 2014

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

No. D-307-PB-2014-00106

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS M. BURKE, deceased**

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

No. CV-2014-1905  
Judge Kugler

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v.

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Crossroads Acupuncture, 130 S. Main St., will hold a fundraiser Friday, Dec. 5, to raise money for its Crossroads Border Project, which trains health promoters and counselors along the U.S.-Mexico border in cost-effective techniques, allowing them to then operate and offer those same therapies in their communities.



The work of Las Cruces photographer and filmmaker Robert Yee will be on display in the Crossroads Acupuncture gallery to coincide with the monthly First Friday Art Ramble.

## Crossroads hosts benefit concert, opening

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Just across the border, Juárez, Mexico, – termed by some the “murder capital of the world” – has been plagued with decades of violence, insecurity, poverty and social neglect, rendering access to medical and mental health care nearly impossible for most of its in-need residents. What health care is available is often times offered at community gathering places, especially churches, by volunteer providers.

The Crossroads Border Project, founded in 2011 as the primary social

enterprise program of Crossroads Acupuncture toward welfare and empowerment, has formed partnerships with a number of these programs throughout Juárez and the border region by offering trainings to local health-care promoters and counselors in simple and cost-effective treatment options, including herbal medicines and acupuncture. These providers are then able to offer these therapies – used for self-help, addiction and trauma recovery and medical and behavioral health programs – in their own communities.

Roughly 115 providers have been

trained, 80-some of whom reside in Juárez, by the Crossroads Border Project and, to date, Crossroads has, through treatments and trainings, been able to provide somewhere around 40,000 treatments in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

To raise funds for the continuation of these programs, Crossroads Acupuncture, will hold a fundraiser and benefit concert from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, coinciding with the monthly First Friday Art Ramble and annual Winterfest celebration taking place Downtown that evening.

That evening, Crossroads’ practitioners will be offering acupuncture and foot massage in a group setting, but there’s much more happening than that.

Throughout the evening, live music will be provided by Danny Graves, a founding member of DAMN Union the Rawdogs, joined by singer-songwriters Lillis Urban and Christopher Schurtz. Following their performances, MonkDrums of Chaparral will lead in a giant drum circle utilizing the group’s hand-crafted drums.

In addition, the work of Las Cruces photographer and filmmaker Robert Yee will be featured in the gallery, and a silent auction will be held, offering up some great gifts from a number of local businesses and nonprofit organizations including Beck’s Coffee, Tacom Printing,



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Mas Art, Miguel’s Restaurant, Downtown Desert Yoga and Mountain View Market, as well as one-of-a-kind original artworks from Collette Marie, Chris Bardey and West End Art Depot, Alice Leora Briggs, Mama Cass, Niki Harings and Riff Raff Jewelry, among others.

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Alice Leora Briggs’ “Candide” will be among the pieces offered in the silent auction portion of the evening.



# 'A Tuna Christmas' revisits beloved dysfunction of hometown holidays

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

While in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre this past weekend, I casually eavesdropped on a group of patrons buying tickets.

"We're really excited to be here," one said. "We're big fans of Tuna, Texas."

For a fictional town, Tuna has garnered a lot of followers. "A Tuna Christmas" is the second play set in Tuna, Texas, as part of the series written by Ed Howard, Jaston Williams and Joe Sears. More than the sum of its individual characters, the idea of a place like Tuna has captured imaginations since "Greater Tuna" premiered in Austin in 1981.

Like the original, this 1989 follow-up has more than 20 characters played by just two actors. In this production, Algernon D'Ammassa and David Reyes take on the challenging spectrum of ages, genders and personalities represented by Tuna's residents.

The holiday suggestion of "peace on earth" has gone unnoticed in Tuna. The city secretary is threatening to shut the lights off on this year's production of "A Christmas Carol" over an overdue light bill, Bertha's husband is nowhere to be found and the mischief of the mysterious Christmas Phantom has everyone on edge. Most of the residents suspect Bertha's son, Stanley, and he wants nothing more than to finish his probation and get out of town. Vera wants to win the yard display trophy for the 15th year in a row, but Inita Goodwin and Helen Bedd want to challenge her winning streak – or maybe they just want a few good men. Didi wants her husband R.R. to stop seeing aliens, but, well, he just can't help it when they just show up.

A little strange, maybe, but what do you expect from a town with an elk season but no elk?

"A Tuna Christmas" is funny, and as a comedy, it feels no need to limit itself to a specific genre. Physical comedy shares scenes with wry dialogue and dramatic irony. And it is a satire, of course – the radio station is called OKKK, after all – but a gentle satire, born of familial familiarity, affectionate while highlighting flaws.

D'Ammassa and Reyes are not strangers to Tuna, having played many of the same characters in last August's "Greater Tuna." Reyes brings to his roles a coy flirtation with the audience and an indefatigable deadpan. D'Ammassa can wrest laughter out of the audience by a well-timed brow arch, and finds surprising sweetness and complexity with the character of Bertha.

Both bring distinct characterizations to the many residents of Tuna – they aren't just wigs and hats, but ways of standing, walking and sitting. It isn't just the voice a thing is said in, but the delivery of it.

I was struck by the detail dedicated to the in-between moments of the show. As the stage managers turned Peter Herman's simple, flexible set from a radio station to a home, D'Ammassa enters at Bertha and, fully in character, begins to help set up her home. Later, Inita and Helen linedance a table into its place as the set becomes the Tastee Kreme restaurant. In these spaces of transition where the immersive illusion could easily be lost, D'Ammassa and Reyes show how fully realized their characters are. Their easy acceptance of scene changes and the audience's presence makes Tuna more believable – in this town, that's just how things are.

That is the thing about "A Tuna Christmas." While you are there, you are not merely watching a play, you are living in Tuna. When the characters break the



David Reyes and Algernon D'Ammassa star in "A Tuna Christmas," now playing on the stage of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., through its extended run ending Sunday, Dec. 14.

fourth wall – which they do frequently – they are not stepping outside of the play, but reminding you that you are inside of it, too.

Karen Ross and Erin Williams, as stage manager and assistant stage manager, deserve praise for their hard though mostly unseen work at transforming not only the stage, but also the actors from one character to another. With just seconds for costume changes, the backstage workers must have been very busy indeed.

Lighting design is one of those theatrical elements that is rarely noticed unless it is done badly, but the outdoor scene was enough to catch me and make me appreciate the job well done by Peter Herman. The moon and sudden explosion of stars was lovely, but what made the scene truly special cannot be explained without giving away a special plot point. That point was perfectly scored by Rafael Medina's spot-on sound design, and the many light and sound cues were masterfully wrangled by light and soundboard operator Anna Lopez.

A real-life bittersweet touch is the show's dedication to Las Cruces' Lisa Cano, a local artist and beloved theater patron who was unexpectedly taken from us this summer. She returned to see "Greater Tuna" many times, and had expressed how much she was looking forward to this production.

"We know Lisa is here watching it with us," said Ceil Herman during her director's speech.

"A Tuna Christmas" is the kind of production that makes me appreciate the talent we have in Las Cruces. It shows what can be accomplished when two veteran actors and an experienced director collaborate. With that many characters and plotlines the show could have become jumbled, but instead it is reined into a deliberate, controlled and thoroughly enjoyable tumult.

If you are thinking of visiting Tuna, you're in luck – the run has been extended an extra weekend, through Sunday, Dec. 14. However, I would recommend making reservations quickly, because the run was extended for a good reason – seats are filling up, and fast.

"A Tuna Christmas" runs through Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12 regular admission, \$10 for students and seniors. For more information or to make reservations, call the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223.

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**FRI DEC. 5** **3 PM**  
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**FRI DEC. 5** **5 to 7 P.M.**  
Artist Reception for Denise Barella  
Rio Grande Theatre

**FRI DEC. 5** **7:30 P.M.**  
Santa Fe Opera Holiday Show  
Rio Grande Theatre

**MON DEC. 8** **2 P.M.**  
Introduction to Computers: File Management  
Branigan Library

**MON DEC. 8** **5:30 P.M.**  
Writers' Critique Group  
Branigan Library

**TUE DEC. 9** **10:30 A.M.**  
Read to Me Stories for Ages 3 and up  
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**TUE DEC. 9** **4 P.M.**  
Teen Game Night: ages 12-18  
Branigan Library

**TUE DEC. 9** **6:30 P.M.**  
Every Other Tuesday: DALO preview  
Rio Grande Theatre

**WED DEC. 10** **10 A.M.**  
Toddler Time Storytime for Kids 1-3  
Branigan Library

**WED DEC. 10** **11 A.M.**  
Mother Goose Time Activities for Infants  
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**WED DEC. 10** **2 P.M.**  
Doña Ana County Genealogical Society  
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**THURS DEC. 11** **7 P.M.**  
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SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 6, 2014

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Needed are: two lead characters, female, playable age 35 to 60 years old; four secondary characters, female, playable age 25 to 60 years old; and two characters, male, playable age 25 to 60. Also needed are a stage manager and a light board/sound operator.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and improvisations. For more information, contact the director, larrychandler, at larrychandler@zianet.com.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery accepting applications

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

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

University Art Gallery Biannual Banner Project seeks submissions

The NMSU University Art Gallery (UAG) invites artists of all levels, ages and locations to submit digital files of original works in consideration for our first-ever UAG Biannual Banner Project. In conjunction with the exhibition opening of "Las Cruces Creates," the theme of this Banner Project asks local artists to create original pieces.

The project's objective is to create an outdoor gallery experience, which echoes the exhibition within the UAG. All media are welcome, with no limitation on specific artistic tools or techniques. Marisa Sage, curator of "Las Cruces Creates" and the new director of the UAG, and Julia M. Barelo, academic department head of the NMSU Art Department, will choose up to six artists whose works will be reproduced on to high-quality outdoor banners and hung on the banner systems installed on the outer walls of D.W. Williams Hall.

