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2014 turned out to be a year of upsets

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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The debate over raising the minimum wage in Las Cruces and the ensuing City Council recall attempt, the Republican take-over of the state House of Representatives and Virgin Galactic's test flight crash made the past year memorable, to say the least.

The dominant story of the year was the effort to raise the minimum wage in Las Cruces. That debate came to a conclusion Dec. 1 when the City Council passed

amendments to the new law that keeps the first increase in place for the start of 2015, but pushes back the second and third increases by two years.

The amendments offered by Councillor Nathan Small – once an ardent supporter of putting the question on the ballot for voters to decide – earned enough votes on the council 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 effects of minimum wage increases in July 2015, 2016 and 2018, as well as saying those who successfully sue to be paid the new minimum wage will get back pay with interest and legal costs reimbursed by the employer.

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.

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 revealed splits within those communities.


Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who originally opposed a minimum wage

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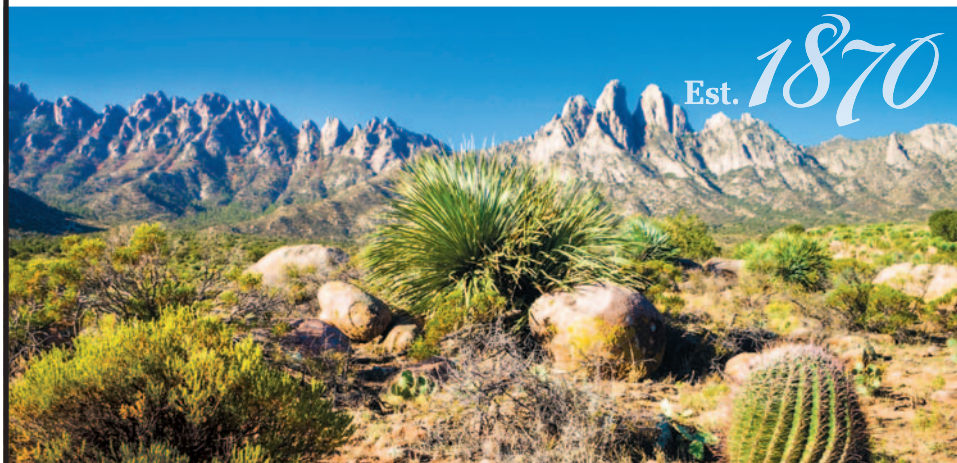
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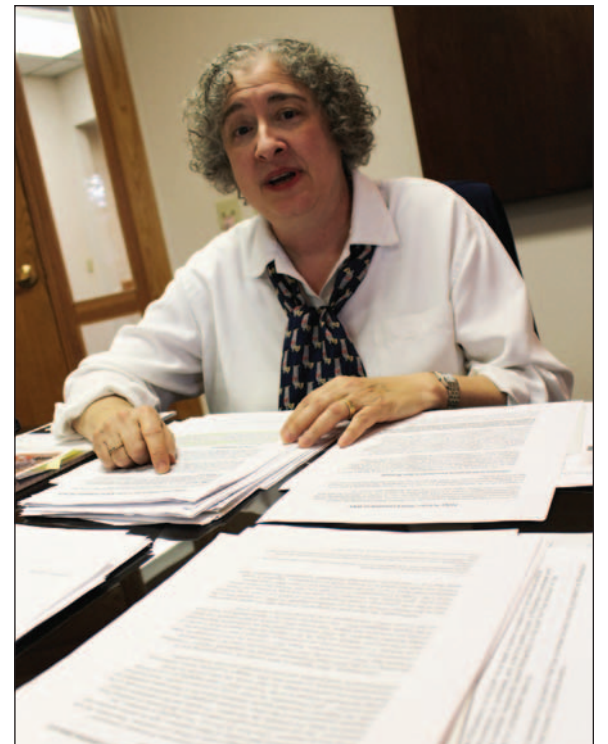


U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich are joined by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell to answer questions about the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument at a May 23 rally shortly after President Barack Obama declared nearly 500,000 acres of federal land in southern New Mexico as a national monument.

Third Judicial District Judge Lisa Schultz goes over documents disputing the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission's recommendations against her retention. Schultz argued it was retribution against her whistleblowing on political corruption and voters agreed by approving her retention.



Gov. Susana Martinez visits with a voter in Las Cruces before voting Nov. 4. She easily won re-election.



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Opinions



From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Perhaps the most famous letter to the editor in newspaper history arrived at the New York Sun in 1897, when 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon inquired of editor Frances Pharcellus Church regarding the existence of Santa Claus. Here is Virginia's letter, followed by Church's pitch-perfect response:

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon 115 W. 95 St.



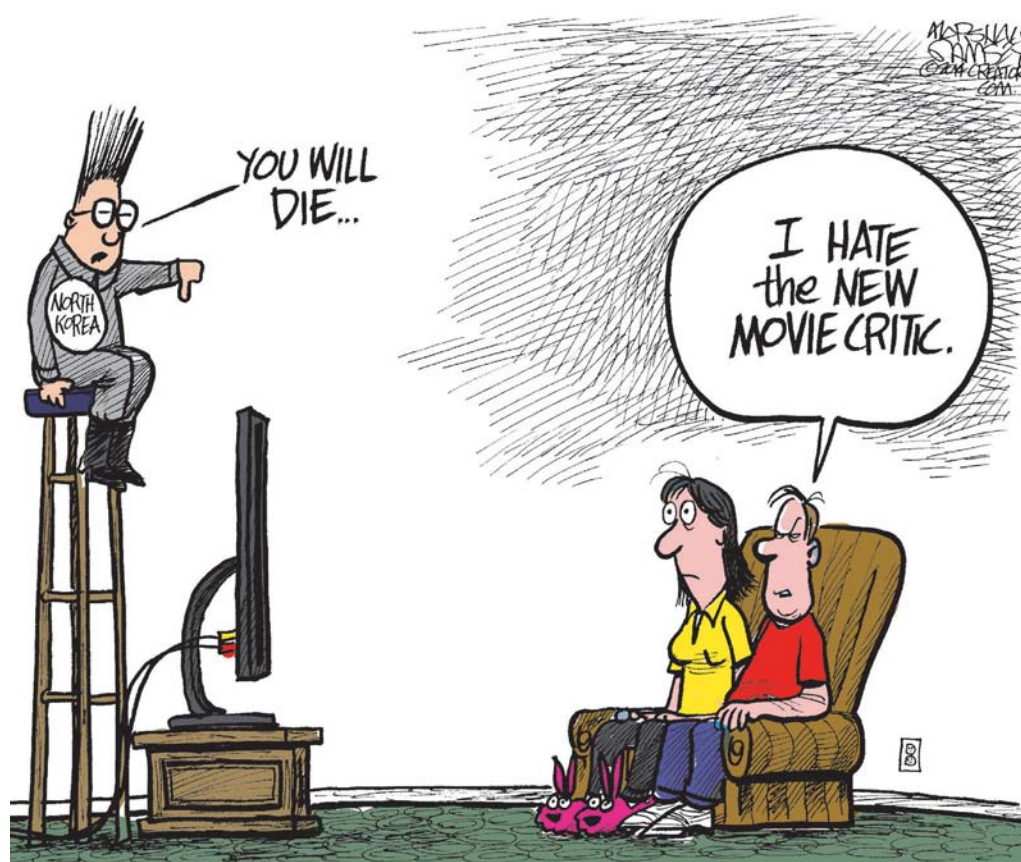
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Letter to the editor

Against the recall

Thank you Todd Dickson and Brook Stockberger for the Dec. 19 story on the recall.

I am a District 3 resident voting for and have supported Councillor Olga Pedroza since she entered office. Now she may be recalled through the work of outsiders? This is not the Las Cruces I know. Councillor Pedroza works for the city's real people. Her work for legal aid before her election was of the highest calling – social justice for those who cannot deal with or afford the judiciary system on their own. Her council years have continued

such ideals. This is proper for a city councillor. Those who work in Las Cruces create profits for, among others, the very people leading this charge to oust councillors Pedroza, Nathan Small and Gill Sorg and replace her/them with ... more tea baggers? These business owners, e.g., Dan Schneider, Don Biad and Gary Coppedge: (1) are funding outside agitators to run this affront to Cruces; (2) and are not residents of the involved city districts, let alone the city itself, and thus can't even vote in a recall election if the petition(s) succeed. Recall elections run by and paid for by non-voting outsiders?

Districts 3, 4 and 5 citizens, please do not sign recall petitions.

Jerry Nachison

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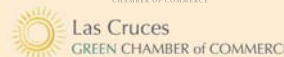
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LEFT: Employees in the Doña Ana County Finance Department contributed time and cash to put together two gift baskets for delivery to the residents of the Adobe Assisted Living Facility in Las Cruces. The baskets were delivered on Friday, Dec. 19.



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Corrie Stone-Fielder



ABOVE: Doña Ana County employees donated 154 coats, sweaters and blankets to the 2014 Multi-Agency Community Coat Drive. Doña Ana County was declared the winner of the competition, and Employee Activity Committee representatives Renee Padilla and Corrie Stone-Fielder accepted an award from Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima at a Dec. 22 meeting of the Las Cruces City Council.

LEFT: For the 11th consecutive year, Doña Ana County employees have given back to the children of our rural communities with our annual Holiday Toy Drive. This year, 530 presents were donated, wrapped by Health and Human Services Department employees and distributed at community resource centers during a series of events coordinated throughout the month of December.

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Being superstitious about rain in New Mexico

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



"I stopped believing in Santa Claus at age 6 when my mother took me to see him in a store and he asked for my autograph." Shirley Temple Black

Christmas time is magical with the Christmas superstitious advice, "You better watch out, you better not cry, better not pout, I'm telling you why. ..." It is a belief in goodness and the hope Santa can see goodness in each of us.

The main point of the season in my family is the birth of Jesus. But we also enjoy Santa.

As a child I understood the birth of Jesus, but to me the Santa story had to be taken entirely on faith. It was true that things you wanted at times mysteriously appeared. As a child I started my lifelong superstition that I somehow had control over things that were beyond control.

This year I have a dilemma. My

windshield wipers are just barely working but I have a good reason to not change them. No, I am not cheap, this is more important. It has to do with the rain we have been receiving.

It seems there are two types of people: those who confess to being superstitious and those who won't admit it. How the day begins Monday morning sets the tone for the week. Spill coffee and look out. Check comes in the mail, whoeee!

In my everyday life, if I hit all of the lights red, then I start to wonder superstitiously what I, yes I, did wrong. I went back that third time to the buffet.

Of course, I do understand the line of red lights were more my mistake of moving to a town that makes part of its revenue inciting citizens to violate the law.

Yep, the little slice of heaven I live in wants people to be frustrated so that they will run yellow lights. Those scofflaws then can be fined and the fines can support the police and even let them seize cars, the Holy Grail of

making money off citizens. So my town synchronizes the lights to frustrate drivers. It was a sad day in city hall when the courts threw out their "red light cameras."

At other times great fortune happens and I try to do all the same things that got me on the good streak. I identify with a scene in the movie "Bull Durham" when the character played by Kevin Costner says, "I told him that a player on a streak has to respect the streak. ... You know why? Because they don't happen very often."

Like everyone, I have good days and challenging days. When I have two good days in a row, I am on a streak – and I try to remember how I got on the streak. It is like when, out of the blue, I take my dog Conrad to Sonic to munch fries. No, they are not good for him or me, but occasionally he gets a truck ride and a few fries.

Conrad, the dog, thinks, "How did I do that? Let's see, I wagged my tail, but I am always wagging my tail and I smiled, but I am always smiling. ... How did I get him to take me to Sonic?"

My windshield wipers are really worn out. I still see to drive in the rain, but normally I would change them in a heartbeat. Months ago, I noticed they were marginal because, surprise, it rained. Know this: I did not need to see the rain personally, I have seen rain before, but it was nice for youngsters to finally see rain.

The superstitious part of me noticed when it rained two days in a row. I knew I should go put on a new set of wipers, but gosh, that rain was sure nice. So for all of these months the windshield wipers have languished. But the rain is wonderful.

I might get help from Superstitious Anonymous, but it is still raining. When the rain stops, as we know it will, then I will have new wipers. I park when it rains now.

No, Santa, don't bring me wipers, we are on a streak. Merry Christmas.

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BaxterBlack

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Inventors

I ran into a mental inventor a while back and it put me to thinkin'. You know the kinda person I'm talkin' about, the ones that get the ideas that years later someone else makes money on.

Take for instance, that fellow who rolled the first stogie and smoked it. Chances are he tried several kinds of flammable organic herbage before he discovered tobacco. Buffalo chips mighta burned too slow or smokin' that ol' dry Coastal Bermuda coulda led to a serious case of chapped lips. When you think about it, a feller'd looked pretty stupid suckin' on a

dried possum tail. I expect in the end he was canned, divorced and banished from the tribe.

I always thought I'd like to meet the guy who came home from work one day and said, "Martha, it occurs to me it would be more convenient if we moved the outdoor john inside the house."

Now, necessity is not always the mother of invention. Hula hoops, fender skirts, square headlights, peacock feathers, horse legs, AMTRAC and digital watches that take two hands to tell time; those things that appear only to satisfy fashionable, political or heavenly whims. But, somebody with an imagination had to come up with these brain storms.

Mental inventors are not restricted in their thinking by such mundane considerations as practicality, purpose, cost or other people's opinions.

I'm sure the percentage of successes is small, but if you've got a large volume of ideas, the bad ones will be culled out before any harm is done. The only exception to this I can readily think of is the United States Congress. But for the most part free thinkers are good for us.

So the next time one of these mental inventors suggests we cover west Texas with pie melons and harvest the oil, I'm gonna listen up. It might go the way of oyster shell supplement and comfrey, but then again, it might be as handy as a pocket on a shirt.

See, somebody had to think up the idea that people would be crazy enough to play the cattle futures before they actually put it on the board and proved it

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Letter to the editor

No tears for oil

I usually avoid his column, but I read Michael Swickard's treatise of Dec. 19.

While an MBA student, I learned that businesses are successful when they recognize and overcome risk.

International sources of risk have been real for decades. In total contradiction, Swickard wants New Mexico government to "come to the oil patch with low interest loans and grants..." He appeals for New Mexico government to "suspend onerous oil patch rules and flood the oil patch with funding for power development for wells, new roads and pipeline construction."

Does he mean that government is bad until it comes to the rescue of businesses with taxpayer subsidized money?

I, for one, am gloriously thankful for the short respite in gasoline prices. If oil patch businesses have not accumulated a reserve against a cyclical downturn in prices after decades of reaping profits, they deserve to fail.

Stuart Fleishman

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increase and then favored a more moderate increase to \$8.50 an hour by 2016 before also voting for CAFé's \$10.10 by 2017 proposal, 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 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.

Councillor Miguel Silva, who had originally proposed raising the minimum wage to only \$8.50 by 2016, said 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 entrench ourselves on this end or that end, but eventually we have to work together," Silva said. "Let's come up with a community solution."

Voting against extending the time lines 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 who 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.

Recall effort

The recall effort is being pushed by a group called New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow with support from a new nonprofit, the Southern New Mexico Business Coalition (SNMBC), a 501(c)4 organization started in September.

"Somebody needed to step up and start representing the small business and large business in town," said Gary Coppedge, with Circle 7 Development, LLC. "We are concerned, and that's why we stepped up and decided to take a stance."

Businessman Dan Schneider, president of the SNMBC, said the Las Cruces City Council is "extremely anti-business." He said he believes outside forces have "usurped" some of the power of the City Council, something he



State Rep. Jeff Steinborn shows support to CAFé volunteer coordinator Jerry Nachison as he becomes the first person to sign CAFé's petition to have the minimum wage increased to \$10.10 by 2017.

said he noticed during the debate of whether to raise the minimum wage.

"We want responsible government and an accountable government," Schneider said. "We're not Republican or Democrat; our goal is to try and be a voice for some common sense."

Miyagishima has sponsored robo-calls against the recall effort.

Supporters of the targeted councillors contend the recall group uses "innuendos" and

"lies" to make its case.

"They are hijacking the election process," said Violet Cauthon, who lives in Sorg's district. "We want residents to say no to the recall and refuse to sign the petition."

Republican House

Doña Ana County sending four Republicans to the Legislature is being credited with flipping the state House to a GOP majority, breaking a more than 60-year Democratic hold and giving Gov.

Susana Martinez greater support for her agenda as she easily won a second term.

Prior to the election Tuesday, Nov. 4, Democrats controlled the House by a 37-33 margin. That margin now belongs to the Republicans.

Heading into the election, Republicans were optimistic about seizing control of the New Mexico House of Representatives and were focused on 11 key races. Republicans won nine of

them. The local party was hoping the county could deliver at least three races to the Republican side, but southern New Mexico voters instead gave them one more, surprising many political observers.