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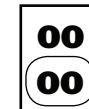
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TUESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 9, 2014

Table of TV listings for Tuesday evening, Dec 9, 2014. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and various programs like News, Jeopardy, Wheel, Rickover, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 10, 2014

Table of TV listings for Wednesday evening, Dec 10, 2014. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and various programs like News, Jeopardy, Wheel, NOVA, etc.

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DECEMBER 11, 2014

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# From Las Cruces to Hollywood and back again



**David Salcido**  
*Through the lens*

How does one become successful in the film industry?

It's a loaded question, and one asked regularly here in southern New Mexico, where the industry is really just in its infancy. Ask the experts – and by that I mean anybody who has achieved some level of success – and you're likely to get a lot of different answers: Innate talent, knowing somebody in the business, luck, etc.

The one point they all seem to agree on, however, is that in order to make it in the industry, you've got to produce. Every waking hour should be spent pursuing the dream, whether it be researching, writing, prepping, creating storyboards, filming, scoring, editing or any of the dozens of other critical components that go into the making of a movie.

One such expert, Las Cruces native – and Mayfield High School and New Mexico State University graduate – Shawn Darling, takes this philosophy to heart. Darling's present studio, located in the west valley, is testament to his devotion to a very specific craft: make-up and special effects.

Crammed literally to the rafters in some places with molds, clay sculptures, prosthetics, otherworldly armor and paintings right out of the Night

Gallery, alongside the tools and elements of the trade, including cans of paint, brushes, vises, lengths of tubing, sheets of metal and more, it is a veritable treasure trove of movie magic; a temple to cinematic passion.

Darling works constantly, whether on recent feature films such as "Grave Mistake," "How To Make A Deal With The Devil," "Day Of The Mummy" or his upcoming fantasy epic "Sablewood"; television series such as "The Witching Hour," which he produced, wrote and directed; commercials for companies including Raytheon or recreating prosthetics for sale on his Etsy site ([www.etsy.com/shop/gryphonsegg](http://www.etsy.com/shop/gryphonsegg)). He does it all through his own company Gryphon's Egg Productions. The question arises then, how did a creative young man from Las Cruces get to this point?

"I do a lot of self-promotion," he said. "I did and still do a lot of Internet research. When I'm not working in the shop or on a project, all of my free time is spent researching. I do tutorials constantly. I literally research all the time."

It's also important, he said, to have a backup plan. Which is why in the years that he's been working within the industry, whether it's in Albuquerque, Tucson, Ariz., Los Angeles or Las Vegas, he's also taken odd jobs here and there, taught classes from his garage and even did a stint as a magician.

"I tell people all the time, they need to have a back-up plan," he said. "The path in any form of art is a hard road, unless you are extremely good or you have the luck of being in a situation where you have access to avenues for people to see your work. Your other option, if you don't have those things, is just to bust ass and constantly work."

But what if you live in an area where work is scarce? Like, say, Las Cruces?

"I would suggest you keep making stuff. In your downtime, learn and make more stuff," he said. "None of it has to be perfect, because they get better as you go. A lot of people don't do work, because they don't have the equipment they want. So, they keep putting it off and the next thing they know, they're 80 years old wishing they had. You constantly have to crank stuff out, even if it's not the best you will ever do. Make it the best it can be now. Build a body of work. Without a body of work, you won't be taken seriously as a professional. You have to have something to show."

Knowing how to pace himself also helps. Though he is constantly working on various projects, he allows himself the flexibility to travel where the work is. Or to take the time to regroup after a big project is completed. Which is how he finds himself back in his hometown again.

"I come back to Las Cruces every

once in a while to recharge," he said. "It's kind of like Frodo going to the Shire, that's kind of the way I look at it. I've lived here six or eight times, probably. I've lived in Albuquerque five or six times. I kind of just go wherever the work is or wherever I feel I can be most productive."

The one thing he would like budding filmmakers to take away from any conversation he has with them is that anything is possible, if one just puts one's mind to it.

"You don't have to live in Hollywood to do good work," he said. "Follow your dreams. Stuff like this that I do – the practical stuff – still exists and it exists here. It's not a dying art, it's just that things have shifted a bit."

As for himself, he's an available resource for filmmakers in southern New Mexico.

"If anybody wants to contact me for work, I'm here" he said. "I don't only work on my own stuff and I don't only work out of town. I know there are a lot of people who want to work on films that I would probably be interested in. I'll work with anybody and with any budget. I just like to work. That's the real secret to my success."

Darling can be reached at 505-859-6170 or via email at [gryphonsegg@gmail.com](mailto:gryphonsegg@gmail.com).

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## Sudoku

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

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

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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# Events Calendar

## FRI. 12/5

### 5 to 8 p.m. Tenth annual Old Fashioned Holiday Open House,

Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. This year, Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. on a holiday-decorated Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad diesel engine, and will be available on the observation deck for visits. Throughout the evening, visitors can listen to holiday music, view the model trains, take in the festive holiday decorations and complete a craft project. Light refreshments will be served. Free. Call 647-4480.

### 7 p.m. Live music with Soulshine,

Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

**7 p.m. Merry Christmas Las Cruces,** St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Now in its 19th year, Merry Christmas Las Cruces is a gift from the music ministry of St. Paul's to the Las Cruces community. This year is an especially exciting time as the ministry presents "I'll Be Home for Christmas." The Mark Hayes/Deborah Craig-Claar work is set in the 1940s and features lots of big band-style takes on favorite Christmas songs. Tickets are free and are available at Sew What's New, Hubbard's Music, Billy the Kid in Mesilla and at St. Paul's. Call 644-6999.

**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.

**7:30 p.m. Santa Fe Opera Holiday Show,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. As a gift to the citizens of Las Cruces, the Santa Fe Opera Educational Department and the Doña Ana Arts Council present a free holiday concert featuring arias, songs of the season, musical theater selections and sacred music performed by up-and-coming stars accompanied by SFO Musical Director Kirt Pavitt. Free. Call 523-6403.

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

## SAT. 12/6

**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,

**“The Nutcracker”**

**Las Cruces Chamber Ballet**

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**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. Native American-style gourd shaker class,** Cactus Flower Gallery and Consignment Shop, 517 N. Mesquite St. Class is limited to the first 10 registered participants. Cost \$10 per gourd. Call 210-749-1719.

**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 holiday crafts to take home. Regular museum admission of \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 children age 5 to 17 and free for children 4 and younger applies. 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 Jean Gilbert will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Piro-Manso-Tiwa artist demonstration,** Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Artists Tonio LeFebre will discuss his art and the role Pueblo traditions play in his life and art while contemplating a new piece, and artist Louie Garcia will demonstrate spinning cotton, the first step of his weaving process, drawing a link through weaving through the Pueblo traditions of the past and present. Demonstrations are held in conjunction with "Continuing Traditions," on display at the cultural center. Free. Call 541-2154.

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

**5 to 6 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.

**6 p.m. Merry Christmas Las Cruces,** St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Now in its 19th year, Merry Christmas Las Cruces is a gift from the music ministry of St. Paul's to the Las Cruces community. This year is an especially exciting time as the ministry presents "I'll Be Home for Christmas." The Mark Hayes/Deborah Craig-Claar work is set in the 1940s and features lots of big band-style takes on favorite Christmas songs. Tickets are free and are available at Sew What's

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## PLAYBILL

### LAST CHANCE

#### The Mystery of Edwin Drood

American Southwest Theatre Company  
NMSU Center for the Arts  
1000 E. University Ave.  
Tickets \$11 to \$18  
646-4515  
7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday  
2 p.m. Sunday  
Closes Sunday, Dec. 7

### OPENING

#### Meet Me in St. Louis

Las Cruces Community Theatre  
313 N. Main St.  
Tickets \$10 to \$14  
523-1200  
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday  
2 p.m. Sunday  
Opens Friday, Dec. 5

### ONGOING

#### A Tuna Christmas

No Strings Theatre Company  
Black Box Theatre  
430 N. Main St.  
Tickets \$8 to \$12  
523-1223  
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday  
2:30 p.m. Sunday  
Through Sunday, Dec. 14

New, Hubbard's Music, Billy the Kid in Mesilla at St. Paul's. Call 644-6999.

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

## SUN. 12/7

**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.

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

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

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

## MON. 12/8

**9 p.m. Open mic with Chris Baker and special guests,** Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

## TUE. 12/9

**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, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$2 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.



# Galleries & Openings

## LAST CHANCE

**NMSU UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** presents "Off the Wall," an exhibition inspired by the minimal wall drawings and sculptures of Sol Le Witt. This two-part exhibition will trace the history of Le Witt's relationship with New Mexico State University, as well as show the extent of his influence on a new generation of artists who use the surface of the wall as their canvas. In addition to the work of Le Witt, "Off the Wall" features the work of Allie Rex, Judith Braun, Christie Blizard and Nathan Green – four contemporary artists from across the country who've traded traditional supportive mediums such as the canvas, panel and paper for the challenge of working directly on the wall. "Off the Wall" closes Saturday, Dec. 6.

NMSU University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-2545.

## OPENING

**QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY** presents its second annual Holiday Bazaar from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, during the First Friday Art Ramble. Ten artists will offer everything from photographs to ornaments to jewelry to clothing to gift boxes to miniature paintings to doggy biscuits for your best friend. Browse, sample Christmas cookies and hot chocolate and visit with friends.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. For gallery hours and more information, call 312-1064.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "Continuing Traditions," an exhibition depicting the culture and lifestyle of the Pueblo People of New Mexico, in particular the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of Las Cruces. The exhibit features jewelry, art, textiles and more from members of the Pueblo tribe, including artists Tonio LeFebre and Louie Garcia, will be on display. "Continuing Traditions" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at which time traditional Pueblo dancers will perform and LeFebre's turquoise jewelry will be available for purchase. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of January, 2015.