The most heated race in Doña Ana County belonged to District 37, with Rep. Terry McMillan able to win by more than 300 votes against Democratic candidate Joanne Ferrary, whom he bested two years ago by

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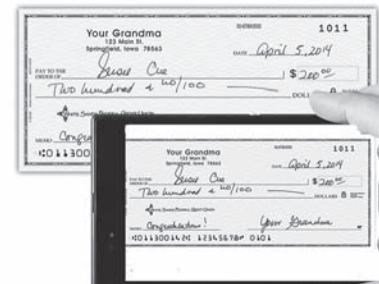
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just eight votes. Ricky Little of Chaparral was able to win back his District 53 seat. His opponent was first-time candidate Mariaelena Johnson, a community organizer who had helped oust him two years ago as part of voter turnout effort that got Nate Cote elected.

The big surprise GOP victory was John Zimmerman in District 39. This was the Las Cruces' second attempt to unseat Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez of Bayard, who has held the seat since 2008. Under redistricting, the seat expanded to include parts of Sierra and Doña Ana counties.

Then there was Hatch Mayor Andy Nuñez's victory to regain the District 36 seat from Phillip Archuleta. Two years ago, Nuñez lost to Archuleta while running as an independent after breaking from the Democratic Party in a fight with the former House speaker. Nuñez was the first person to

serve in the House as both a Democrat and independent and now he makes history again as he returns to the Roundhouse as a Republican.

Local Republicans point to one other GOP victory as uncommon for the county usually dominated by Democratic Party politics. With a 130-vote margin, Ben Rawson is staying on the County Commission in District 3, which includes East Mesa neighborhoods that have been strongholds for progressive Democrats in the past.

It wasn't a slam dunk for the county GOP candidates, however. House District 33 incumbent Democrat Bill McCamley easily beat his challenger, Neal Hooks. Democratic incumbent Jeff Steinborn had more than 57 percent of the votes in District 35 over Betty Bishop, whose main campaign message was the need to give the House over to GOP control as a way to help Gov. Martinez pass business-friendly

legislation.

As well, County Commission Chairman Billy Garrett held onto his District 1 seat by more than 300 votes over his challenger Chuck Wendler. Republican Craig Buckingham was unable to become the county's new sheriff, with Democrat Enrique "Kiki" Vigil pulling in more than 53 percent of the vote. Democratic challenger Samantha Madrid beat appointed Republican Magistrate Judge Nelson Goodin in the Division 1 contest.

One contested race in the primary elections had Democrat Bealquin "Bill" Gomez beat longtime state Rep. Mary Helen Garcia by 16 votes for the House District 34 seat.

Virgin Galactic crash

Federal investigators are saying the Virgin Galactic spaceliner's wings maneuvered prematurely into the "feathered" position for space reentry during its ill-fated test flight Friday, Oct. 31, that destroyed the rocketship and killed one of its two test pilots.

The crash was a major setback for the \$218.5 million Spaceport America, 45 miles north of Las Cruces. Virgin Galactic is the spaceport's anchor tenant, which had been hoping to begin taking passengers on suborbital flights by sometime in 2015.

With the cause likely not a fatal flaw in the rocketship's design or new propulsion system, English billionaire Richard Branson is vowing to push ahead with developing the Virgin Galactic mid-air launch vehicle for taking people on suborbital space rides.

It was SpaceShipTwo's first powered flight using a new rocket fuel, so the large, hybrid rocket motor was an obvious suspect when it broke up shortly after ignition at 50,000 feet. Pilot Peter Siebold somehow was able to escape and survive a hard parachute landing that left him severely injured.

The body of co-pilot Michael Alsbury was found still strapped into the cockpit among the wreckage in the California desert near the Mojave Air and Space Port where Virgin Galactic is building and testing the spaceliner.

Experienced at investigating crashes of traditional aircraft, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has announced it is forming a team looking into the SpaceShipTwo's pilot interface system.

While its full investigation could take up to a year to complete, NTSB investigators said Nov. 2 SpaceShipTwo's "feathering" system deployed too early.

The rocketship has uniquely shaped wings that once in space pivot upright to allow a slow descent until atmospheric

conditions return. The wings return to a traditional flight angle in order to glide back to the ground.

SpaceShipTwo's aeronautics were compromised when the wings changed position while being powered at supersonic speed by the rocket motor and its composite materials were unable to withstand the stresses.

The NTSB group will "look at issues such as displays, checklist design (and) other issues relating to the interface between the flight crew and the vehicle," NTSB Acting Chairman Christopher Hart said during a news conference Nov. 3.

SpaceShipTwo's wings don't automatically do the maneuver. Pilots must move a lever to the "unlock" position, followed by moving a handle to the "feather" position.

At the press conference, Hart said the lever was moved to "unlock" too early — when SpaceShipTwo was traveling at about Mach 1.0 (the speed of sound), rather than the prescribed Mach 1.4, but the handle wasn't moved to the "feather" position.

The main debris field generated by the crash spans about 5 miles from end to end, but small pieces of SpaceShipTwo have been found as much as 30 to 35 miles northeast of the primary field.

Both Alsbury and Siebold worked for Scaled Composites, the Mojave-based firm that built and tests SpaceShipTwo for Virgin Galactic. Alsbury leaves behind a wife and two children.

SpaceShipTwo is designed to carry passengers up to an altitude of 62 miles, giving them a few minutes of

weightlessness and a view of Earth against the edge of space. About 700 people have signed up to ride the spaceship; tickets currently sell for \$250,000 each. According to the Guardian in England, Virgin Galactic has revealed that about 20 of the 700 customers have asked for refunds since the crash.

Virgin Galactic's second spaceliner is about 60 percent complete. The catastrophic crash came during the vehicle's fourth rocket-powered test flight and its 55th flight test of any kind.

After the NTSB's announcement of what appears to be the crash's main cause, Branson criticized what he called "self-proclaimed experts" who said they believed an explosion was behind the crash.

Branson said evidence showed there was no explosion behind the deadly crash.

"The fuel tanks and the engine were intact, showing there was no explosion, despite a lot of self-proclaimed experts saying that was the cause," Branson said.

He berated sensationalist press reports about the crash as "incredibly hurtful," adding that some of the journalists "should hang their heads in shame."

Branson vowed to "push on" with Virgin's plans to eventually take passengers on suborbital space rides.

"We will not fly members of the public unless we can fly myself and family members," Branson said. "I'm absolutely convinced that Virgin Galactic has a great future once the NTSB has made clear exactly what happened."

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Coming up

Swearing in

Newly elected county officials, including state legislators and judges, will be sworn in 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Third Judicial District Court Chief Judge Fernando Macias will administer the oaths of office.

NMSU library hours

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

The Archives and Special Collections Reading Room will be open by appointment only Monday through Friday, Jan. 5-9. To make an appointment for the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room, call 646-7455 or email archives@lib.nmsu.edu.

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

Holiday schedules

City Hall and most other City of Las Cruces offices will be closed to the public Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, for the New Year's holiday.

In addition, many offices will also close for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected.

The following is a list of closures/modifications for Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 (New Year's Day):

- Meerscheidt Recreation Center closed
- Frank O'Brien Papen Center closed
- Juvenile Citation Program/Weed & Seed closed

- Regional Aquatic Center closed
- Frenger Pool closed
- Thomas Branigan Library closed
- All senior programs closed
- RoadRunner Transit closed
- Solid Waste Services closed (Collection will resume Jan. 2 or 3)
- Foothills Landfill closed
- All museums closed

The following is a list of closures/modifications for Monday, Jan. 19, 2015 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day):

- Meerscheidt Recreation Center closed
- Frank O'Brien Papen Center closed
- Juvenile Citation Program/Weed & Seed closed
- Regional Aquatic Center closed
- Frenger Pool closed
- Thomas Branigan Library closed
- All senior programs closed
- RoadRunner Transit regular service
- Solid Waste Services collected as normal
- Foothills Landfill normal operations
- All museums closed

Also, Doña Ana County offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, to allow employees time with their families during the New Year's holiday.

The administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed, but law enforcement and emergency services in the field will be continuous, with saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints planned throughout the holiday period.

New Year's Day is a state and federal holiday. The U.S. Postal Service also takes the holiday off. Most banks take the day off, but resume normal business hours before and after.

Students attending New Mexico State University and its branch campuses are currently on winter break with classes resuming Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015.

STEM career conference for girls

New Mexico State University is the first of several locations throughout the state to host an "Expanding Your Horizons" conference for girls in grades 5-10 next year.

The event will provide hands-on training in science and computing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, in the Science Hall on the Las Cruces campus.

The Network for Women in Science & Engineering is helping to sponsor the conferences across New Mexico.

NMSU's Young Women in Computing program in the College of Arts and Sciences is hosting the Las Cruces conference, which will offer opportunities for young women in middle and high school to explore hands-on projects to expose them to careers in engineering, computing, medicine and other science, technology and math professions.

"We accept any young woman from anywhere in the state who is in the fifth to 10th grade and would like to participate in the conference in Las Cruces," said Rebecca Galves, YWiC program coordinator who is organizing the local conference. She noted participants come from New Mexico and El Paso.

Registration for the conference will run from Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, through Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, but walk-ins also will be welcomed to register on the morning of the conference. The cost is \$5 per student. Scholarships are available and lunch is included.

Each student will participate in two hands-on workshops that will last one hour and 15 minutes.

Workshops include "Make an online game in a SNAP," "Java & HTML," "Alternative fuels for moving vehicles," "Soil science" and many more.

Participants can register through the site www.expandingyourhorizons.org/conferences/LasCruces or by completing a paper version with their school, teacher or any adult and faxing, scanning or emailing it in. All participants will also complete a release form, either prior to the event or on that day.

Spring Dream League Soccer

Registration for the spring 2015 Las Cruces Dream League Soccer Program began Monday, Dec. 15, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

The league is available to individuals ages 4 to 17. Athletes will play against peers of similar size, age and ability. All games will be played at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Cost is \$10 per athlete, which includes a uniform shirt. The league is open to city and non-residents. Parents or care providers must be present during league activities.

The program consists of two instructional workshops and four games. The league will begin Feb. 7, 2015, and run through March 14, 2015.

Coaches and volunteers are needed, and must pass a background check before participating.

For more information call Recreation Programs at 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2772. Hours at the center are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BLM announces Fee-Free Days for 2015

The Bureau of Land Management, in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands

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Site-specific standard amenity and individual day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the specified dates. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals and group day use, will remain in effect.

Branigan Library Friends annual meeting Jan. 18

The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library will be hosting its annual meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in the Roadrunner Room at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

The meeting is open to the public. It will include election of officers, annual reports, and a special presentation of a gift to support the work of the library.

The short meeting will be followed by entertainment by the Las Cruces Ukes, a community group of ukulele enthusiasts who perform beloved songs of years gone by.

The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is a nonprofit organization that supports the work of the library.

Established in 1976, it has donated more than \$250,000 to library programs, most recently children's reading programs and the purchase of new children's computers.

The Friends consist of more than 100 members, including individuals, families and businesses. For more information about becoming a Branigan Friend or giving to the library, visit their website, www.libraryfriendslc.org.

Hurd family property named to National Historic Register thanks to NMSU grad

A New Mexico State University graduate's final project has succeeded on a national level. The property of artists Peter Hurd and his wife, Henriette Wyeth-Hurd, was listed at the national level of significance on the National Register of Historic Places on Dec. 10.

The 40-acre property near Ruidoso was purchased in the 1930s and later expanded to more than 2,000 acres. The Hurd family home and studios were named to New Mexico's State Register of Cultural Properties in October.

"The listing in the National Register recognizes the Hurds as important to American history," said Brittany Porter, anthropology graduate in the College of Arts and Sciences, who spent the last two years working on the nomination. "It also shows that the hard work I put into the nomination is recognized."

Porter received her master's degree from NMSU on Dec. 13.

After receiving encouragement from the National Park Service, Porter may pursue listing the property as a National Historic Landmark.

"This is a great accomplishment for a new graduate who is looking for her first job," said Beth O'Leary, NMSU anthropology professor emerita who

has continued as Porter's adviser through the fall semester after her retirement. "Brittany made an excellent presentation and I'm proud to see that the property of these New Mexico artists is getting national attention."

Peter Hurd is well known for painting the official White House portrait of President Lyndon Johnson, while his wife, Henriette Wyeth-Hurd, daughter of illustrator and artist N.C. Wyeth, painted portraits of women such as Pat Nixon and actress Helen Hayes. Both artists' work reflects their connection with New Mexico and the Southwest.

Porter credits professors at NMSU with helping her to acquire the skills that will help her after graduation.

"Two NMSU professors were my biggest influences," Porter said. "Beth O'Leary inspired me to pursue the Peter and Henriette Wyeth Hurd house and studios nomination. Her guidance helped me to finish the nomination and get the property listed in the state and national registers."

"Silvia Marinas-Feliner (NMSU's museum conservation program director) has inspired me to want to work with objects in museums. They are both wonderful teachers. Because of them, I have the option of pursuing



Brittany Porter, who recently graduated from New Mexico State University with a master's degree in anthropology, stands in front of the gate at Hurd House.

a career in historic preservation or in museums."

Torres selected as vice president for academic affairs

Doña Ana Community College President Renay Scott has announced that Mónica Torres has been selected as vice president of Academic Affairs (VPAA) at DACC.

The VPAA is the chief academic officer for the college.

In 2013, Torres was appointed interim VPAA. In that position, she coordinated and oversaw the planning, development and implementation of educational programs. Torres has worked collaboratively with deans, division directors, department chairs and program directors to meet the needs of a diverse community of learners at the community college and the community at large. Additionally, Torres provided leadership for the implementation of an Academic Program Review process to ensure high-quality academic programs at DACC.

Four candidates applied for the position and the two who were interviewed included Torres and NMSU Associate Registrar Denise Esquibel. Scott praised the selection committee for their work and for bringing in two such qualified candidates.

Torres previously served at New Mexico State University in several positions, including assistant professor, associate professor and department head in the Department of English. As such, she taught classes, advised graduate students and performed research. As department head, she

oversaw the operation of the department, including curricular, teaching and administrative functions.

She previously served at DACC from 1987 to 1993 in a number of positions, including instructor, division head and interim associate provost. Torres served as dean at Albuquerque Technical Vocation Institute from 1993 to 1999.

Originally from Las Cruces, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English from NMSU before attaining her PhD from the University of New Mexico in 2002 in American studies with an emphasis in cultural studies.



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Year in review: Change

Re-elected Doña Ana County Commission Chairman Billy Garrett and newly elected Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil greet Democratic Party faithfuls as results came in Nov. 4. Their elections were two of the few victories for Democrats, who lost control of the state House of Representatives for the first time in more than 60 years, largely due to the strongest Republican showing in the county's history.



Josh Anderson of Wooten & Sons Construction takes school officials on a "first-look" tour of the new Las Cruces High School sky bridge over El Paseo Road Nov. 19. The tour was part of a ceremony celebrating the completion of the sky bridge, which is part of the high school's first phase of renovations, as well as the first sky bridge in Las Cruces.

Shot glasses bearing the face of chef/TV personality Gordon Ramsay were lined up on the Meson de Mesilla bar for the showing of an episode of his show "Hotel Hell" July 21. Ramsey's makeover of the Mesilla bed and breakfast was the subject of the episode.



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Renay Scott in March as then a provost of an Ohio community college speaks during a forum as one of three finalists to be the new president of Doña Ana Community College. A week later, Dan Howard, executive vice president and provost of New Mexico State University, would announce Scott's selection to head DACC.



Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Taylor holds the burning battalion flag at the Second Engineer (2E) battalion's burning of the colors ceremony Nov. 20, at White Sands Missile Range. The event memorializes those lost in the Battle of Kunu Ri. It is the last time the 2E will hold the ceremony, as the battalion is being decommissioned as part of the Army's re-organization.

2014: In the news

Some don't trust Hagel's SunZia deal

The idea of burying five miles of a high-voltage power line was meant to resolve a standoff between White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, but some southern New Mexico lawmakers say it doesn't do enough to protect testing.

SunZia intends to spend more than \$1 billion running a 515-mile transmission line from Corona, N.M., to a hub in Arizona for the Western power grid. Its preferred route would cross the northern tip of a section of Bureau of Land

Management property that is also used to test low-flying weapons and defense systems, known as the northern call-up area by WSMR officials.

The missile range has been opposed to the SunZia route, saying the power line's height and its electro-magnetic radiation would interfere with the testing, which amounts to nearly a third of the testing performed at WSMR.

Electricity for the SunZia line would come from wind and solar farms, making it a favored project by supporters of renewable energy. SunZia, which has been working on the project since 2006, has contended moving the line further north or burying the 35-mile cross-

ing in the call-up area would be too expensive and cause even greater delay.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, in a letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell Tuesday, May 27, offered a compromise, saying burying five miles of the transmission line in up to three sections would allow the low-flying air systems to continue being tested.

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, a supporter of the project, described it as a key development in

reaching common ground. "White Sands Missile Range is a true national treasure that simply cannot be replicated anywhere else in the United States, and the SunZia transmission line will unlock the state's world-class wind resources for clean energy production and export to hungry energy markets in the West," Heinrich said. "All the while, New Mexico stands to gain thousands of good-paying construction jobs."

To find a compromise,

Heinrich commissioned a study by Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratory.

Ian Calkins, a spokesman for SunZia, said the MIT study did open the door for a solution.

"It showed that the issues were not insurmountable," he said.

But a guest column published by the Bulletin Dec. 5 had U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce and New Mexico Senate President Pro Tempore Mary Kay Papen opposed to the deal.

They wrote:

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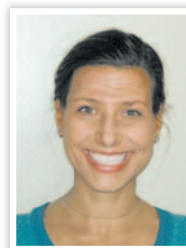
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Year in review: Events



More than 6,000 marchers lined up to start the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range. The March 23 event was the 25th anniversary of the local event that serves as a remembrance of the atrocities that took place during the Bataan Death March in April 1942, during which thousands of World War II soldiers, including New Mexicans, lost their lives. Marchers had their choice of taking a full marathon length trail of 26.2 miles, or an "honor trail" of 14.6 miles.



Jai Jun Hong sings the finale of a performance of "The Three Astronauts," a space opera, to kick off the first day of the two-day International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight Oct. 15 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Also on stage are Jessica Medoff and Donovan Singletary. "The Three Astronauts" is based on the book by Umberto Eco and Eugenio Carmi, and is created by three teams of composers and librettists from each of the countries represented in the story: Russia, China and the USA.



Volunteers help light some of the more than 3,000 luminarias Sept. 28 on the New Mexico State University campus for the start of Pink Week, which recognizes the fight against breast cancer. The Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign has made a \$1.5 million dollar endowment through the NMSU Foundation by the Cowboys for Cancer Research (C4CR) possible three years earlier than originally anticipated. C4CR also has funded at \$1.6 million research endowment at the University of New Mexico.

Imaginative floats in the annual Electric Light Parade once again lit up a route July 3 that circled the core of Downtown Las Cruces.



Lori Schwab and Coyle Uchanski, 2, watch Barbara Williams of the Potter's Guild, which sponsors the Empty Bowls fundraiser Oct. 17, make a ceramic bowl on a potter's wheel. Empty Bowls raises money for El Caldito Soup Kitchen.



Seattle Eberwiner, with the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet, performed short excerpts from the annual production of the Christmas classic “The Nutcracker” during The Whole Enchilada Fiesta parade Sept. 27.



During the candlelight Patriot Day vigil Sept. 11, firefighter Chris Mount lights his candle while huddling close to his comrades.



Tyrannosaurs Rex was the big star of “T-Rex Planet,” an animatronic dinosaur show at the Las Cruces Convention Center Nov. 29.



Children proclaim their love of chile at the annual Hatch Chile Festival parade Aug. 30.



Las Cruces resident and former Marine Linda Leigh enjoys the annual Thanksgiving meal at El Caldito.

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Year in review: People



Al Fountain gets his first look at a large story package on the murder of his great, great grandfather Col. Albert Jennings Fountain – and his 8-year-old son Henry – in the latest edition of the True West magazine at the front counter of COAS Bookstore Feb. 7. The magazine also looks into the murder of lawman Pat Garrett, whose killing in an isolated area of the East Mesa in 1908 is believed by some historians to be linked to the Fountain murders 12 years before. Garrett was hired to investigate the killings and worked to have the three prime suspects tried for the crimes.



Jesse Kriegel, an art educator from Deming, puts the finishing touches on one of the emblems capping the newly repainted gazebo on the Mesilla Plaza April 30, after working through a windy weekend to keep on schedule. A ribbon cutting May 3 kicked off Mesilla's Cinco de Mayo events.



Las Cruces Public Schools Deputy Superintendent Steven Sanchez and Las Cruces school board President Connie Phillips presented Daniel Rivas his 1949 (post-dated) Las Cruces Union High School diploma Nov. 10 at American Legion Post 10. Rivas dropped out of high school to join military service during the Korean War. His diploma was made possible through a special state program for veterans.

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New Mexico State University Provost Dan Howard "hoods" Southwestern writer Max Evans as he receives an honorary doctoral degree during NMSU's Fall Commencement Dec. 13 in the Pan American Center.

Rafael Fierro kisses his new wife, Joanna, after being wed by Probate Judge Alice Salcido on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, in the Doña Ana County Government Center. Salcido and county spokesman Jess Williams performed more than 30 wedding ceremonies on the romantic holiday, which is offered for free except for the \$25 marriage license fee. For the couple, who are both 28, it is their first marriage. For Salcido, it was the 2,602th wedding she has performed since becoming a probate judge in 2007.



CrimeStoppers

Cell phone burglar suspect sought

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps identify a man suspected of burglarizing a cell phone repair shop on Solano Drive.

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

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

Property stolen

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

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

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

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspect is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or

send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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

NMSU's 51st Quality Concrete School set to begin in January

New Mexico State University's Engineering New Mexico Resource Network will start off the New Year with its 51st annual Samuel P. Maggard Quality Concrete School that includes workshops and lectures covering various concrete-related topics.

The Quality Concrete School will be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 9-10, for professional engineers and others involved in the construction industry to provide the latest technologies and information used in concrete applications. The workshops encompass a range of competency levels to accommodate those attending. Among the sessions offered will be precast/prestressed 101, basic properties, sampling and testing, polishing and concrete mix

design. The course will be held on the NMSU main campus.

The Quality Concrete School is a combined effort by NMSU and the New Mexico Ready Mix Concrete and Aggregates Association. NMSU civil engineering professors and the New Mexico Ready Mix Concrete and Aggregates Association will facilitate the lectures and workshops.

"Our main goal is simply to improve the quality of concrete construction and engineering industries in our region," said Craig Newton, associate professor of civil engineering at NMSU and chair of the school.

For more information or to register, visit www.engr.nmsu.edu/outreach_concrete.shtml or email engr-nm@nmsu.edu.



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Aggie men snare third title in 2014

Cruces area prep football teams make playoffs but miss out on title

Bulletin Staff Report

The New Mexico State University men's basketball team snared another championship in 2014.

Meanwhile, all four of the Las Cruces high school football teams qualified for the playoffs, yet for just the third time in 10 years a Cruces team did not win a state title.

Those are some of the top sports stories for 2014.

Champs again

NMSU's men's basketball team finished 26-10 last season with a third-straight victory in the WAC tournament. The Aggies made their third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance and fell in the first game, again.

The Aggies entered the 2014-15 season with their eyes on a fourth-straight title and a victory in the NCAA Tournament.

NMSU has struggled a bit out of the gates this season against stiff opposition on the road. Aggie losses have come at Wichita State, Baylor, St. Mary's and others.

In addition, returning senior guard – and preseason WAC Player of the Year – Daniel Mullings is out for more than a month with a broken finger. Still, with its entire WAC schedule yet to play, NMSU has the chance to snare a fourth-straight title.

Well represented

In seven of the previous nine seasons, either Las Cruces High or Mayfield High won a high school football championship.

In 2014, both the Bulldawgs and the Trojans qualified for the postseason and were joined by city mates Centennial High and Oñate High.

All four teams won at least one playoff game.

The Centennial Hawks made it to the class 5A semifinals before they



New Mexico State University guard DK Eldridge takes the ball up the court against Northern Colorado Nov. 19. NMSU won the WAC championship for the third-straight year in the spring of 2014, but started the 2014-15 season with some tough road losses.



The Mayfield High football team prepares to take the field before its quarterfinal playoff game against Clovis Nov. 21 at the Field of Dreams. The Trojans advanced all the way to the state title game, where they lost by two points to Rio Rancho.

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fell to Belen while the Oñate Knights and LCHS Bulldawgs both won first-round games but fell in the quarterfinals.

Mayfield carried the water for Las Cruces and faced off against Rio Rancho High in the class 6A state championship game, but fell 33-31.

New AD

McKinley Boston reached his 10th anniversary as athletics director for NMSU on Dec. 14. It will be his last milestone with the school, though, as his contract expires at the start 2015.

On Aug. 20, NMSU announced Boston's contract had been extended until the end of the year. Boston said, "I didn't retire," and indicated the decision to step down was not his.

"(They) just wanted to go in a new direction and they're looking for someone to be more involved in fundraising," Boston said.

NMSU went forward with a search for a new AD and former Aggie baseball player Mario Moccia was named to the position on Nov. 24.

Moccia graduated from NMSU in 1989. He was captain of the Aggie baseball team and went on to play in the Detroit Tigers minor league system. Moccia was inducted into the NMSU Hall of Fame in 1998.

"This is an exciting day for me and my family," Moccia said. "Returning to one's alma mater is an opportunity not afforded to many people and to come back to Las Cruces and New Mexico State University where I have so many fond memories as a student-athlete makes me a very fortunate individual."

Aggie to the NBA

Although he did not make the team, former NMSU big man Sim Bhullar signed with the Sacramento Kings in the offseason and played in the NBA's summer league and went to preseason camp with the Kings.

The 7-foot-5, 360-pound center would have been the first first player of Indian descent – his parents are from Punjab – to play in the NBA.

He now plays with the Reno Bighorns in the NBA's Developmental League, although there was another opportunity for him. The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters "drafted" Bhullar during the summer.

Temporary home now permanent

Las Cruces Country Club, a 501(c)7 nonprofit, completed its purchase of the assets of Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Nov. 14.

Robert Caldwell, LCCC board president, said the purchase price was a little less than \$5 million.

He said Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, located at 1274 Golf Club Road, will be operated as a public-private facility. LCCC will continue to be a membership organization. The golf course and Sonoma Ranch Grill will be open to the public as well as to LCCC members.

LCCC members have been playing at Sonoma Ranch since December 2011, following the closure of their course.

Big bucks for high schools

The 21st annual It's Burger Time/Sandra B. McGrath High School All Activities Golf Tournament generated \$275,000 for high school activities in Las Cruces during the second week of July.

12 in a row

The NMSU football teams finished 2014 with its 12-straight losing season.

It has been a decade since the Aggies won more than four games and 54 years since the program has been to a bowl game.

The Aggies started well, with a pair of victories against Cal Poly and Georgia State. But back-to-back losses to rivals Texas-El Paso and New Mexico started NMSU on a 10-game losing streak to end the season.

On a positive note, the young team produced some stars, including freshman running back Larry Rose III who rushed for 1,160 yards.

Departing senior center Valerian Ume-Ezeoke

was named as a first team all-Sun Belt conference selection and redshirt sophomore wide receiver Teldrick Morgan was a second team selection.

New diamond minder

NMSU parted ways with longtime baseball coach Rocky Ward in 2014 and brought in former Aggie Brian Green to take over in the dugout.

Green, formerly an assistant at the University of Kentucky, was introduced to the public on Aug. 8.

"You will get a very special effort from me," Green said.

Ward was let go on May 27.

He compiled a 455-458-2 record since his first season with the school in the spring of 1997.

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Wish list for 2015 includes a better Tiger Woods



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Back in 2008, I did a wish list in this space, but most of my wishes for that year didn't come true.

I thought I would create another, more realistic list for the upcoming year. For example, I'm not wishing local golf courses adopt a practice of changing hole locations and sinking new cups every day, like they do elsewhere around the country at top-end courses. That would be unrealistic.

My first wish for 2015 is that Tiger Woods will return to form in order to properly align the galaxy.

I hope Jordan Speith will win a major. In my view he's the "next big thing."

I wish the Professional Golf Association of America will overhaul the whole U.S. Ryder Cup organization, including the selection

process, influence structure, attitude and coaching. Maybe then we will win one.

I wish the United States Golf Association would reverse its ban on anchoring putting. I personally do not use, or ever have used, a long or extended putter or an anchoring position. But I agree with short-game guru Dave Pelz that if the USGA wanted to, they should have done so long ago.

When folks send in new equipment designs to the USGA, they contact them right away as to whether they are conforming or non-conforming. They blew it here. The blue coats would be better served to revise other rules such as divots and spike marks.

This year, I'm hoping for some inventor to come up with a portable golf cart cover

that protects the sides and rear of the cart and is easy to put on and take off.

For myself, I'm hoping to keep my handicap in single digits following my open heart surgery in August. I had a heart valve replacement, which was successful thanks to advanced medical procedures (and a willing pig), but I came out weaker and with neuropathy.

Still, I'll be back.

Also next year, I wish there will be more tournaments like the PGA Father-Son won in December for the second time by Bernhard Langer and his son Jason. Those types of pairings are fun to watch

while good golf is played. In the coming year, I'm wishing sports will bring us



together as Americans, eventually dispelling the anger, grief, misbehavior, violence and mistrust I see prevailing and causing deep divisions in our society.

I hope to see a lot more of emerging PGA superstars Billy Horshel and Patrick Reed.

I also hope Michelle Wie and Stacy Lewis have a stellar year on tour. We need more winning American women.

On a local note, I wish the folks who call the shots in the Las Cruces Country Club group take good care of what has always been known as Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. There is no question the golf course is a quality layout and the country club made a good move to make it their home. Hopefully the tournaments and fundraiser outings held there heretofore will continue.

Also, on a semi-local note, I hope more folks go up to Elephant Butte and play

Sierra Del Rio Golf Club. The course has a quality layout and is very challenging.

I fervently wish local golfers respect the integrity and tradition of the game by behaving as ladies and gentlemen, fixing divots and ball marks, raking bunkers and dressing in a suitable manner. And I hope golf course owner-operators will maintain their facilities in a manner they can be truly proud of.

As a New Mexico State University alum, I hope new Athletics Director Mario Moccia will turn the football program around and make it as competitive as men's and women's golf. If the North Dakota State Bison can do it, why can't we?

In this festive season, I wish you, my loyal readers, a great 2015.

Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership. Contact Blanchard at performancecoach@zianet.com.

Aggie football signs three transfers

The New Mexico State University football program recently picked up a trio of junior college transfers to play offense.

Coach Doug Martin announced the wide receiver, tight end and center have signed national letters of intent.

They are: Wide receiver Tyrian Taylor of Ellsworth Community College in Iowa; tight end Clayton Granch of Long Beach Community College in California; and center Anthony McMeans Arizona Western.

Martin said the news is the beginning of a really good recruiting class and he feels the hard work his staff has been putting in will pay off.

"These three junior college players fill urgent needs for us and they are quality students," Martin said.

"Tyrian Taylor has great speed and hands and was a qualifier out of high school. Clayton Granch is a big and physical tight end that can stretch the field in the passing game. He was also a JUCO Academic All-America nominee.

"Anthony McMeans will fill the center position left by [Valerian] Ume-Ezoke and give us great size and experience in the offensive line."

Granch, a native of Buena Park, Calif., is a two-time all-conference selection at tight end, earning second-team accolades as a freshman in 2013 and first-team honors tthe 2014 season.

He caught 12 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns his sophomore year and had 17 receptions for 365 yards and three TDs his opening season.

Granch also considered attending Akron, Eastern Michigan, Bowling Green and Purdue before signing with NMSU.

Taylor, a native of Orlando, Fla., is a 5-8, 165-pound wide receiver with superb speed.

The Aggies lost the likes of Adam Shapiro and Jerrell Brown at the wide receiver position and Taylor should compete for playing time immediately.

He finished the season with 61 receptions for 1,029 yards and 10 touchdowns. Two of his touchdowns came in the Graphic Edge Bowl when Ellsworth defeated No. 17 Dakota-Bottineau 39-7.

McMeans, a native of Greenville, Ala., is a 6-3, 320-pound center who led the offensive charge for Arizona Western this past season and helped his team to an 11-1 overall record. Arizona Western tallied 2,895 yards rushing for an average of 241.2 yards per game while posting 30 rushing touchdowns.

McMeans finished as a second team All-WSFL and All-ACCAC center after the season.

The three student-athletes will begin their time at NMSU in January when classes resume.

Former 'Dawg shines at ENMU



Barbara Boxleitner
Keeping up

Eastern New Mexico University quarterback Jeremy Buurma has received another award.

The former Las Cruces High Bulldawg is a redshirt junior and has been recognized as the school's fall academic athlete of the year for football.

Previously he was named to the all-Lone Star Conference honorable mention team and to the conference's all-academic team.

Buurma threw for 1,527 yards and 18 touchdowns in 11 games, all starts. He threw five interceptions. He also ran for 499 yards, third on the team, and his five rushing touchdowns were second on the squad.

He was the conference's offensive player of the week during November.

Baseball

Oñate High graduate Roby Romero is a senior pitcher for Friends University (Kan.). Last year he was 2-2 with a 7.23 earned run average in 14 appearances for Oklahoma City University.

Mayfield High alumnus David Gamboa is a sophomore pitcher for

University of the Southwest. Ean Smith is a freshman infielder and outfielder for University of the Southwest. He played for Las Cruces High.

Another former Bulldawg, Seth Ball, is a freshman catcher for New Mexico State University.

Formerly at Centennial High School, Benjamin Koerper is a freshman pitcher for New Mexico State Univesity.

Softball

Las Cruces High product Katalina Padilla is a freshman inflielder for Nyack College.

Lucy Mendoza, who competed for Oñate, is a freshman outfielder for NMSU.

Women's soccer

Alyssa Prince is Eastern New Mexico's fall academic athlete of the year for her sport. The senior midfielder out of Mayfield was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Continental Tire Division II all-South Central Region third team. She led the squad with six goals, including a team-high four game winners.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleiter at BKLE3@aol.com.