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

**EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY**, located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, presents an exhibit of the nature drawings of NMSU biology



Unsettled Gallery presents "Ornamental," featuring small works – like Jeanne Rundell's "Heart," above – that transcend the holiday, on display through Saturday, Dec. 13.

graduate Denise Barella. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and will remain on display through the end of December.

El Paso Electric Gallery and the Rio Grande Theatre are located at 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com) or call 523-6403.

**MAS ART** presents "Dyad: A Visual Duet," an exhibit of work from partners in art and in life Anahy Nuñez and Aaron Valenzuela. "Dyad" opens with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and will remain on display through the end of December.

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

**WEST END ART DEPOT** presents "(RE) COLLECTIONS," an interactive public writing and community memory exhibit. This exhibit promotes audience participation and opens up the innovative composition space that might occur between and beyond institutional and social boundaries. Fill in your wishes on the "Before I Die" wall, collect and shelve your memories with hands-on media and collaborate with others on a public collage. Discover the collective voice of the vibrant Las Cruces community. "(RE) COLLECTIONS" opens with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

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).

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** presents "Let's Go Ornamental," small works created by the gallery's artists that transcend the holidays and will hold their own in any art collection and can be enjoyed every day of the year. "Let's Go Ornamental" will be on display through Saturday, Dec. 13.

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

**MESQUITE STREET STUDIOS** presents "Small Treasures," art and handcrafts for gift-giving this holiday season. "Small Treasures" will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5-6.

Mesquite Street Studios is located at 922 N. Mesquite St. For more information, call 639-9370.

**MAIN STREET GALLERY AND BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS** presents "The Past Renewed." John Turkle has been working at the Big Picture for more than three years and has become expertly skilled at vintage photo restoration. "The Past Renewed" showcases his talent at restoring precious heirloom images for future generations. These before-and-after vintage images are fascinating to view. "The Past Renewed" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and will remain on display through the end of December.

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.

**M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY** invites the community to celebrate Christmas from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Come in, slow down and enjoy beautiful works of art. Gifts are available in all sizes and price ranges, from something to hang on the wall or around your neck, a sculpture or your home or your finger. Storewide, everything is 15 percent off as a "Thank You"

for voting M. Phillip's Best Gallery in Las Cruces. M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

**ADOBE PATIO GALLERY** presents "Small is Beautiful," an exhibit of small and intimate works of art 15 inches or smaller created by members of the Border Artists along with special guest artists Margaret Barrier, Mary Robertson and Mary Labe. "Small is Beautiful" opens with an artists' reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through Jan. 17, 2015.

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

**CUTTER GALLERY** presents ceramic and clay artists Susi and Richard Bergquist. Susi Bergquist creates clay figures, mojavés, ledger drawings and etchings based on Native American folklore, and Richard Bergquist works with clay santos, nativities and holy families. The exhibit opens with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through the end of December.

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

**NOPALITO'S GALERÍA** presents the fourth annual "Artistic Moments" art show. Originally called "Senior Moments," as most of its artists participated in classes at the Munson or Eastside community centers, "Artistic Moments" is still mostly seniors but does include younger artists. "Artistic Moments" features wood carving, painting, gourd work, stained glass, mosaics, pottery, crocheted items, metal punch work and more. The show opens with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through Dec. 20. On Saturday, Dec. 13, hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to coincide with Christmas on the Camino Real.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit [www.nopalitosgaleria.com](http://www.nopalitosgaleria.com).

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents "UU Bee Welcome," a quilting bee which has met for more than five years and provides opportunities for quilters of all skill levels and techniques to gather for one to six hours weekly. The UU Bee members support, inspire, conspire, teach, learn and have way too much fun in their shared passion for this ancient art and craft. This show features a variety of original quilts and other related pieces including clothing, home wares and sculpture. "UU Bee Welcome" opens with a reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring demos and food, and will remain on display through Jan. 23, 2015.

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.

## ONGOING

**LUNDEEN INN OF THE ARTS** presents an exhibit of the work of artist Kathy Morrow in the Linda Lundeen Gallery, adjoining the inn. The exhibit opens with a reception from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22. In addition to Morrow's work, the gallery features more than 300 pieces of fine art. Morrow's work will remain on display through Monday, Dec. 15.

Lundeen Inn of the Arts is located at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 526-3326 or visit [www.innofthearts.com](http://www.innofthearts.com).

## OPENING SOON

### Joey Fleming: "New American Nomad"

Art Obscura Gallery

3206 Harrelson St.

Opens Saturday, Dec. 13

### Juan Muro

Zia Comics

1300 El Paseo Road

Opens Saturday, Dec. 13

## 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.

Also on display at the museum are "Cowboys: The Real Deal," through July 2015; "The Color of Pie Town," featuring the iconic photographs of Russell Lee; and "The Cowboy Way: Drawings by Robert 'Shoofly' Shufelt," on long-term display.

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.

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents "Fragile Waters," an exhibit of work from renowned photographers Ansel Adams, Ernest H. Brooks and Dorothy Kerper Monnelly featuring 117 black-and-white images, many not previously exhibited. "Fragile Waters" invites viewers to connect with the beauty of water of to consider taking action to conserve and restore our most precious resource.

The images featured take the viewer under-sea, over rivers and marshes and to snow-capped peaks and ice formations around the world. "Fragile Waters" will remain on display through Jan. 10, 2015.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-213

## MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

features two artists for the month of December, Bonnie MacQuarrie, wall tileist, and Patricia Black, gourd artist. The gallery is also pleased to announce its newest member, Kay Susin, a pastel and oil artist. In addition, the 31 member artists of the gallery continue to offer paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused-glass art jewelry, wood-turning, stained glass, mixed-media, photography, natural quality gemstone jewelry and more.

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

## DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

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

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Public Schools, work from Virginia Marie Romero and Alice Terry and, on semi-permanent display, Caballo de Las Cruces, a painted pony covered with millions of tiny decorative glass beads.

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

# Dinos invade Cruces

PHOTOS BY BROOK STOCKBERGER

Shawn Quigley takes photos of his son, 9-year-old Connor Quigley, who prepares to ride an animatronic dinosaur Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Las Cruces Convention Center during the T-Rex Planet event.



Inflatable dinosaurs greeted visitors outside the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Above, two animatronic Tyrannosaurs Rex stand over their prey. At right, Kylee Ballard, 5, sends a trial balloon into the mouth of a T-Rex to see if it is safe for her to follow.

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# Santa and shopping at city museums

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

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum just in time for Old Fashioned Holiday Open House, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

Bring your family and enjoy this free event with model railroads, crafts, hot cider and cocoa, cookies, decorations and even photos with the man in the red suit.

This festive celebration is one of the most popular events of the city museum system, as locals turn out to enjoy the beautiful lights and visit the museum at the intersection of Mesilla Street and Las Cruces Avenue. The holiday lights at the museum will be lit each night through Jan. 2, 2015.

When you shop for the holidays, support the work of the Las Cruces City Museums at Albertsons stores, or online at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Under agreements with both companies, a percentage of your sale will automatically be contributed to the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums.

To shop at Amazon, point your web browser to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). You'll need to designate the "Foundation for Las Cruces Museums."

To shop locally at Albertsons, you'll need to get a special key tag, which you can pick up at any of the city museums (Railroad Museum, Museum for Nature and Science, Museum of Art or Branigan

Cultural Center). When shopping at Albertsons, simply ask the checker to scan the tag for a percentage to be donated to the foundation.

If you are looking for the perfect gift for the lifelong learner in your family, consider an annual membership to support the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. The FLCM is a nonprofit organization of individuals who choose to support the museums with financial and volunteer contributions. Membership fees start at \$25 for students, \$40 for individual and \$60 for families. Members also receive a free subscription to "Smithsonian" or "Air and Space" magazines, and support local exhibits, education and outreach.

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

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

# Doña Ana Photography Club announces winners

The Doña Ana Photography Club (DAPC) announced Debbie Hands as the grand winner of the club's Photo-of-the-Year contest. Her photo "Considering" was among 79 digital entries submitted to seven judges, three from Las Cruces and four from the Photographic Society of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Trish Hall was named Photographer of the Year. Hall had two photos in the top 10 of the digital competition. In addition, Hall had the highest cumulative scores in the three quarterly print competitions.

Hall is a newcomer to photography and the club. She received her first point-and-shoot camera in 2010, and after taking many photos on a California vacation, decided she wanted to improve her skills. Hall credits attending the 2013 DAPC Photo Symposium with jump-starting her interest in photography and also being inspired by the beautiful photo work of club members. She has since acquired two more cameras, and said even her iPhone has produced some blue-ribbon photos.

Hall said she likes the creativity in photography and looks for the unusual to shoot.

Other top photo winners are: Jim Rodgers, Lois Wagner, Ben Tyson, Hall, Will Keener, Lisa Mandelkern and Ron Wolfe.

In total, 27 photos received either a blue or red ribbon in one of two categories: semi-pro and everyone else. Winners were chosen based on a number of criteria, one of which is the "wow" factor; that is, a photo that you want to see again and again. Hands has taught design and photography courses at Doña Ana Community College and runs her own business, Hands Digital Design, as an independent graphic designer.

Doña Ana Photography Club meetings offer



Debbie Hands' photograph "Considering," above, was named Photo of the Year by the Doña Ana Photography Club in its annual contest. At right is Photographer of the Year Trish Hall's "I'm Watching You," one of Hall's two top-10 entries in this year's contest.

technical presentations, suggestions for improving member photos, travelogues, networking and other activities for a spectrum of photographers and abilities.