A look back at 2014

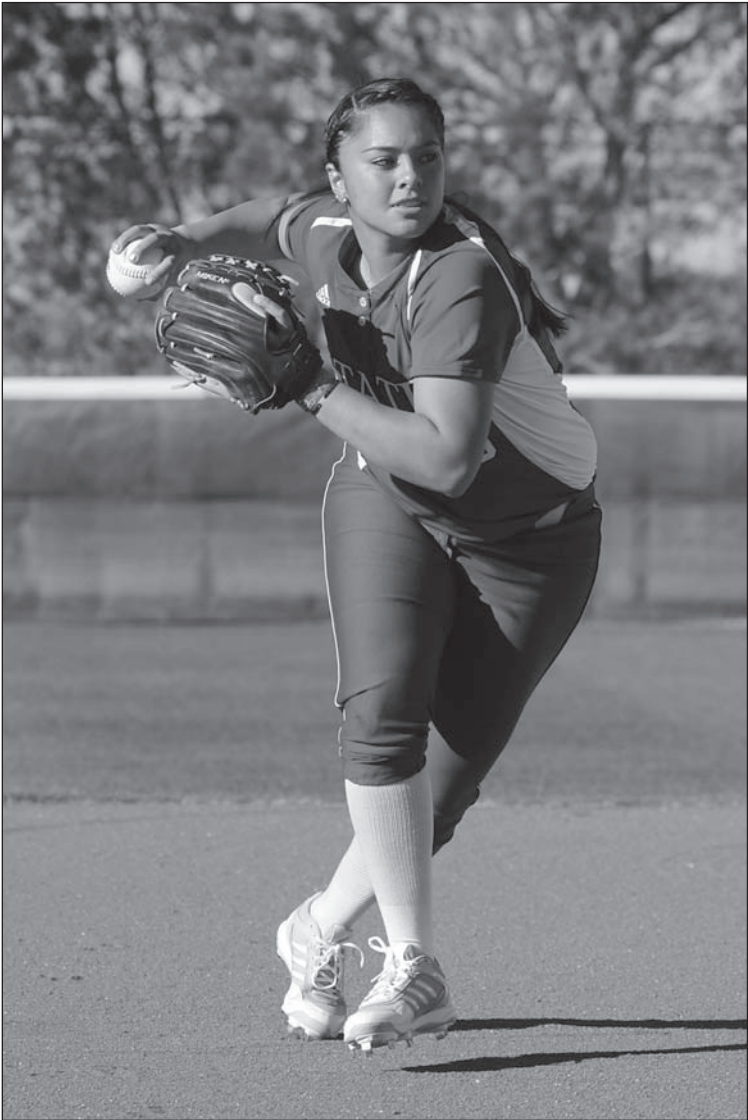


Tony McClary and David Little watch a television screen as the Belgium soccer team scores a goal against the United States team Tuesday, July 1. The two men gathered with other Las Cruces to watch the World Cup game on a weekday afternoon as soccer fever gripped many. The U.S. lost 2-1 to Belgium but did advance to the elimination round of the tournament.



Kentucky Derby-winning thoroughbred racehorse Mine That Bird – 2009’s New Mexico Horse of the Year – made an appearance Feb. 22 for the Mine That Bird Derby at the Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino. The horse is also the subject of the movie “50 to 1,” which made its debut March 21 at Allen Theatres in Las Cruces.

Final touches are put on the installation of the new artificial turf at Aggie Memorial Stadium Aug. 20. The New Mexico State football team played the first game on the new turf Aug. 28 against Cal Poly.



A player with the Lady Chaos team tries to dribble around a defender from the team Wild One during the Gus Macker basketball tournament June 21 at the Field of Dreams Sports Complex. Participants of a variety of ages gathered for the event.

NMSU sophomore infielder Fiana Finau fields a ball and prepares to throw to first base during a game in March. In May, playing as designated hitter, Fiana was named to the 2014 WAC All Tournament team. She hit .400 with a team-leading six hits, a home run and three RBIs. She was 6-for-15 in plate appearances.

LookingBack

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Zak Hansen
Reflections

100yearsago

1914

• A meeting was convened in the chambers of Judge Medler to appoint a committee to “inspect every building in the city,” the Las Cruces Citizen reported, after “a roof fell below Mesilla killing a man, roofs in Doña Ana have killed four and several houses have fallen here.” Those left without a home were staying, temporarily, inside the courthouse.

• A \$25 reward was being offered for the return of two Jersey cows and three yearling heifers, strayed or stolen from the pasture of Dan Williams.

• “The newspaper man,” the Citizen opined, “is in a peculiar position. He has from 2,000 to 3,000 chances to make an ass out of himself every day, and there is no glossing over his errors. The lawyer can have his corrected by a higher court, the doctor buries his; but the newspaper man is at the mercy of the public. Therefor if the writer makes a mistake now and then don’t jump on him.”

75yearsago

1939

• At New Mexico A. and M. College, President H.H.

Milton announced a \$3,000 improvement project for the installation of a hydraulic laboratory in the engineering building.

• The Las Cruces Citizen reported that, in 1939, 87 building permits were issued in Las Cruces, totaling \$220,175, including \$80,000 issued for the City Hall then under construction on Church Street.

50yearsago

1964

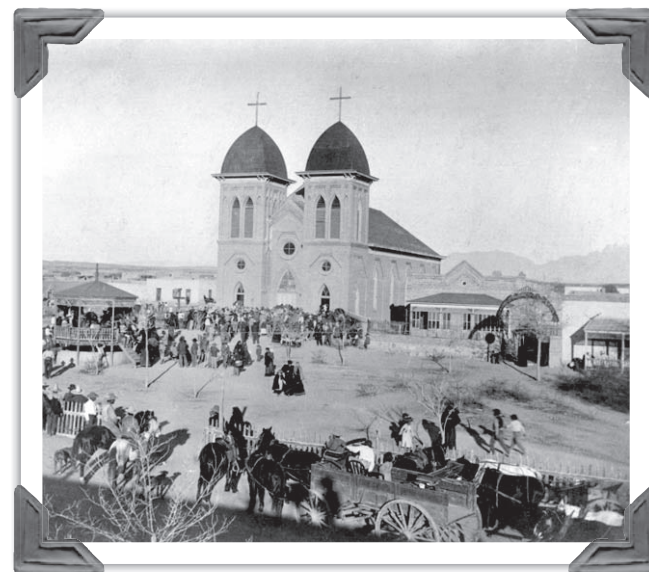
• According to a national survey, the Citizen reported, “Doña Ana County’s birth rate has been holding up relatively well, despite the fact that in most parts of the country there has been a steady decline in the last few years.” Babies were arriving on “the local scene” at a rate of 30.4 per 1,000 residents, above the national average of 22.4 per 1,000 and the state average of 28.6 per 1,000.

• In 1964, New Mexico State University distributed more than one million agricultural publications, “most of them authored by members of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service.”

25yearsago

1989

• The Las Cruces Bulletin reported Cindy Leach, a 17-year-old student at San Andres High School, “vows she will never ride on another school bus” after being involved in a Nov. 30 accident in which



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Citizens congregate outside of St. Genevieve's Catholic Church in this photo from the 1890s.

the bus left the roadway and trundled into the desert. Leach suffered a ruptured spleen, later removed; a lacerated intestine and a leg injury, which required the implantation of a steel shaft, and a broken rib, discovered days later.

• The job picture for Las Cruces looked “sunny” in 1990, the Bulletin reported, as 37 percent of local employers said they would increase staff levels.

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Notable 2014 obituaries

Philip Archuleta

New Mexico state Rep. Phillip Archuleta, D-Las Cruces, who recently lost his re-election campaign, died Tuesday, Dec. 16 after a battle with pneumonia.

He was 65.

Archuleta served in the New Mexico House of Representatives since 2012, but he lost on Nov. 4 to former state Rep. Andy Nuñez of Hatch, a Republican. His term was scheduled to expire at the end of this year.

Archuleta had been in a Las Cruces hospital for about a week. He'd suffered from health problems and missed the 2014 legislative session due to the amputation of his right leg.

Archuleta previously worked with the New Mexico Department of Labor from 1990 to 2012.

Edgar Lopez

Edgar Lopez, a Las Cruces businessman active in political and community areas, died Thursday, Dec. 4.

He died while on a walk in California near Disneyland where he and his wife, Mary, were celebrating their 41st anniversary.

Lopez, a lifelong Las Cruces resident, was involved in Democratic politics in the state. He was a former state Democratic Central Committee member.

Professionally, he founded Investment Management Associates, a real estate company. He was one of the first in the nation to acquire a CCIM designation. He was the recipient of multiple national real estate awards. A firm believer in education, Lopez graduated from the Advanced Management Development Program at Harvard.

A basketball player in high school with the Mayfield Trojans, as an adult he enjoyed golfing and completed five marathons, including the Bataan Death March Memorial. At the time of his passing, he was preparing for yet another marathon.

Emma Jean Cervantes

New Mexico State University Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink and the Las Cruces community said goodbye to a devoted advocate after Emma Jean

Cervantes passed away Aug. 30.

Born Aug. 5, 1935, in Las Cruces, Cervantes wore several hats throughout her life. In addition to being a nurse, she served on the Memorial Medical Center Hospital Board of Directors as well as the New Mexico State University nursing faculty. She also helped with the creation of Mesilla Valley Hospice, First Step Center and MMC Treatment Center.

Cervantes also made a name for herself as one of the leading women in agriculture in the Mesilla Valley. In addition to being president of J.F. Apodaca Farms and Cervantes Enterprises Inc., she was a founder of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum and served on the NMSU Chile Pepper Institute Board of Directors for more than 20 years.

During her time in the community, she volunteered with many organizations. Her legacy lives on with the TETWP Cervantes 5K/10K Fun Run & Walk.

"The Cervantes family has been sponsors of this event for several years now and they just lost the family matriarch, Emma Jean, so this year the Cervantes 5K has a little extra meaning for us," Julie Weber said. "The whole family has been supportive and they all participate in the event. Mrs. Cervantes never walked in it, but we always let her be one of the starters. We start it

by firing the ROTC cannon and you've never seen anyone who enjoyed cannon fire more than Mrs. Cervantes. We will miss her."

Justin Harper

Justin Harper, president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, died Monday, Oct. 13, at his home. He was 68. George Ruth, current senior vice president of Citizens Bank, has been named interim president.

Ruth, who worked with Harper for six years and previously was a friendly competitor as president of another bank, called him "a banker's banker."

He had served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in El Paso Branch, Ruth said.

"He was a man of the utmost integrity, excellent customer service skills and very conscientious in the way he took care of customers," Ruth said. "He was a leader among the people who worked with him."

Under Harper's leadership, Citizens Bank enjoyed major growth and success. He joined Citizens Bank as a senior vice president in 1988. In 1993, he was appointed executive vice president of the bank and joined its board of directors. His tenure as president and CEO began in 1996.

Harper continued the bank's commitment to remaining a true hometown

bank. The bank was proud to use his own creation on its billboards: "We have roots, not just branches." He was committed to local lending, to growing Las Cruces, and to helping our community.

Ruth said Harper was instrumental in the bank's support of the public schools and in raising funds to support the fight against cancer.

Tom Hutchinson, chairman of the board of directors for Citizens Bank, said that Harper had fallen ill with "flu-like symptoms," but his health worsened and he passed away.

"This was very much

unexpected," Hutchinson said. "He will be missed. He was loved by his Citizens Bank family."

Helen Sachs

Vocalist Helen Sachs, who brought the jazz sounds of three continents to Las Cruces, died at La Posada early Saturday, Feb. 15.

She most recently sang at the Mesilla Jazz Happening last October and with guitarist Kurt Warren at intimate venues such as La Iguana and Amaro Winery, where her warm, personal style brought new life to the sophisticated

lyrics of the American Song Book.

Sachs also swung with the Big Band on the Rio Grande and gave the Mesilla Valley a taste of Brazil with the songs of Antonio Carlos Jobim, Oscar Castro-Neves and Ivan Lins, which she sang in Portuguese.

Helen's international journey began in the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia) where she was born.

She started studying classical piano at the age of 6 and formed her own jazz trio while she was in high school.

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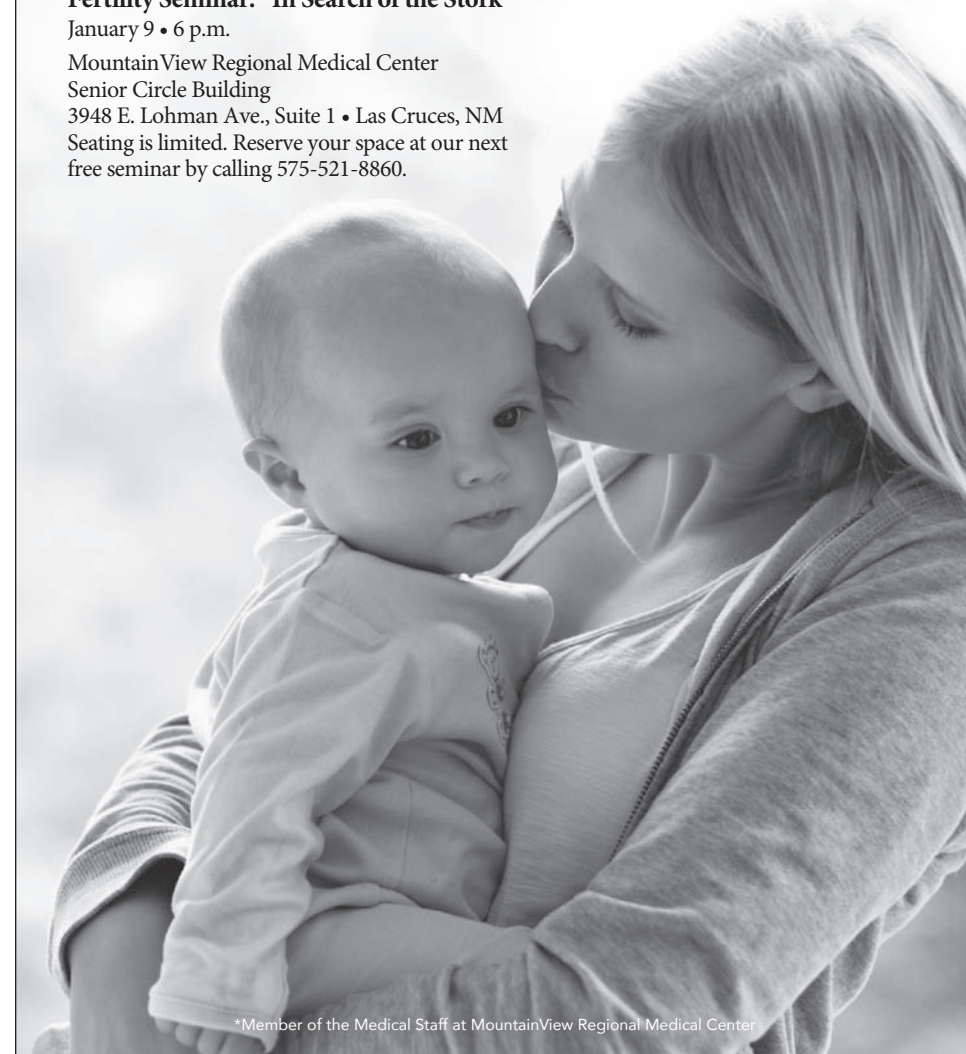
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singers from the 1930s and 1940s such as Billie Holliday, Sarah Vaughan, Frank Sinatra and Mel Torme and jazz musicians/composers such as Chet Baker, Bill Evans and Dexter Gordon.

In 1957, Helen moved to Germany, and in 1969 she began to perform regularly in jazz clubs and hotels as well as gala events in Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium; she toured Poland and the former Czechoslovakia during the time of the Iron Curtain, singing protest songs such as "All things Must Change" and "Strange Fruit." In addition to working regularly in radio and television throughout Europe, she appeared at Bratislava Jazz Festival, Czechoslovakia; Montreux Jazz Festival, Switzerland; North Sea Jazz Festival, The Netherlands and Disneyworld, Paris, France.

During several sessions, Helen met some of the most remarkable jazz personalities, such as Mel Lewis and Jeff Hamilton, with whom she did studio recordings. At special occasions, she performed with Hank Jones, Art Farmer and Toots Thielemans.

Helen, the first teacher of vocal jazz in Germany, taught at Duisburg University from 1973 to 1988.

As a member of the jazz faculty ensemble of D.U. and as a member of IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators), she performed at IAJE conferences in Miami and Anaheim.

In 1997, Helen Sachs moved to the U.S.

She was married to well-known New Mexico saxophonist and jazz educator James Helder.

In 1998, Helen established Crossings, a jazz septet that appeared at jazz festivals, clubs and private venues.

She frequently returned to Europe to tour with musicians from both continents.

In 1999 and 2001, with the Helen Sachs/Curt Warren Quintet, she performed in eight German cities, among them Nienburg, a Sister City of Las Cruces.

A special reunion with Helen's musician friends took place in December 2004 at the famous Melody Club in Cologne, Germany.

Devoted to nurturing jazz in the local community, she edited the newsletter of the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society.

She welcomed into her Las Cruces circle of friends musicians and non-musicians, neighbors, locals and transplants from throughout the U.S. and Europe.