One can learn how to improve photos both in composition and lighting before and after taking a photo, and how to improve the results using photo processing tools, such as Adobe Photoshop Lightroom and Photoshop Elements, among others. This extra effort can result in an outstanding photo and a piece of art.

Meetings take place at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. The public is invited.

The next meeting is Jan. 6, 2015. All winning photos can be seen on the club website, [www.daphotoclub.org](http://www.daphotoclub.org).



PHOTO BY DAVE BROWN

Trish Hall and Debbie Hands

## Taylor home holds open house

Christmas in the home of J. Paul Taylor and his family has always included decorating with "Nacimientos," or nativity scenes, and welcoming people into their home.

Since 1910, Friends of the Taylor Family Monument have helped Taylor set up his Nacimientos for the public to see. This year, the Nacimiento Open House will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

The Taylor collection includes Nacimientos, more than 100 in all, from New Mexico, Mexico, as well as countries in South America, Europe and beyond. Materials and styles vary from clay to wood, plain to colorful and traditional to contemporary. There are old Nacimientos and some very new ones. Some have been created by folk artists; others by well-known artists. Many were gifts from family and friends. The Taylors purchased many of their Nacimientos with many more added to the collection each year.

Spanish settlers brought the Nacimiento tradition to the Americas, and they remain an important holiday custom in New Mexico to this day.

In announcing the open house, Cynthia Garrett, president of the Friends said, "We're honored to provide another opportunity for people to learn about the cultural traditions of our community."

The Nacimiento Open House is free to annual members of the Friends group. This year, the Friends are also welcoming non-members, who will have the choice of joining the organization or making a \$5 donation at the door. People can join the Friends in one of four categories of annual membership: Familia (Family) \$25; Individuo (Individual) \$20; Estudiante (Student) \$15; or Mayor (Senior) \$10.

In 2003, Taylor, his late wife Mary and their family donated their historic adobe home and two adjoining stores to the Museum of New Mexico as a historic site. The Taylor-Barela-Reynold-Mesilla State Historical Site provides a setting for visitors to understand and appreciate the history, culture and architecture of Mesilla and the Borderland.

The Friends group is a nonprofit, tax exempt, charitable organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the new historical site. Because Taylor still lives in the home, the historical site is not open to the public at this time. However, the Friends work with Taylor to host tours, special educational events and school programs on a limited basis.

For more information, contact [ftfm.mesilla.nm@gmail.com](mailto:ftfm.mesilla.nm@gmail.com) or 915-5756.

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# AtTheMovies

## 'Horrible Bosses 2' nearly lives down to its name

Review by **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Horrible Bosses," released in 2011, was an unlikely hit, pairing three comedic actors best known for television roles – Charlie Day of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," Jason Bateman of "Arrested Development" and "Saturday Night Live" alum Jason Sudekis – with three Hollywood heavy-hitters (Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Spacey and Colin Farrell) relegated to supporting roles. It was by no means a great film – a boilerplate crime caper filled with the requisite gross-outs and shock value tempered with a real ugly streak – but it worked largely on the strength of the palpable chemistry between its three leads.

This time around, Nick, Kurt and Dale (Bateman, Sudekis and Day) have set off on a quest to be their own bosses via a chintzy Skymall-style shower device when their pie-in-the-sky dreams are dashed by a slick talking would-be investor Rex Hanson (Chris Pine) and his father, Burt (a slumming-it

Christoph Waltz), who take the trio for all they're worth, along with their invention. In time, our trio hatches yet another half-cooked scheme – a kidnapping and ransom this time around, rather than murder – and hijinx ensue.

Or, at least, they're supposed to.

Unfortunately, any of the chemistry leftover from the first film has dissipated, leaving its three leads to fend for themselves with increasingly stale, telegraphed material. The best moments of the first film occurred when its cast – all skilled comedians, even the supports – were allowed to riff and improvise; the same hold true for "Horrible Bosses 2," but these moments are fewer and farther between.

Everyone here is hewed in by an overwritten, stifling script full of fall-flat one-liners and snatches of crass dialogue. Even the requisite credits gag-reel here seems neutered, which is a shame; everyone involved in the first showed they've got some serious comedic chops, and newcomers Pine

and Waltz do their best with the dreck they're handed.

What's more, there's a serious ugly streak running through "Horrible Bosses 2," a cheap substitution for anything that could reasonably be considered dark or edgy. The film, as its dude-comedy ilk is wont to do, trades heavily in misogyny, homophobia and racism, even stopping occasionally to wallow at excruciating length in rape jokes, both forcible and statutory.

The familiar targets – women, gays, blacks and Asians – are all here, along with at least two drawn-out instances of rape "humor," one involving a grown

woman graphically fantasizing about a duo of barely pubescent boys. Nothing is off limits in comedy – nothing – but it's all in the intention of a joke, rather than its delivery.

Unfortunately, this puerile little genre exercise wields taboo subject matter with the smirking self-satisfaction of a 13-year-old boy saying a dirty word at the dinner table, and is about as funny as same.

Zak Hansen can be reached at zak@lascrucesbulletin.com or 680-1958.

### HORRIBLE BOSSES 2

Rated: **R**

Running time: **108 minutes**

Starring: **Jason Bateman, Jason Sudekis**

Director: **Sean Anders**



"Horrible Bosses 2" wastes the obvious chemistry of its stars on overwritten jokes and an ugly, misogynistic core.

Grade **D**

## 'Love is Strange' an aptly titled film

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

"Love Is Strange," directed by New Yorker Ira Sachs, offers up some strong performances, by some big-name actors and a genteel look while staying faithful to the strongest ingredients in his other works, such as the interesting "40 Shades of Blue" and one of the most interesting gay-themed films I have seen, "Keep the Lights On."

Sachs is able to lure extremely sensitive performances from veterans John Lithgow and Alfred Molina as long-time partners, newly married, who have to vacate their apartment home in Manhattan. The picture is a stylish look at contemporary urban life blended with romantic ideology and the sadness of separation.

The film begins as we sit in on the couple's wedding day. Ben (Lithgow) and George (Molina), have been

partners for nearly 40 years and, at last, get to marry legally. We share the quiet ceremony with their friends and family, which includes Ben's nephew Elliot and wife Kate (another great performance in the film, Marisa Tomei, a personal favorite).

Ben is retired and spends his time painting, while George, at least for the moment, is the head of the choir at a local Catholic church.

Their quiet, loving and pleasant relationship takes its first dark turn when George is confronted by the priest soon after the wedding. It seems the archbishop or some other religious know-it-all has gotten wind of same and has ordered George's release, immediately if not sooner, despite his long time on the job, pleasant relationship with the priest and congregation and belief in the Catholic faith.

This incident introduces us to an

interesting turn in how Sachs directs this film (and his others) by skipping ahead to the more significant moments in the story without building us up via more explanation or excess drama. It usually works, but one needs to become accustomed to this unique style.

We are next in a scene where the couple are trying to explain to their friends that they are selling their apartment (it is not entirely clear why, although finances are probably the cause).

This requires George and Ben to separate, as they each take up temporary residence with friends and family, with sometimes slightly comic results. Both of their new "homes" are cramped, this being New York, where everything is overpriced and undersized.

George now lives with a friend, Ted, residing in his living room. Ted is (I think) a firefighter and is quite energetic and rather socially active in the gay community, quite a contrast to George's quiet lifestyle.

Ben takes up residence of in the top bunk above his anxiety-ridden

great-nephew, teenager Joey.

There are no big plot twists or histrionics; rather we become observers to the new lifestyles of these interesting characters. Both, of course, are uneasy in the new arrangements, as are their hosts, but everyone makes do as best they can.

George fruitlessly searches for a new job, and housing possibilities that would allow the loving couple to be together again are slim. Ben withdraws, uninspired and morose, until he happens upon an opportunity to paint a portrait of Joey's friend while atop the apartment building rooftop. It also appears that Ben's health is staring to fail.

The film offers a rather off-balance quality as it bobs from a quiet look at desperation to a darker look at life's predicaments.

As it progresses, "Love is Strange" becomes an interesting and wise look at the loss of comfort in one's life and relationships.

Some will find the editing jumps hard to digest or follow – I know I certainly did – but by the end of its 90-minute running time, the film proves its title.