In 2013, her circle grew to include the women of Las Perlas del Pueblo ballet folklorico, with whom she learned the traditional dances and performed at events in Las Cruces, Mesilla, El Paso and the Chamizal National Monument.

Sam Graft

Many people today who

enjoy Sam Graft Park at 4230 Sedona Hills Parkway may not know the man the park is named after, but there was a time when many knew and appreciated Graft's leadership in improving the city's park and recreation facilities.

Even after his retirement from the City of Las Cruces in 1988, he was active in the community, until recent years in which he began a long battle with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

Graft, 79, died April 29.

Sports and athleticism were always a part of Graft's life, said his widow Sid Graft.

Originally from Michigan, Graft attended Colby College in Maine on an athletic scholarship for football and baseball, but his education was interrupted after he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War.

After the war, Graft returned to school – again on an athletic scholarship, and with assistance from the GI Bill – to pursue a bachelor's degree at Montana State University in Bozeman. He went on to earn his master's degree in health and recreation administration from the University of Illinois in Champaign.

Graft worked in a number of places before coming to New Mexico.

He worked as a youth activities director for Holloman Air Force Base before moving to Las Cruces in 1968 to become the city's parks and recreation director.

Graft's first project assignment was to turn an eyesore – a landfill located on East Nevada Avenue – into a flat,

grassy park. Originally, the City Council only gave Graft authority to cover the area with grass and plant some trees, but he convinced the city to hire a landscape artist and transform the area through multiple phases. Young Park today is a place of large festivals, numerous charity events, walking groups, fishing and just a good place to sit under one of the many large trees.

Graft left the city during Gov. Jerry Apodaca's administration to be New Mexico State Parks director. After Apodaca left office, Graft returned to Las Cruces, this time to become the city's director of facilities until his retirement.

Graft met his future wife, Sid, at a Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce event and the two were married for 27 years. Both had children from previous marriages, she said, but they opened their homes for many dogs over the years.

When Graft returned to Las Cruces, friends Alice and Butch Cox were actively involved in the city's youth sports and advocated the need for softball fields.

Graft's vision of a softball complex to bring the crowds of national softball tournaments – and an economic boost to Las Cruces – came to fruition with the opening of the Maag Park Softball Complex in 1973.

Even in retirement, Graft was active, running the Boston Marathon in 1985 at the age of 50, which was an accomplishment of a

personal goal. Graft also enjoyed golfing.

In 1998, Graft was diagnosed with Parkinson's. Before dementia developed, Sid Graft said, he was able to enjoy the honor of having a park in the Sonoma Ranch development named after him.

"It was one of the highlights of his life," Sid Graft said.

Jackson 'Jax' Whelpley

Jackson "Jax" Carl Whelpley, age 18, died Aug. 20 as the result of a lightning strike in Fulton, Mo. Son of Keith Whelpley – founder of the publication Southwest Senior monthly – and Susie Eichstaedt-Ouderkirk, he was born in Las Cruces on Oct. 23, 1995.

He was a 2014 graduate of Oñate High School and was preparing to attend William Woods University, where he planned to pursue degrees in psychology and theater.

He was an avid reader and a seeker of knowledge, with a passion for the subjects of philosophy, ancient cultures, cryptozoology and symbology.

In Las Cruces, he had appeared in numerous community theater performances including "Still Life with Iris," "Children! Children!" and "Waiting for Godot," as well as plays at Oñate High School. He was a long-time volunteer for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, walking adoptable dogs at the

Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Saturdays with his grandfather. Jackson was also a budding guitarist.

Jackson was beloved by his family, teachers, classmates, fellow thespians and former co-workers at Andele's Dog House.

He was on his way toward his next big adventure in life and was as happy as a young man could have been. Just hours before his death, he had participated in the ceremony that made him an official William Woods University student. He had connected with a campus theater group and was planning for a script-reading the following week, and had already checked out his first recreational book from the university library.

Jackson had a big smile and an even bigger heart, with a capacity to make friends with everyone he met. He will be missed by the people closest to him, but also by those who knew him only casually.

Jackson is survived by his father, Keith Whelpley and Rachel Schneider of Las Cruces; his mother, Susie Eichstaedt-Ouderkirk and Mike Ouderkirk of Fulton, Mo.; his sister, Lanie Whelpley of Las Cruces, N.M.; his maternal grandfather, Carl Eichstaedt of Las Cruces, N.M., and countless aunts, uncles, cousins and animals. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Donna Eichstaedt; paternal grandmother, Therese Whelpley, and paternal grandfather, Donald Whelpley.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



KIYA GRANT

is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. She is a base cheerleader on the Lady Knights cheerleading squad. Grant is on the varsity competition team

and was captain on the junior varsity team her first year at Oñate. Her coach commented that Grant is one of her most determined cheerleaders; she never gives up when something gets tough or knocks her down. She will show up to JV practice to work on her skills and is always one of the last to leave the gym and one of the first to arrive. Grant's a dedicated student, with a 3.20 GPA and when she's not cheering or in school, she enjoys singing in the choir at her church.



ISAIAH BLANCO

is an 18-year-old senior at Oñate High School and is captain and shooting guard on the Knight's basketball team. Blanco has scored in double figures five

out of seven games this year. His season high was 22 points against Cleveland High School on December 2. Blanco is a true senior leader on and off the courts. He's a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. Blanco's interests outside of sports are spending time with family and friends and helping in the community with fundraisers. He is grateful for the support of his parents, girlfriend and close friends, who have influenced him as a basketball player and as a young adult.

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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.

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.

SHUFFLE BOARD

Shuffle board tournaments are held every Sunday at VFW Post 10124, 709 S. Valley Drive.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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Andrew Trotter passes on




Penny McClarin is given the Kent Evans Memorial Citizenship Award for 2013 by then Las Cruces Civitan Club President Andrew Trotter at the group's meeting March 10. Trotter, active in the Bethel Second Baptist Church, a social worker and an early activist for civil rights in Las Cruces, died Saturday, Dec. 20, of an apparent heart attack. Trotter lived most of his life in Las Cruces after his father went to work in 1958 at White Sands Missile Range. As a young man, Trotter was among a group of African-American residents who helped end segregated housing in Las Cruces in the 1960s before federal fair housing laws were passed.

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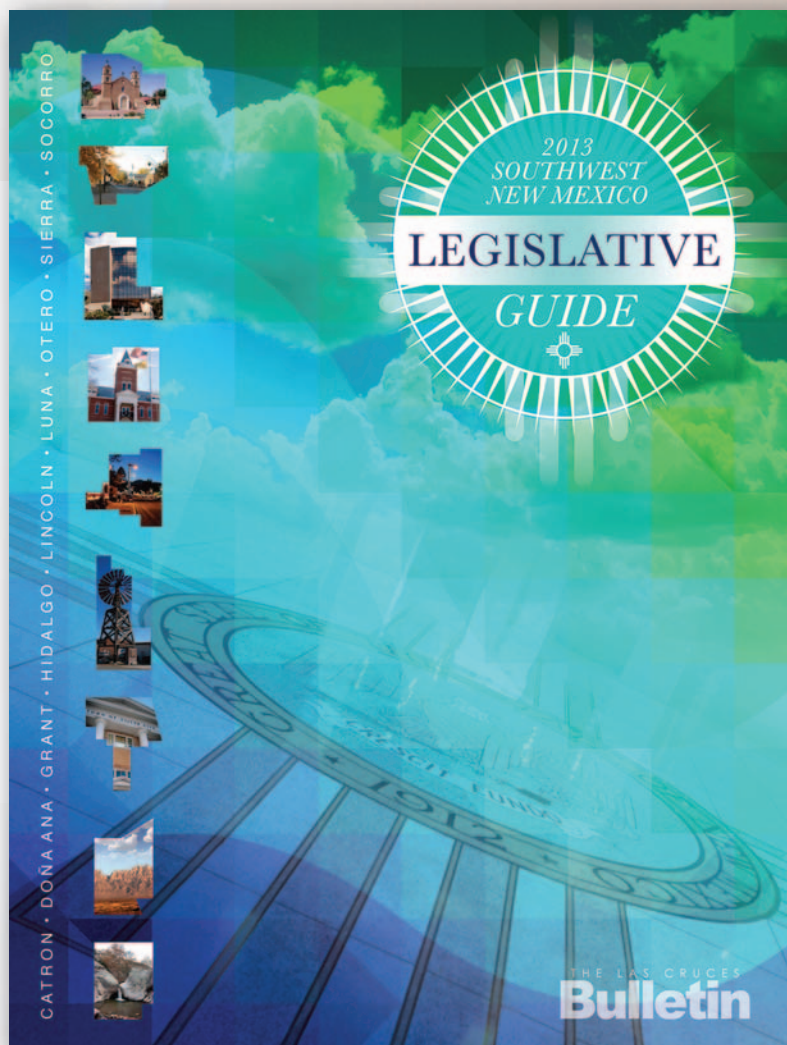
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2014 a record year for new business recruitment

Bulletin Staff Report

Fiscal year 2013-14 was a banner one for recruiting 13 businesses to the state, Steve Vierck of the New Mexico Partnership (NMP) reported in September.

The big winner, he said, was Doña Ana County, where half the new companies are setting up shop.

Vierck said the majority of large businesses locating in New Mexico during the year came to Dona Ana County.

CertoPlast, a producer of technical adhesive tapes, is locating in Las Cruces at the West Mesa Industrial Park, the company announced in May.

The German firm has chosen to open its first manufacturing operation in North America at the West Mesa Industrial Park to take advantage of the Foreign Trade Zone Designation in Las Cruces. It will hire 100 employees to produce adhesive tapes for automotive wire harnesses.

CertoPlast's Managing Director Rene Rambusch said location was a main factor in the company's decision.

"With Las Cruces' amenities and proximity to the Mexican auto industry, we found this to be the best place for our North American operations," he told Juarez-ElPasoNow.com.

He said the company also was attracted to the free trade zone.

Also in May, Franco Whole Foods, a national supplier of uncooked tortillas to customers such as Whole Foods and Costco, announced its intention to locate in Las Cruces. The company will convert a long-vacant warehouse at 875 W. Amador Ave. into a modern manufacturing facility.

Franco Whole Foods is expected to bring 160 new jobs with an average salary of \$37,000.

Although Franco recently completed the process of obtaining city permits for site work, including reconfiguring entrances to the property, it has not yet received the necessary permits to renovate the building, according to David Weir of the city's planning department.

Among the county's new job-creating businesses was copper wire producer CN Wire, which acquired and is renovating a 256,000 square-foot building in the Santa Teresa Business Center, expected to employ 300.

MVEDA reports increase in prospects

Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) said in the fiscal year ending July 1, 2014, MVEDA completed 11 projects that created 882 jobs. During



Doña Ana County moved closer to becoming a truly international community in 2014 with the opening of the Union Pacific intermodal facility, manufacturing companies from Europe, Asia and the U.S. and a customs facility at Santa Teresa International Jetport.

the year, 17 companies made site visits.

Lopez said in the first quarter of FY2015, 11 companies made site visits to possible locations in the county. These include an aerospace company "with significant employment opportunities" as well as renewable energy and manufacturing businesses.

"We have a very good start, built on top of our best year ever," he said.

Lopez said he's seeing a renewed interest in business expansion.

"I believe that has to do with overall improvement in the economy," he said. "Companies that chose not to spend in the past are now seeing a little more clarity and want to go forward. Local interest in expansion is one of the most positive signs of a turnaround in the economy in southern New Mexico."

Lopez said there also has been a lot of interest in Doña Ana County on the part of companies headquartered overseas, especially in China.

"We are starting to get recognized on their hit list as the best logistics hub in the Southwest with access to the Mexican

border," he said. "We could really become international in this area."

MVEDA has an advantage in working with overseas companies, because staff recognize they have to work a little harder than economic development professionals in better-known localities.

"We have a very high service level and a lot of hand-holding," he said.

While completed projects and hot prospects are creating a more optimistic mood among economic development professionals, the state and local economy are still in the process of pulling out of the recent recession and reversing dramatic job losses that occurred as a result of the downturn.

Employment picture brightens

Chris Erickson, economics professor at New Mexico State University, said both the state and city saw a 1.1 percent year-over-year uptick in jobs in November, according to a report from the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

Sectors adding jobs during the year in

Las Cruces were wholesale, up 10 percent, business services up 5.5 percent, education and health care with a 2.3 percent increase, and services, up .6 percent.

Transportation, warehousing and utilities lost 800 jobs for an 11.1 percent decrease.

Government continued to shed jobs, losing 5 percent.

Holding steady were manufacturing, information, financial services and leisure and hospitality.

Local companies currently looking to hire include Alaska Structures, a manufactured building company in the industrial park seeking 80 new employees, and the call center Convergys.

According to Lopez and Richard Wagner of the local Workforce Connections office, existing and incoming companies will need to fill some 1,000 positions in the near future.

For a look at 2014 developments in film, retail, tourism and transportation, see page B6.

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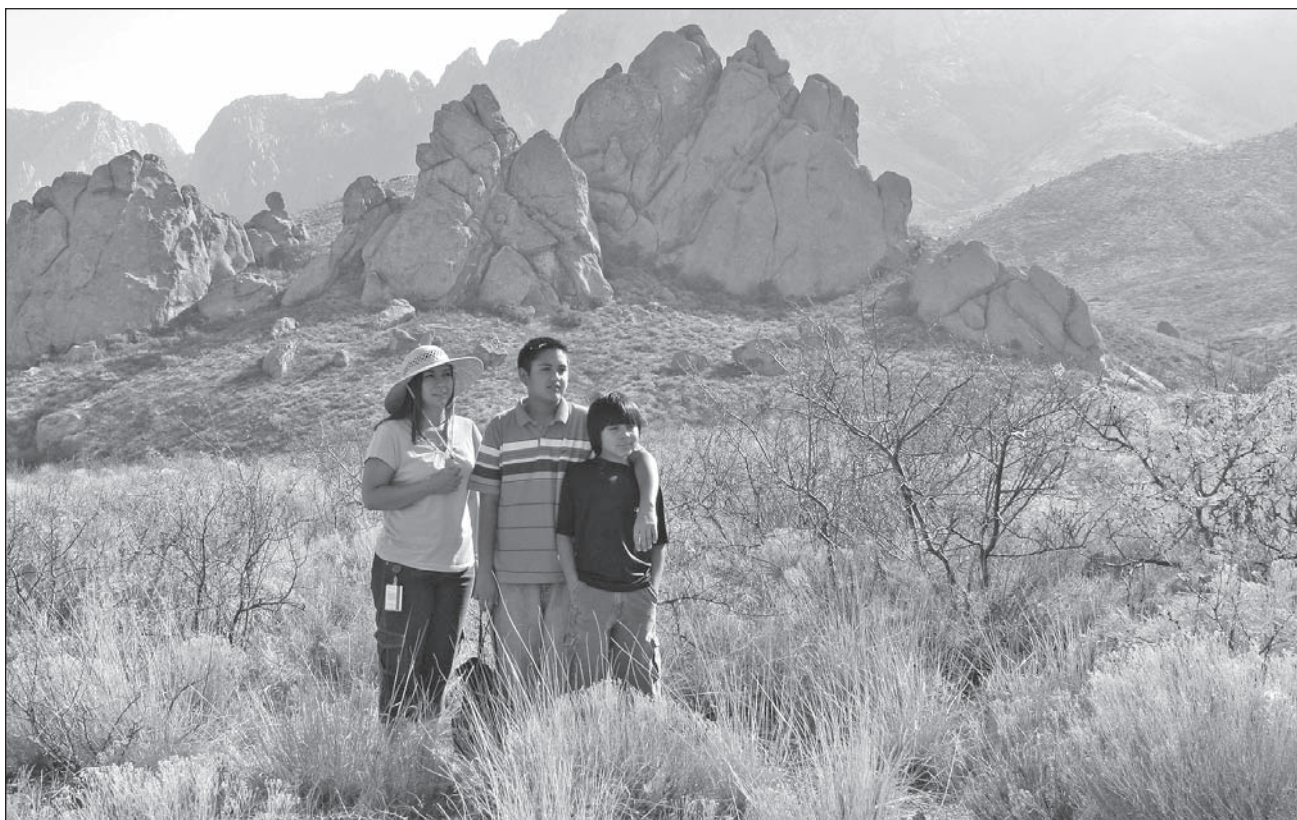
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A family enjoys the nearby Dripping Springs area, an easily accessible portion of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

Climber ascends to new career challenge

By **Alta LeCompte**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Most at home in the great outdoors, Ben Gabriel has accepted a new position that will feed his soul while also putting to use many of the skills he honed in 10 years as operations manager for the New Mexico State University outdoor recreation program.

Gabriel is the new executive director of the Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks.

Now that the organization has achieved its mission of securing recognition of the Mesilla Valley's signature attraction as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, Gabriel will lead the Friends group in getting the 496,000-acre natural and historic wonder ready to host a lot more outdoor adventurers like himself.

"This is an exciting opportunity," he said. "My goal is to work with the community for the utilization of the national monument and educate them about it, as well as create more recreation opportunities within the monument area."