Love is indeed strange ... Jeff Berg ... nedludd76@hotmail.com



# AtTheMovies

## Picking the Flicks




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


**Gone Girl**  
 Rated: R  
 Plot Overview: After his wife's disappearance, a man finds himself under intense scrutiny by the media.  
 Starring: Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike  
 Director: David Fincher




**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Plot Overview: After Katniss destroys the games, the president convinces her to become a symbol of rebellion.  
 Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson  
 Director: Francis Lawrence




**The Equalizer**  
 Rated: R  
 Plot Overview: A man with a mysterious past is drawn into the world of Russian gangs when he tries to protect a young girl under their control.  
 Starring: Denzel Washington, Chloe Grace Moretz  
 Director: Antoine Fuqua



**The Book of Life**  
 Rated: PG  
 Plot Overview: A man torn between family and following his heart goes on an adventure across three worlds.  
 Starring: Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana (voices)  
 Director: Jorge R. Gutierrez




**Horrible Bosses 2**  
 Rated: R  
 Plot Overview: When Dale, Kurt and Nick start a business, only to be taken by a slick investor, they attempt a harebrained kidnapping scheme.  
 Starring: Jason Sudekis, Jason Bateman  
 Director: Sean Anders




**St. Vincent**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Plot Overview: After his parents' divorce, a young boy makes an unlikely friend in the misanthropic veteran next door.  
 Starring: Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy  
 Director: Theodore Melfi




**Dumb and Dumber To**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Plot Overview: Twenty years after their first adventure, Harry and Lloyd set back out in search of Harry's adopted daughter.  
 Starring: Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels  
 Directors: Peter and Bobby Farrelly




**Fury**  
 Rated: R  
 Plot Overview: A U.S. Sherman tank and her five-man crew are outnumbered and outgunned as the Allies make their final push into the European Theatre.  
 Starring: Brad Pitt, Shia LeBeouf  
 Director: David Ayer



**Interstellar**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Plot Overview: A group of space explorers use a wormhole to take them farther than ever before possible.  
 Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway  
 Director: Christopher Nolan



**The Maze Runner**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Plot Overview: A young man must join forces with his fellow runners in order to escape the maze they're trapped in.  
 Starring: Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario  
 Director: Wes Ball



**Big Hero 6**  
 Rated: PG  
 Plot Overview: An inflatable robot and a child prodigy team with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes.  
 Starring: Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit (voices)  
 Directors: Don Hall, Chris Williams



**Nightcrawler**  
 Rated: R  
 Plot Overview: Out of work, a man stumbles into the world of underground crime journalism in Los Angeles.  
 Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo  
 Director: Dan Gilroy



**Birdman**  
 Rated: R  
 Plot Overview: A washed-up superhero actor must overcome his personal struggles as he attempts to stage a Broadway play as one last stab at glory.  
 Starring: Michael Keaton, Edward Norton  
 Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu



**Penguins of Madagascar**  
 Rated: PG  
 Plot Overview: To stop Dr. Octavius Brine from destroying the world, Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private team with an undercover organization called The North Wind.  
 Starring: Tom McGrath, Chris Miller (voices)  
 Directors: Eric Darnell, Simon J. Smith



## New on DVD Tuesday, Dec. 9

**Dolphin Tale 2**

Rated: PG  
 Genre: Family, drama  
 Starring: Ashley Judd, Harry Connick Jr.  
 Director: Charles Martin Smith

**Guardians of the Galaxy**

Rated: PG-13  
 Genre: Action, adventure  
 Starring: Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana  
 Director: James Gunn

**Frank**

Rated: R  
 Genre: Drama, comedy  
 Starring: Michael Fassbender, Maggie Gyllenhaal  
 Director: Lenny Abrahamson

**When the Game Stands Tall**

Rated: PG  
 Genre: Family, drama  
 Starring: Jim Caviezel, Michael Chiklis  
 Director: Thomas Carter

## Top-grossing Nov. 28-30

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| <b>1</b> <b>The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1</b> (Week No. 2) <b>\$56,972,599</b> | <b>6</b> <b>Dumb and Dumber To</b> (Week No. 3) <b>\$8,358,620</b>       |
| <b>2</b> <b>Penguins of Madagascar</b> (Week No. 1) <b>\$25,447,444</b>              | <b>7</b> <b>The Theory of Everything</b> (Week No. 4) <b>\$5,011,146</b> |
| <b>3</b> <b>Big Hero 6</b> (Week No. 4) <b>\$18,816,798</b>                          | <b>8</b> <b>Gone Girl</b> (Week No. 9) <b>\$2,465,434</b>                |
| <b>4</b> <b>Interstellar</b> (Week No. 4) <b>\$15,743,005</b>                        | <b>9</b> <b>Birdman</b> (Week No. 7) <b>\$1,874,369</b>                  |
| <b>5</b> <b>Horrible Bosses 2</b> (Week No. 1) <b>\$15,457,418</b>                   | <b>10</b> <b>St. Vincent</b> (Week No. 8) <b>\$1,704,700</b>             |

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## A desert oasis within city limits

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The long driveway is flanked by two stone pillars at its entrance before curving down behind a small hillock, to where a large stucco home is tucked into its own private world. The house, located at 2720 Monte Bello St, is located just off of Morning Star Rd in the rapidly-growing Sonoma West area, just minutes away from Lohman and downtown. It is a custom-built home, constructed in 2006, and exudes a sense of spaciousness in both the rooms and in land.

The surrounding development does not touch the view, and the house is situated in a way to prevent any new housing growth from ever doing so. The creosote-scattered desert that dips behind the house will remain undisturbed, and the house itself sits on a comfortable .74 acres.

The foyer features a large chandelier and a raised ceiling filled with windows. Just past the entrance, a spacious, light-filled office is set off from the main living space by a set of dark

wood double doors. Inside it has a built-in marble desk and tall bookshelves. "It's a private office, with beautiful views," said Realtor Divelia "D.I." Babbey of Exit Realty Horizons. Indicating the mountains through the window, she said, "The development in this neighborhood should be finished, and it doesn't block the view of the Organs."

The house perfectly suited for entertaining. The open concept still has an offset formal dining room which features large bay windows with a stunning view of the Organ Mountains. A breakfast nook is settled behind the kiva, and the raised bar has plenty of room for barstools. A large skylight brightens the kitchen, which has a gas stove, double oven, kitchen island and enough counter space for an smorgasbord. You may think you have a lot of friends, but if you buy this house, you're going to need more to fill it.

The living room has a large bank of

windows that overlooks a span of undeveloped desert. A kiva fireplace set into the corner is a nice southwestern touch, and will be perfect to enjoy during our occasional snow days as you look down over the sugar-coated desert just past the property line.

The spacious master bathroom has a second kiva fireplace and a glass door that opens to the patio. The bedroom embodies the grandeur implied by the term "master suite." Leading back from the bedroom are two walk-in closets, and through the wooden door beyond them is the bathroom. A jetted tub is set into a small dais in the corner like a throne, while an expansive walk-in shower presides over the other side of the room.

Skylights scattered down the hallway prevent any corner from gathering shadows. While the living spaces announce its usefulness for entertaining, the three additional bedrooms tucked down the hall counter with an

See **Oasis** on page A21

# OASIS,

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argument for an ideal family home.

“All of the bedrooms feature large walk-in closets,” said Babbey. “One of the bedrooms has an en suite bathroom, while the other two share.”

But they don’t have to share too much – the oversized bathroom has a full bath, double vanity, and still enough space to square dance if the spirit moved you.

The rooms all reflect the same expansive, open-spaces feel that the land itself suggests. It is the spirit of desert living, the cleft-open gape of earth under a broad sky. The Monte Bello house recognizes that desire in the desert-dweller and responds to it in

## Monte Bello

**Where:** 2720 Monte Bello Drive

**Square Footage:** 3,608

**Bedrooms:** Four

**Bathrooms:** Three and a half

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COURTESY PHOTOS

The kitchen, above, and dining room, below, wait on Monte Bello Drive ready for potential owners.



GM Casa Tours

# SOLAR,

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and nothing good ever, happens up there, except the production of free electricity.

Another important reason not to wash your solar panels is, unless it is done very carefully, you can cause long term damage. I’m not suggesting you’ll break the glass, as I wrote earlier they are very tough and resistant to breakage. The damage comes from spraying the panels with our mineral-laden water.

If you are determined to wash your solar panels, please proceed as follows. Clean the panel surface early in the morning before they, and you, get too hot. Deionized water works best and is less likely leave to water spots. Remember any spots will sit and bake until the next time the panels are washed. If you can’t use deionized water, or even if you do, be sure to squeegee the water from the panel surface to eliminate leaving behind dirt or mineral spots.

But again, it is better to stay off the roof. One of our customers tested his panels to determine the change in output. He washed several panels and left the others “dirty.” Over several days he watched the individual output of each panel through his online free monitoring service. He agreed the slight increase in electricity did not offset the cost of the equipment or water. Combine roof tops with water and electricity and we are talking about not playing very safe. Do I need to remind you about running with scissors?

**Trees and shrubs:** It is important to pay attention to the growth of trees and shrubs around your solar array.

If nearby trees have grown since your installation, they may be shading your solar panels and affecting electricity production. Check using the included free monitoring system. Early morning shading on a few panels is common and no reason for concern. Shading between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. should get a closer look.

**One last item:** Check your electric bills regularly. We shouldn’t even need to mention this one. Electric bills are much more fun to review now that they are often showing balances in your favor. But it is still important to review each bill, the electric company does occasionally err and it is easier to detect and correct when caught early. We encourage all of our clients to bring in their electric bills for review if they suspect an error. One simple exercise is to compare the kilowatt hours shown on the “Renewable Energy Certificates” portion of the electric bill to the number of kilowatt hours for the same month shown on your original proposal.

So now you know the checklist to get the most value from your solar PV system: claim your tax credits; inform your insurance company; don’t wash your panels; check for trees; and periodically review your electric bill.

But most important, just enjoy our abundant sunshine, your lifestyle and the thousands of dollars in savings you’ll continue to receive each year, for decades to come.

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

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## Church Listings

### JUDAICA SHOP HOLDS HANUKKAH HOURS

The Judaica Shop at Temple Beth El will be open at the following special hours for you to shop for the Hanukkah Holiday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 7 and 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The shop is located in the Temple Lobby to your right just past the Temple Office.

The Judaica shop is stocked with candles to light, dreidels to spin, wrapping paper, bows, kitchen supplies, challah covers, and many more items. Temple Beth El is located at 3980 Sonoma Springs Road.

### EL CALVARIO HOLDS ADVENT SERVICES

El Calvario United Methodist Church at 300 N. Campo St., offers midweek Advent services each Wednesday leading up to Christmas Eve. These are quiet, introspective services utilizing various contemplative Christian practices. All are open to the public.

On Dec. 10, "Our Daily Walk in Christ's Light" invites people to review the day through five simple questions and encourages self examination, forgiveness and acceptance of God's inner peace.