Gabriel previously lent his expertise to help the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce create a marketing tool kit local businesses can use to promote awareness of the nation's newest national monument, which received its designation in May from President Barack Obama after a long campaign led by Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks.

The organization is moving into a

new stage – implementation, Gabriel said.

"We want to re-engage and educate the community on how it impacts us. The Friends will evolve from advocacy to rebuilding community, not just with interested parties but with the entire community."

He said an immense variety of adventures awaits visitors to the Organ Mountains-Desert Parks National Monument, including backpacking, horseback riding, hunting, mountain biking, trail running, rock climbing and recreational shooting.

"My personal interest lies in rock climbing," he said, "and I take my wife and 3-year-old backpacking. A lot of public lands are really accessible to families, offering a healthy lifestyle that for many families is really important."

Gabriel is an experienced guide who has helped others venture into natural conservation lands.

He has led kayaking and backpacking expeditions throughout the United States and Central America and taken group of students on adventures in Florida and Hawaii.

While at NMSU, he originated the Adventure Art Series, now in its fourth year, and in September created the first Las Cruces Climbing Festival, which was held Downtown. The four-day event featured climbing demonstrations, competitions, kids clinics and hike, bouldering, a film and a party.

As executive director of the Friends, he will continue to be part cheerleader, part bureaucrat.

"The Green Chamber has been working with the Bureau of Land Management, and it's important for us to continue that relationship," he said.

Gabriel said he has a lot of background on permitting issues and on access for groups that want to utilize public lands, and will work the BLM on its resource management plan.

"We will be the voice of a lot of constituencies, including local businesses," he said. "We also will be spokespeople making sure the history and cultural significance of the land is maintained as well. There are areas which have great significance for American Indian tribes."

He said the BLM has a process in place for developing the plan, including environmental studies and public comment.

"I believe it will not be introduced until later in 2015," he said.

He said the Friends will model its approach on that of the Green Chamber, emphasizing sustainability.

Gabriel came to Las Cruces in 2004 after a stint as head guide with Wildwater Ltd., where he supervised as many as 12 guides and organized trips for from six to 200 guests.

He has a bachelor's degree in recreation studies from Ohio University and a master's in higher education from NMSU.



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Traffic lanes were redirected on Picacho Avenue Friday, Dec. 19, to accommodate work by Renegade Construction, part of CVS's commitment to build a concrete median at the intersection with Main Street.

BRIEFS

Connor to spell out legislative agenda

Bill Connor, chair of the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition (DACLC) will be the featured speaker at the January Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) Business in the Borderplex Forum 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

DACLC annually develops an agenda of legislative initiatives of importance to southern New Mexico to be presented during the legislative session.

Connor will detail this year's initiatives as developed by the various coalition members. The initiatives include Capital appropriations requests on behalf of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College; operational funding to support public/secondary education and water research; and policy actions to support economic development and public health.

The meeting will begin with a hot entrée buffet followed by a brief update from MVEDA staff.

Advance registration is \$20, payable by major credit card via the secure PayPal portal on the online registration form. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$25.

To register, visit www.mveda.com.

'House of Cards' films with NM crew members

A portion of the Knight Takes King Productions, LLC / Media Rights Capital Studios "House of Cards" season three was filmed in New Mexico. Production took place in Santa Fe, Las Vegas and Espanola.

The production employed 85 New Mexico crew members, two New Mexico actors and approximately 90 local background talent.

"House of Cards" is directed by James Foley.

The show returns for a third season on Feb. 27, 2015.

For more information, visit the New Mexico Film Office at www.nmfilm.com.

Save the Date

TUE. 1/6

11:30 a.m. Business in the Borderplex luncheon, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. Bill Connor, chair of the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition (DACLC), will speak. Reservations are required. Advance registration is \$20, payable by major credit card. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$25. Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

5 p.m. Junior Amigos recruitment meeting, 277 E. Amador Ave. conference room. For more information, call the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 524-8900.

FRI. 1/16

6 p.m. 2014 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Choice Awards & Gala, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

THU. 1/22

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

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Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe. Early bird registration ends Jan. 9, 2015. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

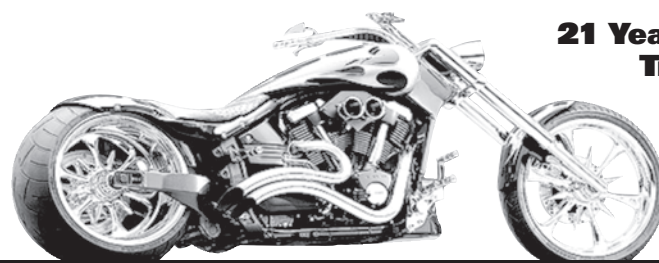
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Las Cruces Home Builders Association Installation Banquet



The 2015 executive board of the Las Cruces Home Builders is sworn in at the annual installation banquet Friday, Dec. 12, at the Columbus Conference Center. Pictured are Diana Lucero, New Mexico Home Builders Association officer; LCHBA President Max Bower, Red Mesa Design; Vice President Cindy Torres, Torres Welding; President-elect Mike Fraembs, TNM Building Services; Past President Kimball Hakes, Hakes Brothers Construction; Secretary Mark Hettinga, Highland Enterprises; (not pictured) Treasurer Tim Hargrove, Citizen's Bank.



Associate of the Year Ben Rawson of Rawson Builders Supply



Member of the Year Max Bower with Hakes



Torres and Hakes congratulate Sylvia Lauer of Doña Ana Title, recipient of the Community Service Award.



Builder of the Year Hakes with LCHBA CEO Steve Chavira

Double Eagle constructs signature holiday tree

Mesilla has a new attraction – an LED-illuminated Christmas tree assembled from 170 empty Patrón tequila bottles and placed over the fountain at Double Eagle restaurant

The distinctive tree is on display on the indoor patio.

Late last year, Double Eagle owner Buddy Ritter saw a photo of a stack of Patrón bottles with green and red Christmas lights and the wheels started turning.

“That would be a fun project. I’m going to do it,” he said.

Ritter’s vision was of a large tree, and he quickly realized he needed design help in planning the construction.

He found that help in local

architect Ron Nims.

“I fell in love with the idea. Visually stunning, structurally a challenge, electrically tricky. It was very enjoyable to develop the plans from Buddy’s concept,” Nims said.

For the electrical design help, he found Vince Gilbert of VG Electric, who quickly solved the electrical problems.

Ritter then enlisted the servers and bartenders at Double Eagle, since more than 170 Patrón bottles were needed – and, those bottles had to be empty. To meet the challenge, suggestive selling was top of the mind for employees.

Regular customers were also recruited. One of those who helped was Rick Stoos.

“I’m proud to say I contributed at least three bottles myself,” he said. “Would have been more, but I’ve been out of town a lot.”

The tree frame is made of flat steel rings with pipe fingers holding the bottles in place.

A Christmas-tree-green paint adds to the effect. Green LED lights infuse the greenish tint of the glass bottles with a warm glow. The tree is topped with a giant 1.75 liter Patrón Silver bottle lighted by red LED lights.

Ritter said Patrón U. S. A. representatives were so impressed, they have asked him to manufacture more trees for shipping throughout America.



A tree created by local talent from 170 empty tequila bottles glows inside the Double Eagle restaurant.

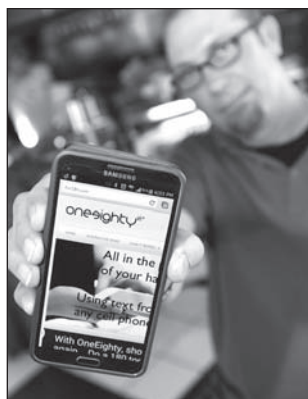
Company launched at Arrowhead ready for metropolitan market

A startup company launched at New Mexico State University’s Arrowhead Technology Incubator is taking its show on the road, bringing its text message-based concert ticketing and broadcast alert concept to one of the nation’s top music scenes – Austin, Texas.

The company, OneEighty, created by Jon Forrest and Timothy Swope, looks very different now than it did at its 2013 launch.

OneEighty got its start in the incubator as a no-charge membership club that gave NMSU students, staff and members of the Las Cruces community instant access to deeply discounted offers from local merchants through text messages.

With help from industry experts they were introduced to the incubator environment, Swope and Forrest were able to test their model and learn what works – and what doesn’t. The duo worked with Arrowhead to pivot the



Timothy Swope

company’s focus, using the text-messaging distribution system they’d developed to sell event tickets in a more convenient way, with OneEighty’s Tickets2Text feature.

“Our experience at Arrowhead was really exemplary of what an incubator should do,” Forrest said. “We wouldn’t have gotten through that learning curve if we hadn’t been there.”

Swope said making their early mistakes in a larger market would have likely been a death sentence for

the fledgling company.

“The fact that the incubator is in a city this size made it possible to make some freshman mistakes in a forgiving environment and then move on with a better plan to a major metroplex,” Swope said.

Arrowhead was able to help OneEighty prepare to scale up its structure to be completely ready for any size operation, Forrest said.

The founders chose Austin as their next venue because the city has an iconic footprint on the music scene and represents a broad mix of genres, Swope said.

“Austin is also well-contained,” Forrest added. “We can continue to add features and hone technology in a good size of place.”

Zetdi Sloan, director of Arrowhead Technology Incubator, said “We’re really proud of what they’ve accomplished and wish them all the best in Austin.”

Forrest said OneEighty’s experience at Arrowhead has been invaluable.

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Film



The New Mexico film industry promotes itself on location in Las Cruces during the filming of "Captain Fantastic."

In August, Las Cruces and Mesilla welcomed the crew of the feature film "Captain Fantastic," hoping many more production companies would follow.

According to the New Mexico Film Office, the "Captain Fantastic" employed at least 75 New Mexico crew members, a New Mexico actor and approximately 220 local background talent.

Gary Camarano, the new economic development coordinator for the City of Las Cruces, said the "Captain Fantastic" company filmed in the Masonic Cemetery, Tapestry Circle in Mesilla, at Shorty's gas station and along Interstate 10, as well as in Picacho Hills.

"We've tapped into the local talent pool and local businesses for assistance in the filming process," said Location Manager Deborah Wakshull. "Having an asset like New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute and other businesses that assisted us made Las Cruces a perfect location for filming. It's been great working here."

Camarano's office recently added a second staffer, whose responsibilities include film liaison.

The office currently is considering options for expanding the city's film industry infrastructure by constructing a sound



Gary Camarano of the city economic development department presents his plans for Las Cruces, including its fledgling film industry, to City Council.



Vista de Oro in Picacho Hills becomes the production nerve center for 11 days of shooting the feature film "Captain Fantastic" in Las Cruces and Mesilla.

stage or back lot, Camarano said.

New Mexico hosted 25 productions of varying sizes in 2013, including several potentially lucrative television series pilots.

The state film office estimates film productions

accounted for \$204.5 million in direct economic impact and \$129.4 million in indirect impact the first three quarters of FY 2014. The industry employed 1,940 directly and 1,530 indirectly.

Localities took in \$5.3 million in taxes.

Retail



Flanked by Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith and Councillor Miguel Silva, Mas Art's Karen Matthews holds the proclamation while Sandra and Malu Bender grasp the shears to cut the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce ribbon Sept. 5. The ceremony marked the first anniversary of the frame and art supply business at 126 S. Main St.

Downtown is becoming a more interesting place to visit, thanks to the return of Main Street Bistro & Ale House, the expansion of A Bite of Belgium and the opening of several retail specialty shops, including Run Culture at 221 N. Main St. and La Patina at 300 N. Main St..

In the new year, look for CVS to open its second Las Cruces location at the corner of Main Street and Picacho Avenue.

Meanwhile, Lohman Avenue continued to attract chain eateries, including Jimmy John's and Sweet CeCe's, both of which continue to do business at their original locations on University Avenue.



Outdoor diners took advantage of the great weather to enjoy Jimmy John's customer appreciation event Friday, Nov. 12. The sandwich shop featured \$1 subs at its University Avenue and Lohman Avenue locations during a four-hour celebration from noon until 3 p.m.



Mike Macias, store manager for the second Las Cruces Aaron's Sales and Lease, located at 1405 S. Valley Drive, holds the proclamation Aug. 15, while Jessica Bankson, customer service representative, cuts the celebratory Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce ribbon.



In September, Jodie and Jim York, veteran Las Cruces business owners, celebrated the second anniversary of their newly renovated restaurant, A Bite of Belgium, with a ribbon cutting. They are seated in the new section of the Downtown restaurant.

Tourism



A new outdoor lounge and a meticulously landscaped pool area add to the ambience of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, designated the official Doña Ana County hotel and resort by Virgin Galactic, which is preparing to take space tourists into sub-orbital flight from Spaceport America in Sierra County.

In June, the Las Cruces Convention Center hosted three new conventions: the New Mexico School Nutrition Association Conference, the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau (Cattle Growers) and the Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico convention, a national convention.

The 2014 Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico Convention attracted more than 850 attendees from across the United States and Mexico.

"We were extremely grateful to have the opportunity to host this group here in Las Cruces," said Rebecca Bolton, Global Spectrum's new general manager of the Las Cruces Convention Center.

"The impact this event had on the city of Las Cruces was phenomenal," said CVB Executive Director Phil San Filippo. "I am ecstatic that they chose our beautiful city and look forward to more conventions like this in the future."

Joint sales initiatives between the CVB and the Las Cruces Convention Center have increased awareness and interest for planners in the state of New Mexico.

Other major developments in the local tourism and hospitality in 2014 included:

- In May, President Barak Obama designated almost 500,000 acres as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, which is expected to return \$7.4 million dollars to the local economy annually and create 88 jobs.
- Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces was selected

as the official preferred Virgin Galactic hotel and resort in Dona Ana County. Renovations to upgrade some of the hotel rooms for future astronauts and other luxury-seeking guests are expected to continue through early 2015.

- New Mexico State University began efforts to attract a four-star hotel to University Avenue to provide accommodations for convention goers.
- Las Cruces Community Partners leased the former Doña Ana County Courthouse,

envisioning the property as a five-star hotel and conference center at the corner of Main Street and Alameda Boulevard. The existing courthouse would become a conference center with several restaurants. Some 70 rooms would be built on the west side, continuing the Mission Revival architecture of the courthouse.

- A Comfort Suites is under construction on Telshor Boulevard and another hotel is under construction near the Motel Boulevard exit of Interstate 10.



Las Cruces celebrates the May 2014 designation of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

Transportation

Southern Doña Ana County became an inland port linking the port of Long Beach California with points east as well as the industrial complex in nearby Chihuahua, Mexico in May when Union Pacific formally opened its Santa Teresa Intermodal Ramp and Fueling Facility.

The intermodal facility eliminates a distribution and logistics bottleneck in El Paso and creates almost unlimited opportunity for growth and expansion.

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"We can process a truck in one to two minutes," said Jack Koraleski, Union Pacific's chairman, president and CEO. "The average elsewhere is five to six minutes."

Another boost to international business took place in November, when Doña Ana County Jetport in Santa Teresa celebrated a ribbon cutting for its new U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspection center.

"It's a convenience to have them clear customs here," said Eric Gensheimer, vice president of operations for Francis Aviation, the primary service provider at the airport. "The new office will put the focus on the Santa Teresa Jetport, something



U.S. Sen. Tom Udall and Gov. Susana Martinez drive spikes into a railroad timber at the grand opening.

we've needed for four or five years."

"The customs facility will facilitate trade and allows our friends to the south to come into the U.S. more efficiently and safely," Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said prior to the ribbon cutting conducted by county officials.

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Dates: 12/19, 12/26, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 24, 2013, Clemente Morales, Jr., 301 Cox Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-15157-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15703, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water

Basin in Doña Ana County by using well LRG-15157-POD2 which has been drilled to a depth of 140 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NW¼ NW¼ of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°23'8.317"N and 106°49'2.709"W (WGS84), on land owned by Ernest Moralez, and discontinue the use of well LRG-15157-POD1, located on land owned by Rosa E. Alvarez located within the NE¼ of projected Section 22, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'53.893"N and 106°49'13.675"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 23 as described in part in Subfile Nos. LRN 28-006-0079 & LRN 28-006-0081 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of well LRG-15157-POD2 is south of Doña Ana, NM and may be found approximately 0.30 miles north-northeast of the intersection of Doña Ana School Road and Wind Chime Lane, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-15157-POD1 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1)

Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 13, 2014, Triple A Farms (Contact: J. Tyson Achen or J. Tyson Buddy Achen, Jr.), 4320 Pantera Cir., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-11327-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-11327, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-11327-POD2 to a depth of 500 feet with an 18-inch casing, in a location within the NE¼ NE¼ of projected Section 27, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'21.119"N and 106°49'15.847"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well

LRG-11327 (formerly LRN06-0116), located on property owned by the applicant within the SW¼ NE¼ NE¼ of said projected Section 27 and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'14.239"N and 106°49'20.585"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 82.91 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the Pt. NE¼ of said projected Section 27 as described in Subfile No. LRN 28-006-0126 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of proposed well LRG-11327-POD2 will be located south of Doña Ana, NM and may be found approximately 0.35 miles northeast of the intersection of Farside St. and Fontana Way.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the

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Dates: 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 23, 2014, Greg M. Carrasco, 2600 Apodaca Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on behalf of Three Saints Liability Company; Lee E. Peters, attorney, PO Box 2796, Las Cruces, NM 88004 on behalf of River Edge Farms, LLC, filed application numbered LRG-7373 POD2, under Office of the State Engineer File No.: SD-2199, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion and Place of Use from Surface to Ground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of the surface water of the Rio Grande in an amount reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, historically diverted from point of diversion SD-2199, also known as Smith's Rio Grande River Pump, located within the NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, NMPM and more specifically described as X=1,397.017 Y=594,036 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land

owned by River Edge Farm, LLC, for the irrigation of 7.0 acres of land, owned by River Edge Farm, LLC, located within the NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, NMPM, as described as part of Subfile LRR-28-010-0016 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The applicants propose to transfer said surface water in an amount reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico to well LRG-7373 POD2 located within the NE1/4NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM and more specifically described as X=1,488,601 Y=422,804 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by Three Saints Limited Liability Company, for the irrigation of 44.57 acres of land, owned by Three Saints Limited Liability Company, located within the NE1/4 of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, within the SW1/4 of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, an within the SE1/4 of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM.