On Dec. 17, "Christ in every step" offers prayer walk in silence around the Historic Mesquite neighborhood. Upon return to the church, Holy Communion and anointment of oil will be offered as well as hot chocolate.

### NEW LOCATION

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

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

For more information, call 680-6274.

### SALT & LIGHT PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, has begun its yearly Salt & Light after-school community program. The program is open to community children in grades kindergarten through 12 and takes place Wednesday evenings.

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

For more information, call 526-5559.

### BONHOEFFER STUDY GROUP

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

Bonhoeffer was a pastor, spy, threat to the Third Reich and martyr, but perhaps more than anything else, he was a man with a deeply held faith. Gifted in his ability to articulate that faith, Bonhoeffer wrote books, both before and during his imprisonment, that continue to deeply challenge Christians.

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

### DISCOVER THE FAITH

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

Regular worship schedule is 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday and a Spanish-language service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 522-0465.

### MODERN BUDDHISM CLASSES OFFERED

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

For more information, call 496-4271.

### CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

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

For more information, call 635-7262.

### MORNING PRAYER AT HOLY FAMILY

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

For more information, call 644-5025.

### CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING

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

### COURSE IN MIRACLES

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

Presented by Edward Alvarez, the class is a three-volume curriculum, teaching that the way to universal love and peace is by undoing guilt through forgiveness of others. There is no charge for the program and all levels of students and spiritual seekers are welcome.

For more information, call 993-4903.

### SILENT MEDITATION

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., offers a 20-minute period of silent meditation after a brief reading at 9 a.m. Saturday mornings. A "sacred word" is selected and is returned to during times of distraction.

All faiths are welcome. For more information, call 647-5684 or 522-7119.

### MEN'S CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Catholic men are invited to attend a men's Catholic fellowship breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. the second

Saturday of the month at the San Albino Parish Hall on the Mesilla Plaza. The monthly gathering is an opportunity for men to fellowship with other Catholic men and renew themselves spiritually.

The fellowship is sponsored by the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in collaboration with other Mesilla Valley Catholic parishes. The cost of the breakfast is \$5.

For more information, call 524-8563.

### SATURDAY VESPERS

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

### PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

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

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

### OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies and General Spiritual Group hold group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon the first Sunday of each month. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend.

For more information and location, call 405-2089.

### SPANISH MASS OFFERED

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, is an independent Catholic community where all are welcome and will celebrate Spanish Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. In addition, Holy Family has English Masses at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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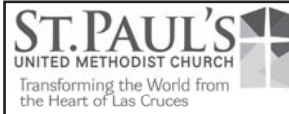
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There is no charge, but everyone should bring their insurance card, including Medicaid or Medicare, with them. For more information on the no-charge flu shot clinic, call the Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 528-5001.

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

## BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS

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

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

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

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Southern New

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

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

## BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

Monthly programs vary, with information related to breast cancer and the pursuit of wellness. Meetings are free, no registration required, and are open to all who have been touched by breast cancer.

For more information, call 524-4373.

## CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A Cancer Care support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. 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.

## CROSSROADS CLASSES

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

For more information, call 312-6569.

## GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

A Grandparents Rais-

ing Grandchildren support group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are invited to join.

For more information, call 528-3301.

## LUNCHTIME YOGA

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

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

For more information, call 647-9642.

## NEEDLE EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

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

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

For more information, call 556-1622.

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

There are three

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

For more information, call 571-7864.

## SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP

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

For more information, call 522-0287.

## STROKE GROUP FOR SURVIVORS

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

For more information, call 522-2625.

## SUICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP MEETS

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

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

For more information, call 635-6265 or email

margaret.short@lpnt.net.

## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

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

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

For more information, call Doris at 524-7461.

## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

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

The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 390

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter 390 weight loss support group works to help

members achieve and maintain healthy weight.

The group meets 5:45 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at Morning Star United Methodist Church.

## TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

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

For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

## RECOVERY GROUP

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

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers.

For more information, call 522-6404 or send an email to bridge@nmsu.edu.

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# 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.

### YOUR NINE TO FIVE

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| <b>ENGLISH</b> | <b>SPANISH</b> |
| ATTORNEY       | ABOGADO        |
| BIOLOGIST      | BIÓLOGO        |
| GUARD          | GUARDIA        |
| HOTELIER       | HOTELERO       |
| INTERPRETER    | INTÉRPRETE     |
| LOCKSMITH      | CERRAJERO      |
| MAYOR          | ALCALDE        |
| MODEL          | MODELO         |
| SECRETARY      | SECRETARIO     |
| SOLDIER        | SOLDADO        |
| THERAPIST      | TERAPEUTA      |
| WRITER         | ESCRITOR       |

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## Crossword Puzzles

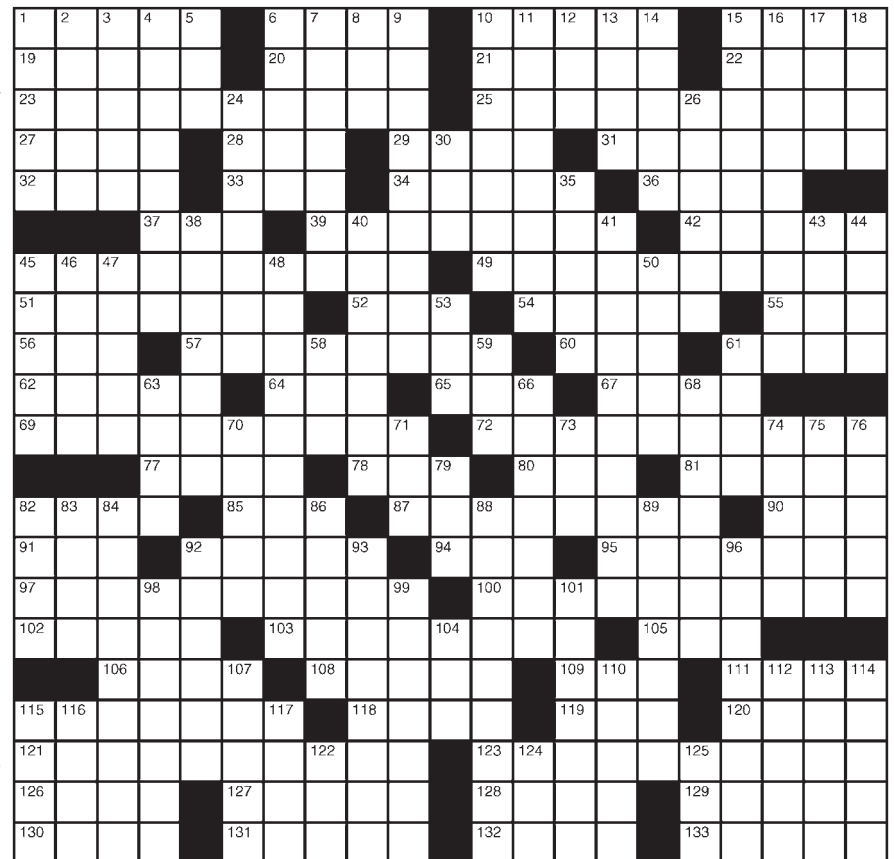
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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**
- Running animal on shield
  - Earned
  - Circus cries
  - Took the final available help path
  - "Absolutely!"
  - Finished working: abbr.
  - Platter for serving food
  - Present time
  - Car accessory
  - To this day
  - Separation into + and - particles
  - Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
  - Eastern European
  - Clinton, abbr. e.g.
  - Ornamental flower holder
  - Goblet feature
  - PC action
  - Coming into being
  - Pinot tasting area
  - N.O. Saints chant - "Who's \_\_\_?"
  - Cleans up, in a way
  - Can you dig it?
  - Medicinal clean out agents
  - Accepting without question
  - On the other hand
  - Radar image
  - Out
  - Linda \_\_\_\_, Supergirl's alias
  - Relaxer
  - Spore producer
  - Throat, for one
  - Dump
  - Be a pain
  - Bit of physics
  - Assuages
  - Original name before marriage
  - Stead
  - Timber problem
  - Always, in verse
  - Unit of pressure
  - Can be mislaid
- DOWN**
- Computer monitor, for short
  - \_\_\_ the glad waters of the dark blue sea": Byron
  - Finish, with "up"
  - Ex-Yankee Guidry
  - Compass doodle
  - \_\_\_ power
  - Golf bag item
  - GQ competitor
  - Magazine contents
  - \_\_\_ list
  - Store, as corn
  - Shaping into a circle
  - Deadly opiate
  - Attitude
  - Like some humor
  - Manhattan section
  - Branch dwelling reptilian
  - Blast
  - Caesar's hello
  - Anderson's "High \_\_\_"
  - Can't be discussed
  - Convened
  - Intimidate
  - William Tell's canton
  - Bolivian export
  - Add years to one's life
  - Writer's point
  - Chain letters?
  - When it's broken, that's good
  - Fishermen
  - Perceiving
  - Be off
  - Time div.
  - Capt.'s guess
  - Small songbird
  - Comes in cubes
  - Hall-of-Famer Hubbard
  - Astute
  - Mushroom
  - "Seinfeld" gal
  - Reception
  - Something excellent
  - Venom source
  - Low-tech missile
  - Lt.'s subordinate
  - Distill
  - 4:1, e.g.
  - Leg part
  - Attendee
  - Deviation
  - Neighbor of Ger.
  - Debate position
  - North Sea feeder
  - "Eureka!"
  - Blubber
  - Corner piece
  - "Didn't I tell you?"

### BLACK TO BLACK

- ACROSS**
- Cornered
  - Charlie Chan's comment
  - \_\_\_-wip (dessert topping)
  - Address for a lady
  - Saclike cavity between joints
  - Kid's punishment, perhaps
  - Facilitates
  - Rounds and clips
  - Harry the magician
  - Like some humor
  - Drupe
  - Hodgepodge
  - Soaked
  - Ramble
  - Total takes
  - Camp shelter
  - Bear in Barcelona
  - John and Tyne
  - Kathryn of "Law And Order: CI"
  - Barcelona uncle
  - Glowing brightly
  - Noted chair designer
  - Picnic staple
  - Romaine, e.g.
  - Gathers greedily
  - Clearasil target
  - Japanese P.M. Fukuda
  - Gun lobby letters
  - Levin or Gershwin
  - Begins, slangily
  - Sales pro
  - Sporty car roof
  - Canvas coating
  - Mamie's man
  - NYC arena
  - Arcturus or Antares
  - Setting sun phenomenon
  - Portable torch
  - \_\_\_ number one!
  - Butter holder
  - Mentalist Geller
  - Philanthropist
  - Industrial pollutants: abbr.
  - \_\_\_ out of (decline)
  - Bullfighter
  - Sugary suffix
  - Rope-a-dope poet
  - Jetson's dog
  - Nighty-night spot
  - Dispossessed tenant
- DOWN**
- Navigation beacon
  - Do domestic duty
  - Center of central Florida?
  - Web surfers
  - Greek letter
  - Kind of frost
  - Virgil's shepherdess
  - Coll. student's figure
  - One of Henry VIII's six
  - Mimicries
  - Hindquarters
  - Cold and wet
  - Royal role for Liz
  - Tabula rasa
  - Dark color
  - Like Santa's cheeks
  - Chinese province
  - German "a"
  - French title
  - French seasons
  - Little sticks
  - Becomes pudding
  - Tracker's trail
  - Brothers' keeper?
  - Very fine netting
  - Egghead
  - Fancy haberdashery item
  - Talk, talk, talk
  - Chips in
  - Night bird
  - RR stop
  - Went too far
  - Retail transactions
  - What I'll do if I'm wrong
  - British mil. honor
  - \_\_\_ Xiaoping
  - Grenoble's river
  - Chocolate candy treat
  - Cause for a smile
  - Friend in Marseille
  - Witty remarks
  - Actress Kurtz
  - Precede
  - Single grain
  - Of the sun
  - Roger McGuinn song
  - Most vague
  - Eschews neutrality
  - Eliel Saarinen's son
  - Become unhinged
  - Odin's wife
  - Harder to find
  - Czar's decree
  - Opposite of an elementary particle
  - Profundity
  - Male turkey
  - Reggae's cousin
  - Letters on a rubber check
  - Threesome
  - Puts in stitches
  - Attached with stickum
  - Early TV series, "The \_\_\_ Family"
  - First-year students
  - Crude shelter
  - Football coach
  - Parseghian
  - Thousand bucks
  - Old Testament prophet
  - Wooden tableware
  - Go up and down
  - Washed out
  - Cut short
  - Head honcho
  - Aligned
  - Perfects by repetition
  - Blow away
  - Come by
  - One-time Jazz center Greg
  - Sound of hoofbeats
  - Cheers
  - Brennan and Heckart
  - R. E. Lee opponent
  - Pakistan ruler (1977-88)
  - City in northwestern Iran
  - Meat pastes
  - Texas shrine
  - Right-hand page
  - TV weatherman Al
  - Large lot
  - Conspiracy
  - Dilatory
  - Tropical blackbird
  - Tell whoppers
  - NCAA acronym



**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**Word Salsa**

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

**Diagramless**

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

**Prefixed People**

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

**CRYPTOGRAM**

M N P N T G N D A O Q D N Q R R J  
Y X K Q G R N Q Y M V Y P X T T X Y  
T X Y K B . F B J ? G N P Q V O N  
A K ' O K B N X Y R J T X Y K B F A K B  
Q M A Y A K .  
**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
Mickey Mouse is happy as a lark on his usual Christmas transportation, mice skates.

## Keep health in mind this time of year

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

Pondering the upcoming holiday as well as flu and cold seasons, which seem to intermingle, I wondered what words of wisdom could be shared as a helpful tool.

Gazing through the window in appreciation of the crimson colors of the fall trees, I noticed one of the Good Samaritan residents, Mary, walking along enjoying the New Mexico blue sky and warmth of the sun. I invited her into my office for suggestions on how she manages during the holiday season.

Mary is one of those people who perpetually radiates an infectious smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye. She lights up a room when she enters it, is the picture of health and wisdom and is an example of one who enjoys the blessings life has to offer.

Mary and I discussed the approaching holidays with a healthful mindset, sharing tips that are common knowledge, but in this busy season often disregarded.

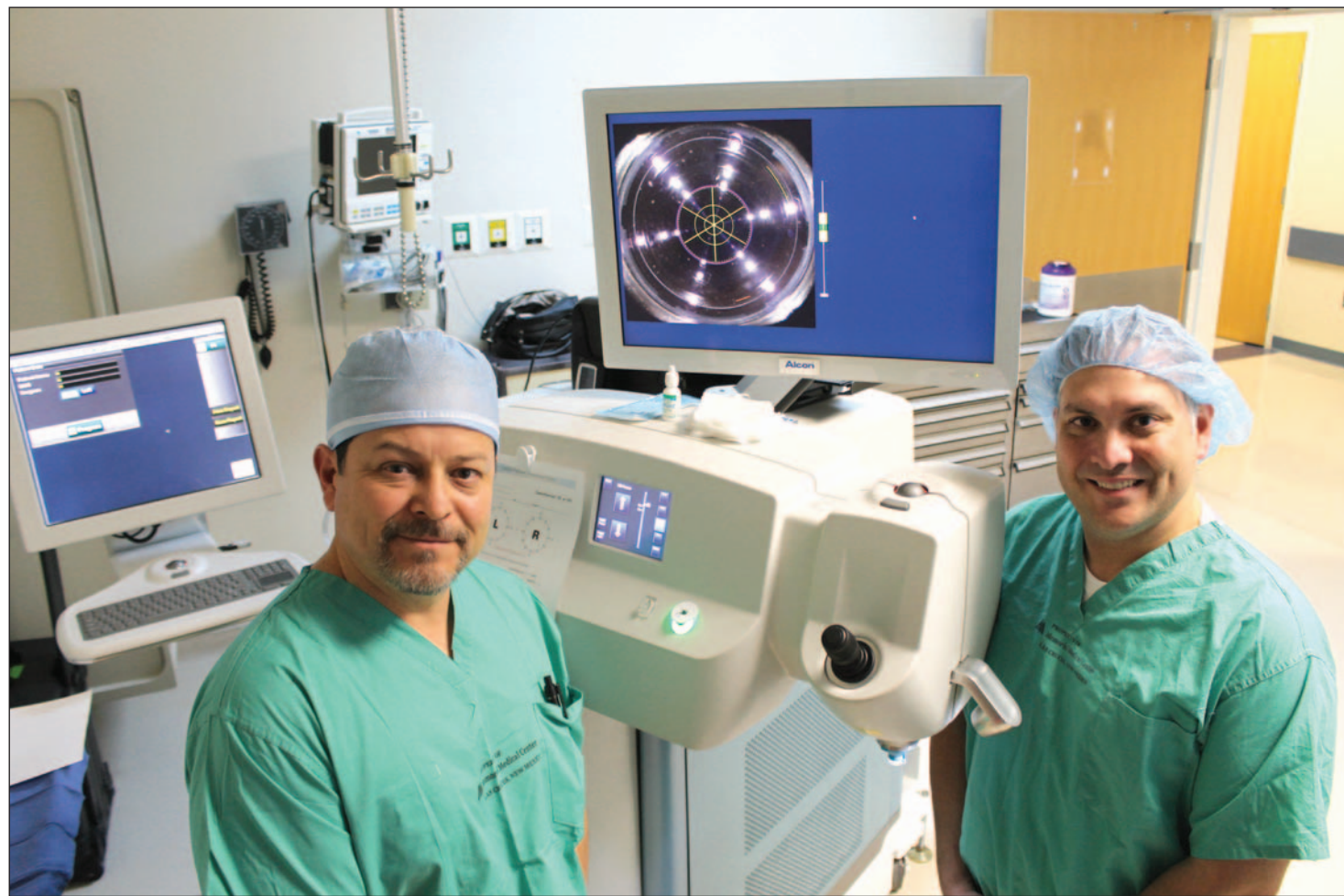
As most of us will be spending time with family, attending social gatherings and scurrying around at the shopping centers, being healthy is first and foremost on our lists. So how does one achieve good health and help to avert the common illnesses that rear their ugly heads this time of year?

Mary maintains an exercise regimen, takes time to breathe deeply and makes sure to count her many blessings of her friends and surroundings.

She also follows the medical community's suggestions of washing hands continuously, eating healthy, not skipping meals, drinking lots of water and making sure not to get behind on her sleep.

Seeking out more tips to stay healthy this holiday season, I sought out Pam Rodgers, the well being coordinator at Good Samaritan.

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LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARISSA BOND

Drs. Edward Hernandez, left, and Andrew Mohammed stand by the femtosecond laser Monday, Dec. 1, at Memorial Medical Center Healthplex. Hernandez will use the laser to perform the first bladeless cataract surgery in New Mexico.

## Laser offers bladeless cataract surgery

By **Marissa Bond**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Hold on,” said Les Bentz, an engineer with Sightpath Medical. “I think I have an eyeball in my pocket.”

He fished for a moment in the front pocket of his light blue scrubs, but came up empty-handed. We were in one of the antiseptic rooms of Memorial Medical Center's new Healthplex at 2735 Northrise Drive. Bentz was there with Sightpath Medical's femtosecond laser for cataract surgery, which will be used by ophthalmologist Edward Hernandez to perform the first bladeless cataract surgeries in New Mexico and west Texas.