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

Point of diversion SD-2199, also known as Smith's Rio Grande River Pump, is located southeast of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 0.6 mile east of the intersection of Rayos Del Sol Road and Highway 185. Well LRG-7373 POD2 is located northwest of San Miguel, NM and may be found approximately 0.3 mile northwest of the intersection of Highway 28 and County Road B41.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

NOTICE OF
PRELIMINARY
ORDER OF ENTRY
AND NOTICE OF
CONDEMNATION

RE: VILLAGE OF HATCH, A New Mexico Municipal Corporation (Petitioner) v. THE ESTATE OF ENRIQUE AVALOS, CARMEN AVALOS, ESTATE OF SANTIAGO BENAVIDEZ, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS (Defendants), In the State of New Mexico, County of Doña Ana, Third Judicial District Court, No. D-307-CV-2014-01816, Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

TO: The above-named Defendants, and each of you:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on October 1, 2014 the Court granted the Petitioner Village of Hatch a Preliminary Order of Entry to immediately enter and occupy the property generally described as the PLACITAS ARROYO LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NM PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF HATCH, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, and to do such work thereon as may be required to begin flood control maintenance and that, unless you file objections thereto within ten (10) days after personal service of this Notice upon you, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you be not personally served, the Court shall enter a Permanent Order of Entry restraining you forever from hindering or interfering with the occupation and use of the property by the Petitioner Village of Hatch; and,

**City of Las Cruces**
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PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage las-cruces.org. All sales are final.

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

Dates 1/3 - 12/26, 2014


**SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The South Central Solid Waste Authority uses a web-based auction service to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment. As items are available they will be posted to publicsurplus.com where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

For more information please contact the South Central Solid Waste Authority at 575-528-3709 or email scswa.prop@las-cruces.org.

Dates 1/3/14 - 12/26/14

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**INVITATION
BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)**

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date/Time
Castañeda Service Center Renovations	14-15-083	January 8, 2015 / 11:00 a.m. Castañeda Service Center, 1501 E Hadley Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001	January 22, 2015 / 2:00 p.m.
Lantana Sewer Improvements Phase II	14-15-113	January 8, 2015 / 10:00 a.m. Public Works Room 2104, 700 N Main St, Las Cruces, NM 88001	January 20, 2015 / 10:00 a.m.
East Mesa Public Safety Complex	14-15-080	January 7, 2015 / 1:30 p.m. Bid Room 3138, 700 N Main St, Las Cruces, NM 88001	January 20, 2015 / 2:00 p.m.
La Mancha Waterline Improvements Project - Construction Phase	14-15-067	January 6, 2015 / 10:00 a.m. Utilities Room 150, 680 N Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007	January 20, 2015 / 3:00 p.m.

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations:
<https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757>
Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134. Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org
Dates 12/19/14

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further, that all proceedings subsequent to the Permanent Order of Entry shall deal only with the amount of compensation due to you for the taking of the property.

You, and each of you, are hereby further notified that a petition to condemn for public flood control purposes has been filed against you in this proceeding with the Clerk of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in which county the property, or a part thereof, is located, and which is more particularly described in Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4 attached to the Petition/Complaint for Condemnation filed in this cause on September 3, 2014, and specifically as follows:

Property 1

A certain tract of land situate within the southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being and comprising a portion of land described in Warranty Deed filed in Book 134, page 405, records of Doña Ana County, NM and being more particularly described by New Mexico State Plane Grid Bearings (NAD 83 Central Zone) and ground distances as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of the tract herein described, WHENENCE a found rebar and aluminum cap at the south quarter corner of said Section 8 bears S00°46'15"E a distance of 1310.16 feet;

THENCE along the easterly boundary of the tract herein described, S24°51'47"W a distance of 59.73 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the southerly boundary of the tract herein described, the following two (2) courses;

N87°24'03"W a distance of 43.45 feet;

N85°06'38"W a distance of 212.57 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the westerly boundary of the tract herein described, N24°51'47"E a distance of 181.03 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the northerly boundary of the tract herein described, the following two (2) courses;

S53°42'18"E a distance of 215.16 feet;

S84°50'01"E a distance of 30.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This tract contains 0.6280 acre, more or less.

Property 2 (North)

A certain tract of land situate within the southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being and comprising a portion of land described in Warranty Deed #4811755 filed July 23, 1948, also being a portion of land described in Affidavit of Surviving Spouse, Reception #5562 filed March 27, 1990 in Book 250, pages 1-4, records of Doña Ana County, NM and being more particularly described by New Mexico State Plane Grid Bearings (NAD 83 Central Zone) and ground distances as follows:

BEGINNING at a found rebar no cap at the northeast corner of the tract herein described,

WHENCE a found New Mexico State Highway Department (NMSHTD) aluminum cap stamped "PS 8669 CME", a point on the southerly right-of-way of New Mexico State Highway 187 as the same is shown and designated on the New Mexico State Highway Department Monumentation Map PCN 1311 BR-0187(9) dated July 21, 2010 and filed in Book 23, pages 81-84, records of Doña Ana County, NM, bears N25°37'57"E a distance of 158.96 feet;

THENCE along the easterly boundary of the tract herein described, S25°43'16"W a distance of 394.76 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described, also being a point on the northerly boundary of the Rodey Lateral;

THENCE along the southerly boundary of the tract herein described, coincident with said northerly boundary of the Rodey Lateral the following two (2) courses;

N84°47'15"W a distance of 133.80 feet;

S86°33'14"W a distance of 114.12 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE leaving said northerly boundary of the Rodey Lateral along the westerly boundary of the tract herein described, the following two (2) courses;

N21°44'07"E a distance of 114.61 feet;

N27°59'16"E a distance of 335.41 feet to a found iron pipe at the northwest corner of the tract herein described,

THENCE along the northerly boundary of the tract herein described, S76°32'49"E a distance of 224.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This tract contains 2.1715 acres, more or less.

Property 2 (South)

A certain tract of land situate within the southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being and comprising a portion of land described in Warranty Deed #4811755 filed July 23, 1948, also being a portion of land described in Affidavit of Surviving Spouse, Reception #5562 filed March 27, 1990 in Book 250, pages 1-4, records of Doña Ana County, NM and being more particularly described by New Mexico State Plane Grid Bearings (NAD 83 Central Zone) and ground distances as follows:

BEGINNING at the southeast corner of the tract herein described, WHENENCE a found rebar and aluminum cap at the south quarter corner of said Section 8 bears S00°46'15"E a distance of 1310.16 feet;

THENCE along the southerly boundary of the tract herein described, the following two (2) courses;

N84°50'01"W a distance of 30.92 feet;

N53°42'18"W a distance of 215.16 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the westerly boundary of the tract herein described, N24°51'47"E a distance of 355.49 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described, also being a point on the southerly boundary of the Rodey Lateral;

THENCE along the northerly boundary of the tract herein described, coincident with said Rodey Lateral, N87°06'28"E a distance of 271.20 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE leaving said Rodey Lateral along the easterly boundary of the tract herein described, S24°51'47"W a distance of 501.86 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This tract contains 2.4013 acres, more or less.

Property 3

A certain tract of land situate within Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Village of Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more particularly described by New Mexico State Plane Grid Bearings (NAD 83 Central Zone) and ground distances as follows:

BEGINNING at the southwest corner of the tract herein described, also being a point on the northerly boundary of Chile Capital Tracts Replat No. 1 as the same is shown and designated on Book 22, Pages 214-214 on May 9, 2007,

records of the Doña Ana County, NM, also being a found 4" x 4" concrete monument, WHENENCE a found NMSHTD aluminum cap stamped "PS 8669 CME" a point on the northerly right-of-way of New Mexico State Highway 187 as the same is shown and designated on the New Mexico State Highway Department Monumentation Map PCN 1311 BR-0187(9) dated July 21, 2010 and filed in Book 23, pages 81-84, records of Doña Ana County, NM bears S24°01'03"W a distance of 614.57 feet;

THENCE along the southerly boundary of the tract herein described, coincident with the northerly boundary of the Mundy and West Warranty Deed filed March 22, 2004 in Book 505, page 1735, records of Doña Ana County, NM, N 48°47'36" W a distance of 104.64 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the westerly boundary of said tract, coincident with the easterly boundary of said Soto Trust Parcel described in Warranty Deed filed July 28, 1997 in Book 97, page 1482, records of Doña Ana County, NM, N 40°02'08" E a distance of 323.62 feet;

THENCE continuing along the westerly boundary of said tract, coincident with the northerly boundary of said Soto Trust Parcel N 40°47'03" W a distance of 202.49 feet, said point being the northwest corner of said Soto Trust Parcel;

THENCE continuing along the westerly boundary of said tract, coincident with the easterly boundary of the Catalina Torres Parcel recorded in Warranty Deed filed March 23, 2010, Instrument Number 1006928, records of Doña Ana County, NM, N 24°30'50" E a distance of 339.35 feet;

THENCE continuing along said tract, coincident with the easterly boundary of the Catalina Torres Parcel, N 26°01'17" E a distance of 122.72 feet to a found rebar with cap stamped "NM PLS 17575", said point being on the southerly line of Canal Street, coincident with southerly line of USA Parcel filed September 12, 1921, Book 62, Page 47, records of the Doña Ana County, NM, said point being the northeast corner of said Catalina Torres Parcel;

THENCE along the northerly boundary of said tract, coincident with said southerly line of Canal Street, S 35°23'35" E a distance of 204.44 feet to a found rebar with cap stamped "NM PLS 5939, said point being the northwest corner of Answered Prayers LLC Parcel filed July 14, 2009, Instrument Number 0919524, records of the Doña Ana

County, NM;

THENCE departing said southerly line of Canal Street, along the easterly boundary of said tract, coincident with the westerly boundary of said Answered Prayers Parcel, S 22°58'30" W a distance of 784.65 feet to the northerly boundary of said Chile Capital Tracts Replat No. 1;

THENCE along the southerly boundary of said tract, coincident with said northerly boundary line of Chile Capital Tracts Replat No. 1, S 89°58'37" W a distance of 3.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This tract contains 2.3643 acres, more or less.

Property 4

A certain tract of land situate within Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Village of Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more particularly described by New Mexico State Plane Grid Bearings (NAD 83 Central Zone) and ground distances as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of the tract herein described marked by a found New Mexico State Highway Department (NMSHTD) aluminum cap stamped "PS 8669 CME", a point on the southerly right-of-way of New Mexico State Highway 187 as the same is shown and designated on the New Mexico State Highway Department Monumentation Map PCN 1311 BR-0187(9) dated July 21, 2010 and filed in Book 23, pages 81-84, records of Doña Ana County, NM, WHENENCE a found New Mexico State Highway Department (NMSHTD) aluminum cap stamped "PS 8669 CME" on the northerly right-of-way line of New Mexico State Highway 187 bears N23°22'32"E a distance of 100.61 feet;

THENCE leaving said southerly right-of-way of New Mexico State Highway 187 along the easterly boundary of the tract herein described, coincident with the westerly boundary of Dolores and Gilbert Vallejos Parcel filed February 20, 1981 in Book 267, page 118, records of Dona Ana County, NM, the following two (2) courses;

S25°39'49"W a distance of 40.01 feet to a found NMSTHD aluminum cap stamped "PS 8669 CME";

S25°37'20"W a distance of 118.95 feet to a found rebar at the southwest corner of said Dolores and Gilbert Vallejos Parcel, identical to the northwest corner of Anastacia and Gilbert Vallejos Parcel filed November 17, 1993 in Book 375, page 287, records of Doña Ana County, NM;

THENCE along the southerly boundary of the tract herein described, N76°32'49"W a distance of 224.81 feet to a found iron pipe at the northeast corner of Cruz S. Castaneda Parcel as designated in Warranty Deed filed on January 16, 2013 as Instrument 1301256, records of Doña Ana County, NM identical to the southeast corner of Jerry Lack parcel as the same is shown and designated on Warranty Deed filed June 29, 2012 as Instrument #1215990, records of Doña Ana County, NM;

THENCE along the westerly boundary of the tract herein described, coincident with the easterly boundary of said Jerry Lack Parcel, the following three (3) courses;

N26°08'05"E 183.00 feet to a found NMSTHD aluminum cap stamped "PS8669 CME";

N26°04'58"E a distance of 35.18 feet to a found NMSHTD aluminum cap stamped "PS 8669 CME";

N25°22'29"E a distance of 4.98 feet to a found nail and shiner at the northwest corner of the tract herein described, identical to the northeast corner of said Jerry Lack parcel, also being a point on the southerly right-of-way of New Mexico State Highway 187;

THENCE along the northerly boundary of the tract herein described, coincident with said southerly right-of-way, S59°58'10"E a distance of 218.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This tract contains 0.9591 acre, more or less.

You, and each of you, are hereby further notified that the amount offered as just compensation for the taking of the property for said public flood control maintenance project, as shown with each separate numerical parcel designation in the Petition/Complaint for Condemnation filed in this proceeding, has been deposited by the Petitioner with the Clerk of the District Court and a portion or all of the amount offered may be withdrawn by a person having an estate or interest in the property as described in the Petition on file. This withdrawal may be made only by order of the Court upon proper motion.

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Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, and a copy mailed to counsel for the Petitioner Village of Hatch, Samantha R. Barncastle, Barncastle Law Firm, P.O. Box 1556, Las Cruces, NM 88004, Ph: 575-636-2377, Fax: 575-636-2688. Unless you so appear and answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for judgment and fee simple title to the property sought to be acquired and heretofore described as is necessary for flood control and maintenance purposes as provided by law. This judgment will fix the amount of compensation due to you for the condemnation of the property at the amount offered and deposited by Petitioner.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests to the Court's Preliminary Order of Entry shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address) within ten (10) days after personal service of this Notice upon you, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served, and file same with the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, and mail a copy of said objections or protests to counsel for the Petitioner Village of Hatch, Samantha R. Barncastle, Barncastle Law Firm, P.O. Box 1556, Las Cruces, NM 88004, Ph: 575-636-2377, Fax: 575-636-2688. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the Third Judicial District Court will proceed to make the Preliminary Order of Entry permanent; shall restrain the Defendants from hindering or interfering with the removal of any and all improvements and encroachments on the rights of way, and the occupancy and control of the premises by Petitioner Village of Hatch, and from interfering with the work required; and all subsequent proceedings shall only affect the amount of compensation allowable for the taking of Defendants' real property.

PUBLISHED this 19th day of , 2014

Dates: 12/19, 12/26, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 15-080

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ITS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, Las Cruces City Council met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on November 17; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Las Cruces City Council to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 21 amended the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to increase the time that public bodies must make the final agenda available from at least 24 hours prior to a meeting to at least 72 hours, except in the case of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 21 also requires that agendas be posted on the public body's website within the specified time periods if a website is maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I) **THAT** pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(A) and (B), all meetings of a quorum of the City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business, or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority delegated to the City Council, as further described in Sections III and IV of this Policy, shall be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law. Any member of the public may attend an open meeting and listen to the deliberations and proceedings of the City Council.

(II) **THAT** pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1(H) and (I), the City Council upon its own motion may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection H of the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1, or if the need to close the meeting is required by other laws which specifically preserve the confidentiality of certain information that is to be considered at the closed meeting. If any meeting is closed pursuant to the exclusions contained in Subsection H of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of the quorum of the City Council and the specific statutory or other authority for such closure, and the subject to be discussed, shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting, and such vote shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each Councillor shall be recorded in the minutes; (2) if called for when the City

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Council is not in an open meeting, such closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting, and stating with reasonable specificity the subject to be discussed, is given to members of the general public. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the City Council shall be discussed in a closed meeting.

Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting, if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in the closed meeting shall be made by vote of the City Council in an open public meeting.

(III)
THAT meetings at which a quorum of City Councillors discuss or adopt any proposed resolution or ordinance or take any other formal action are open to the public.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(C), a Councillor may participate in any open meeting called to take formal action by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment. Participation by telephone or other similar communications equipment is permitted when requested by a Councillor and approved by Council. Requests shall be considered on a case by case basis. Provided that each Councillor participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any Councillor who speaks during the meeting.