Bentz showed us a small plastic piece that resembled an old-fashioned eye wash cup. He was trying to demonstrate its function, but without a fake eyeball

*“This is the future. This is how cataract surgery is going to be. You know, you always worry about getting onboard too soon, but the technology is there. It's time.”*

**EDWARD HERNANDEZ**

Ophthalmologist

we would have to use our imaginations.

“This docks the eyeball with a suction cup, keeping it from moving while the procedure is going on,” he said.

The machine is bladeless, computer guided and utilizes precision beyond what the human hands are capable. It can cut a near-perfect circle – and when

that circle is being cut into one's eye, precision is key.

“The laser does thousands of very precise microbursts and creates a very precise incision,” Hernandez said. “It is basically the most advanced type of cataract surgery available to date. It's a bladeless surgery. The laser makes all the incisions. The laser will actually soften the disk as well, to

make it easier to remove the fragments.

“When you take a cataract out, there's energy lost, and the more energy and more time you're in the eye, the more cellular loss that occurs,” Hernandez said. “So this – by softening the cataract before we get in there – will theoretically decrease our surgical time and energy dissipated within the eye, so there's potentially less cell body loss with this platform.”

Hernandez, along with Dr. Andrew Mohammed, also of Eyes of the Southwest, will use the femtosecond laser for cataract surgeries in Las Cruces. The laser is a mobile unit – a MoFe, for “mobile femto” – and will be brought to MMC's Healthplex once a month.

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# LASER,

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The machines are expensive – about \$500,000 – so usually one travels regionally between many hospitals. This particular MoFe is based in Denver, but travels through Colorado, a little of Nebraska and now to Las Cruces.

The MoFe arrives at the Healthplex the day before the procedures are scheduled to take place. Bentz calibrates the machine when it arrives, which usually takes between two to three hours to set up.

Though they did not engineer the original machine, Sightpath manufactures the air-ride it sits on. The truck also has an air-ride suspension, mitigating any potential damage from the long distances it travels between hospitals.

“They travel well,” Bentz said. “Generally, we don’t have any issues.”

Currently, it will be here once a month.

If the volume of patients increases, then perhaps a laser will have a smaller regional area with more frequent visits. Prior to Hernandez’s and Mohammed’s training, the closest places that performed this procedure were Lubbock, Texas and Phoenix.

“It’s exciting. It’s nowhere else in the state. This will be the first time ever,” Mohammed said.

Some of the unique challenges the

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doctors will face are purely logistical, as the surgery will begin with the laser procedure in one room before being completed in the surgical suite. The staggering of patients and use of two different spaces allows the doctors to maximize the machine’s use during the limited time window of its availability.

“I believe in this product,” Hernandez said. “We’ve gone to a number of training sessions and conferences regarding it.”

Mohammed said it is a step-by-step process, including online training and watching other surgeons perform the procedure.

Finally, they participate on hands-on training with gels before they move on to their own patients.

“This is the future,” Hernandez said.

“This is how cataract surgery is going to be. You know, you always worry about getting onboard too soon, but the technology is there. It’s time.”

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

# KEEP,

FROM PAGE 21

We discussed ways to stay healthy this holiday season.

Rodgers recommended portion control when partaking in our holiday meals.

She shared with me this hint: The different food on our plate should never touch each other.

Another suggestion is to choose a parking space toward the back of a parking lot to increase daily walking and use stairs, if possible, for added exercise.

Finally, Rodgers touched on the subject of stress we feel with the additional holiday demands.

She suggested we start the day with taking a moment to clear our

*“Choose a parking space toward the back of a parking lot.”*

minds and breathe slowly.

A few minutes in the morning spent on these breathing techniques, or at any time throughout the day when our stress level seems overwhelming, are moments of time well spent to lower and alleviate our stress level.

*Penney McClarin and I am the new Director of Resource Development and Marketing for Good Samaritan.*

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# Health Briefs

## Vegan support group meets at MVM

Being Vegan will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. the third Monday of the month in the Mountain View Market community room, 1300 El Paseo Road.

Being Vegan is a place for vegans and vegan-curious people to find support and knowledge about food choices.

For more information, call 523-0436.

## Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

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

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

## Medical-related volunteers needed

St. Luke's Health Care Clinic's mission is to improve the health and well-being of homeless and indigent individuals and family members in Doña Ana County.

The clinic welcomes anyone with a medical background to come be a

part of the volunteer team.

Needed are RNs, LPNs, MAs, EMTs, NPs, MDs and DOs to work as providers, health educators, screeners and triage.

For more information, contact Dorothy Portillo at 527-5482 or dorothy@slhcc.info.

## Overeaters Anonymous hosts weekly meetings

There are three weekly Overeaters Anonymous meetings: 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity Church of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive; noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.; and 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

For more information, call 571-7864 or 647-5684.

## Debtors Anonymous holds meetings

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

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

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

For more information, call 647-5684.

## Southern NM diabetes group meets monthly

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

For more information, call 522-0287.

## Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico meets the third Tuesday of the month at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call John Roberts at 702-217-0450.

## Desert babywearers meet third Saturday

The group meets from 10 a.m. to noon the third Saturday of the month in Mountain View Market's community room, 1300 El Paseo Road.

Learn about the art of babywearing, new methods, try different carriers and meet other babywearers. For more information, call 312-1974. llieh1206@yahoo.com.

# NMSU nursing docorate receives accreditation

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

New Mexico State University's doctorate in nursing practice in the College of Health and Social Services' School of Nursing received national accreditation for five years from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, said Pam Schultz, director of the School of Nursing and associate dean of the College of Health and Social Services.

"New Mexico State University's School of Nursing has been a pioneer in the state of New Mexico by developing flagship nursing programs that address the increasing complex health care needs of culturally-diverse populations," said Donna Wagner, interim dean of the College of Health and Social Services. "Our nursing leadership and faculty have created a preeminent accredited academic program," Wagner said. "We're proud of our graduates



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Student nurse Gloria Sevilla, right, introduces fifth-semester nursing students to some of the oxygen equipment they will use in nursing simulation laboratories.

and look forward to many more external recognitions of the quality of our faculty, students and leaders in nursing."

Wagner said the changing demands of the complex health care environment, outlined in recent reports from the Institute of Medicine, require that nurses serving in specialty positions have the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise possible. Nurses are constantly working with

individuals who have a high level of preparation in their respective fields – physicians, pharmacists and other health providers.

The effectiveness of nurses is directly related to the amount and type of education they receive, Wagner said.

Currently, NMSU's School of Nursing has 62 DNP and 30 Ph.D. students. The school's bachelor's and master's programs also are accredited by CCNE.

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## Pet Briefs

### Blue heeler mix Pet of Week

Meet Kinsey, a loveable little blue heeler mix whose sweet and charismatic personality is sure to melt your heart! Her big ears are her favorite feature, she's had them since she was a baby and she swears that she can hear a storm coming from 50 miles away. Kinsey has been at Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley for five months, please help her find her forever home to spend the holidays with today.

The shelter can be reached at 382-0018.

### Pet Photos with Santa

Stop by the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary Thrift Store, 840 El Paseo Road, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, to have pet

photos with Santa. The cost is \$10 and photos will be framed and ready while you wait. No appointment necessary.

Pets must be leashed. For more information call 541-4942.



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### APA continues adoption drive

ACTion Programs for Animals continues its Blue Buffalo Home 4 the Holidays pet adoption drive through Jan 2.

During the campaign, the adoption fees for animals are reduced to \$35. Visit or call the adoption center at 800 W. Picacho Ave., 571-4654.

The APA adoption center is normally open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. During the Christmas holiday, the center will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but APA encourages pets

to be adopted as gifts and is offering free delivery of adopted pets on these days. Many puppies, dogs, kittens and cats will be available next month for adoption. People can also purchase gift certificates at any time to give to someone they know who has been wanting to adopt a dog or cat.

### Pet adoptions held at Petco

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley staff and volunteers are facilitating dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

Transport drivers who are able to handle rambunctious dogs are needed on Saturday mornings.

For more information, call 639-3036, email [jwright@las-cruces.org](mailto:jwright@las-cruces.org), or [www.bigkittyfix.org](http://www.bigkittyfix.org).

### Shelter asks for donations

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

is in need of dog crates and treats as well as collars, leashes, towels and igloos. Donations can be dropped off from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 642-5888.

### Services offered at shelter

Microchip your pet for \$20 at Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial West.

No appointment necessary and service is available daily. City and county pet licenses are also available daily.

Low-cost spay and neutering is by appointment only and is \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats.

For more information, call the shelter at 382-0018.

### Foster homes needed for animals

Fostering can be a rewarding way to enjoy the

companionship a pet provides without having the commitment that goes along with it.

For more information, call 527-4544.

### APA seeks old sleeping bags

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

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

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

They are ideal for this because they make soft beds but are easy to clean and wash when soiled.

For more information, call 571-4654.

### Shelter seeks volunteer photographers

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Val-

ley (ASCMV) is looking for volunteer photographers to help advertise animals at the Center.

The ASCMV is hoping to find photographers who are up for the challenge of capturing snugly, fluffy animals on digital format for release to the public.

Candidates must be available two days a week, provide their own camera and samples of work, animal action shots preferred.

Volunteers must also be at least 18 years of age, have photography experience and provide their own transportation, camera and photo cards.

For more information call 382-0018 or email [jwright@las-cruces.org](mailto:jwright@las-cruces.org).

### Send us your pet briefs

The Las Cruces Bulletin encourages local nonprofit and health organizations to send briefs, along with a photo and caption to [health@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:health@lascrucesbulletin.com).

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