A. Regularly Scheduled Open Meetings.
Unless the business before the City Council dictates otherwise, the City Council will conduct open meetings to take formal action on the first and third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. as referenced in Exhibit "A". When Monday is a city holiday, that meeting will be held on the next business day. The City Council has the authority to change the meeting time, with minute action in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, for subsequent regular meetings.

The City Manager and staff are hereby authorized and directed to publish this

resolution one time as a legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Las Cruces.

The City Council will conspicuously post an agenda of the meeting at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. In accordance with this resolution the agenda shall be issued and circulated to the press, radio and other public information media who have provided a written request for such notice and posted on bulletin boards of the City of Las Cruces City Hall, the Branigan Memorial Library and on the city's website.

The agenda shall indicate the date, time and place of the meeting, a title of all action items to be considered at that meeting, and a list of any other specific items of business to be transacted. The City Council shall take action only on items appearing on the agenda.

B. Hearings Before the City Council.
At any hearing at which a quorum of the City Council will be present, the City Council will provide notice of the hearing as an open meeting to take formal action and shall issue an agenda as prescribed in Section III(A) or (C) of this policy. Within a reasonable time, but in no case less than 72 hours, prior to the hearing, the City Council also shall provide actual notice to all parties in that case or their counsel and to any other person who has requested such notice of the date, time, location and purpose of the hearing.

If during the course of a public hearing at which a quorum of the City Council presides the City Council determines that the hearing should be recessed and reconvened to a date subsequent to that stated in the meeting notice, the City Council will specify the date, time and place for the continuation of the meeting prior to recessing and will conspicuously post notice of the date, time and place for the reconvened meeting near the door of the place where the original meeting was held and in the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall.

C. Other Open Meetings in between Regularly Scheduled Open Meetings.
If the public interest requires other formal action by the City Council between regularly scheduled open meetings, the City Council may conduct an open meeting to take formal action at such times. Except in the case of an emergency as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(F), the City Council will provide notice of each such meeting by conspicuously posting an agenda and a notice of the date, time and

location of such special open meeting in the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall and by emailing a copy of the notice to the press at least 72 hours prior to the special open meeting.

(IV) Work Sessions
THAT a quorum of the City Council also meet periodically in "Work Sessions". A "Work Session" is any meeting of a quorum of the City Council which does not involve any formal action by the City Council. Such sessions include, but are not limited to: (1) discussion related to the formulation of public policy prior to the formal discussion or adoption of any resolution or ordinance pending before the City Council, (2) discussions of internal administrative actions concerning the operations of the City Council, and (3) information discussions between staff and the City Council in preparation for formal discussion or action. Work Sessions of a quorum of the City Council are open meetings and are open to the public, unless the subject of the work session is included in Subsection H of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 and the City Council decides to close the work session to the public in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(I) and Section II of this policy. Any person wishing to attend a work session of the City Council which has not been closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H) and 10-15-1(I) and this Open Meetings Policy shall be allowed to attend and listen to the discussions.

(V) Emergency Meetings
THAT emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Las Cruces City Council will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

All emergency measures adopted must be submitted to the Attorney General within 10 days of the meeting at which the action was taken, provided that the requirement to report to the Attorney General is waived due to a state or national emergency.

(VI) Council Appointed

Commissions, Committees and Board Meetings
THAT Commissions, Committees and Advisory Boards of the City of Las Cruces shall similarly issue their agendas by posting one on the City Hall bulletin board, the Branigan Memorial Library bulletin board, on the city's website, furnishing copies to the news media and provide such other notice as may be required by ordinance and law. Such issuance and posting are determined to be reasonable notice.

(VII) All other Meetings
THAT all other meetings which may be called for informational purposes at which no action is to be taken shall be held only after written notice is issued to the news media no later than 12:00 noon of the day of such meeting, or four (4) hours before such meeting, whichever is greater.

(VIII) Notice Compliance
THAT substantial compliance with any one of the appropriate foregoing methods of giving notice shall constitute compliance with this resolution and Section 10-15-1 to 10-15-4 NMSA 1978. Nothing herein shall prevent the use of additional means or methods of giving notice of regular or special meetings. Nothing herein shall require new notice of any public meeting for which notice has been given and which is recessed or adjourned. However, in recessing the meeting, the presiding officer shall announce the meeting, the time and place the meeting shall reconvene.

(IX) Accommodation
THAT in addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language:

If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event please contact us 72 hours before the event at 541-2182/TTY.

(X) Validity
THAT if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution or its application to other situations.

(XI) Repealer
THAT all by-laws, order and resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repeal

shall not be construed to revive any prior by-law, order or resolution or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

(XII)
THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED
this 17th day of November, 2014.

APPROVED:
s/Ken Miyagishima
Mayor

ATTEST:
s/Esther Martinez-Carrillo,
MMC, City Clerk

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: Aye
Councillor Silva: Aye
Councillor Smith: Aye
Councillor Pedroza: Aye
Councillor Small: Aye
Councillor Sorg: Aye
Councillor Levatino: Aye

Moved by: Small
Seconded by: Smith

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
s/Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
City Attorney

City of Las Cruces
Regular Meeting Schedule
Calendar Year 2015

January
Monday,
January 5, 2015
Tuesday,
January 20, 2015

February
Monday,
February 2, 2015
Tuesday,
February 17, 2015

March
Monday,
March 2, 2015
Monday,
March 16, 2015

April
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April 6, 2015
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April 20, 2015

May
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May 4, 2015
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May 18, 2015

June
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June 1, 2015
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June 15, 2015

July
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July 20, 2015

August
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August 3, 2015
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August 17, 2015

September
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September 8, 2015
Monday,
September 21, 2015

October
Monday,
October 5, 2015
Monday,
October 19, 2015

November
Monday,
November 2, 2015
Monday,
November 16, 2015

December
Monday,
December 7, 2015
Monday,
December 21, 2015

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Esther Martinez-Carrillo,
MMC, City Clerk

Date: 12/26/2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

Cause No. 14-0265
Judge Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALMA DORTHENE BERNSTEIN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2014.

/s/Raymond F. Bernstein, Jr.
Raymond F. Bernstein, Jr.,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)

Dates: 12/19, 12/26, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. DM-2014-1520
Judge Mary W. Rosner

LAURA HIDALGO, Petitioner,

v.

DONATO NUNEZ, Respondent.

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER

Petitioner has filed a motion requesting that the Court approve service of process upon Donato Nunez by publication in a newspaper of general circulation. The Court finds that Petitioner Laura Hidalgo has made diligent efforts to make personal service, but he has not been able to complete service of process on Donato Nunez. The last known address of Donato Nunez is unknown since he has not had contact with Petitioner in over ten (10) years. Donato Nunez's whereabouts are unknown. The Court further finds that the newspaper of general circulation in the Las Cruces, New Mexico area is most likely to give Donato Nunez notice of the pendency of the action.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner serve process on Donato Nunez by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Las Cruces, New Mexico area. Petitioner shall file a proof of service with a copy of the affidavit of publication when service has been completed.

/s/Douglas R. Driggers
District Judge

Submitted:
/s/Ofelia Infante-Garcia
Ofelia Infante-Garcia
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 208
Mesilla, NM 88046
(575) 526-7781

Dates: 12/19, 12/26, 2014
01/02, 2015

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

No. D-307-PB-2014-00099
(Arrieta)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF PETRA DOMINGUEZ OROZCO & RODOLFO Z. OROZCO, Deceased.

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Dated: December 10, 2014.

/s/Rodolfo Orozco
Rodolfo Orozco
Personal Representative of the Estates of Petra Dominguez Orozco and Rodolfo Z. Orozco, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
(575) 526-0960 (Fax)

Dates: 12/19, 12/26, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-PS-2014-00114
Judge Douglas R. Driggers

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARIA ESPERANZA OLIVAS, DECEASED.

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DATED this 10th day of December, 2014,

/s/Elizabeth Lopez
ELIZABETH LOPEZ
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 46
Anthony,
New Mexico 88021

KEITHLY &



ENGLISH, L.L.C.
SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for
Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
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(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Dates: 12/19, 12/26, 2014

STATE OF
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IN THE
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No. 14-0251

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
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Motel Blvd., Rm #1-201 Las
Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: December 18, 2014

/s/Debra J. Smith
Debra J. Smith
5064 S. 101st Street
Greenfield, WI 53228
414-425-1443

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

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 14-0275

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Olivia V. Carrasco,
Deceased.

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845 N. Motel Blvd. L.C.,
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Dated: 12-16, 2014.

/s/Manuel M. Morales
Manuel M. Morales
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Dates: 12/26, 2014
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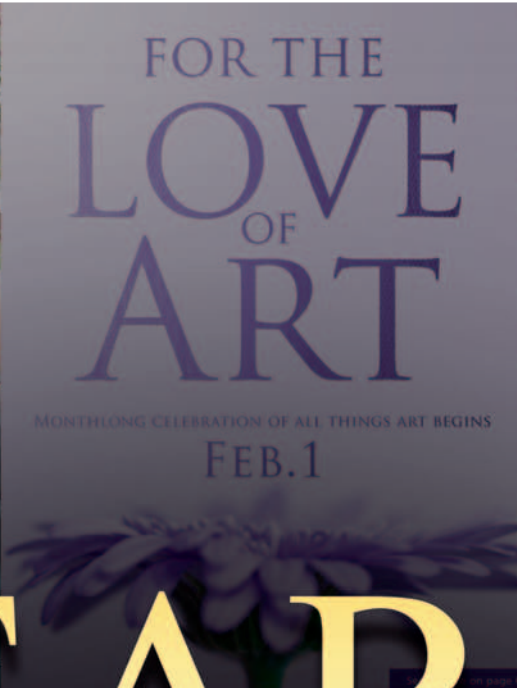
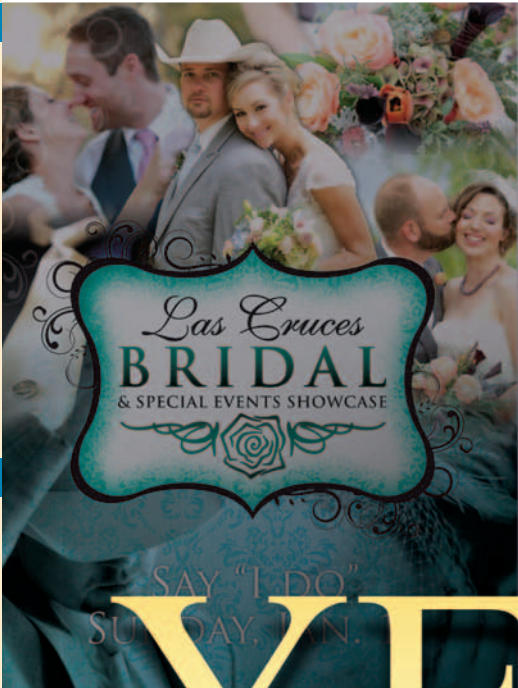
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A look back at 2014

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

2014 was another banner year for the arts in Las Cruces. From live music to visual arts to celebrations of food and culture, the City of the Crosses truly came alive in 2014.

In Downtown, a number of new and returning festivals drew thousands of visitors throughout the year. In April, the Las Cruces County Music Festival, in its second iteration, brought Cassadee Pope, Casey James, Bri Bagwell, James Wesley and Chase Bryant to open for the legendary Charlie Daniels Band, along with local acts Border Avenue, Abe Mac Band, Crooked Beaver Creek, The Mother Tuckers, Tom Foster Morris and Yarbrough Band. Thousands two-stepped their way through Downtown, making the event a tremendous success and paving the way for 2015's festival, which will feature Dustin Lynch, The Swon Brothers and "The Gambler" himself, Kenny Rogers, along with a host of additional artists.

That same weekend, Avenue Art returned to Main Street, with 24 local artists chalking their very own masterpieces directly on to the thoroughfare.

In May, the New Mexico Brewers Guild (NMBG) returned to Las Cruces, hosting its first event on Main Street with its second Blazin' Brewfest. Fourteen New Mexico breweries brought their best beers to thirsty Las Cruces – thousands of them – and the newly revitalized Main Street proved to be the perfect location –



Larry Blevins of 24/7 Blues Band wails on his sax during August's Red, White and Blues Festival, held at St. Clair Winery and Bistro.

so much so, the NMBG returned in November with its second Dia de la Cerveza, and has plans to visit the southern part of the state at least twice throughout 2015.

In late August, the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership once again hosted Salsafest!, with local gourmets pitting their finest, fieriest salsas against one another for bragging rights and fabulous prizes. The two-day festival also included a best-dressed Chihuahua contest, live music, vendors and, of course, salsa dancing, making it the perfect segue into the harvest season.

September saw the Southwest Environmental Center's fundraiser A Wild Night for Wildlife, and in October, scores of the undead shambled their way down the city center, when the eighth annual Zombie Walk returned bigger and better than ever.

Of course, the Las Cruces Famers and Craft Market continued its success throughout 2014, with its regular Wednesday and Saturday mornings filled to the brim with residents eager to scoop up fresh, local produce and goods, arts and crafts and food, food, food. Another welcome addition to the market, Las Cruces has in the past year seen a boom in the food-truck business, with 138 Sandwiches, Luchador Food Truck, The Green-Chile Paddy Wagon and more serving their finest fare to hungry Las Cruces. We're a bit late to the food truck revolution, but if the past year is any indication, Las Cruces is catching on and catching up.

Downtown Las Cruces is also home to the monthly first Friday Art Ramble, when galleries throughout the city center open their doors to guests and unveil new works by some of the area's best and brightest.

Of course, the action of the past year wasn't confined to Downtown. In January, classic rock legends Styx came to the Pan American Center and, after a battle-of-the-bands-style competition, local rockers Decade of the Dead Arcade were invited to open the show.

The Las Cruces Convention Center, too, served as the perfect venue for a plethora of events throughout 2014. In January, the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase, in its fourth outing, served as the perfect one-stop shop for anyone planning a wedding, quinceñera or other special event. February, designated For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces, held the annual ArtForms Love of Art Exhibit and Fair, with hundreds of regional craftsmen and artists filled the convention center with their finest works, along with a host of musical performances and more.

The following month, too, saw a variety



Team Fuego Verde – Matthew Minton, Rebecca Cruz, Angie Cruz, Angie Alvarado, Johnny Cruz and Anthony Alvarado – served their spiciest salsa as participants in August's Salsafest! held on Main Street Downtown.

of artists pack the convention center once more for the three-day Las Cruces Arts Fair, raising funds to continue the work of the Doña Ana Arts Council, dedicated to improving the quality of life in the county by ensuring the performing, literary and visual arts play a part in daily life, in education, economic growth and community development.

In September, the convention center was home to Las Cruces' first pop culture convention, when Zia Comics organized the Las Cruces Comic Con, featuring comics and collectibles along with an artists' alley, a game room, a comic-themed performance by the Strangeluv's Burlesque Troupe and, without a doubt, some of the most elaborate and inspired costumes the city has ever seen.

October saw the return of the Latin

Comedy Jam to the convention center, featuring some of the hottest up-and-coming Latino comedians in the world, including Shayla Rivera, a former rocket scientist turned comedienne, Roberto Rodriguez and Dillon Garcia, the youngest comedian ever featured on Comedy Central.

In November, the eight annual High Heels for High Hopes event transformed the convention center into a full-blown Las Vegas dream, raising funds for the March of Dimes as 25 courageous Las Cruces women strutted their stuff on stage.

West of town, too, was a bustle of activity at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds. In addition to the annual Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo in early October, the fairgrounds



A man calling himself "Oden" feasts on dragon soup, one of the many creative meals sold at the November Renaissance ArtsFaire held at Young Park.



Artist Aaron Valenzuela, of Atom Bomb Tattoo, paints Sam Olivas as Spider-Man nemesis Venom during the first Las Cruces Comic Con, held at the Las Cruces Convention Center in September.

was also home to the spring and fall wine festivals.

The historic town of Mesilla, too, was home to a plethora of events in 2014. Cultural celebrations abounded, as the plaza filled with people for May’s Cinco de Mayo, September’s Diez y Seis de Septiembre and November’s Dia de los Muertos celebrations. In October, the town once again hosted the Mesilla Jazz Happening, now in its 14th year under the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society (MVJBS), featuring three days of big band, swing and jazz music from a few of the area’s most talented performers. The MVJBS also hosted the Red, White and Blues festival on the green at St. Clair Winery and Bistro, a full day of flowing wine and great blues music.

Las Cruces’ local theater companies – the Las Cruces Community Theatre, No Strings Theatre Company at the Black Box Theatre and New Mexico State University’s American Southwest Theatre Company – continued on with successful performances throughout the year, highlighting the acting, musical and directorial chops of the city’s creatives. Las Cruces Community Theatre staged successful productions of “Annie Get Your Gun,” “Ruthless,” and “Meet Me in St. Louis,” while the neighboring Black Box Theatre hosted “Moonlight and Magnolias,” “Romance Romance,” “Into the Woods,” “Rocket Man” and “A Tuna Christmas.” Across town at the NMSU Center for the Arts’ Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre, American Southwest Theatre Company put on performances of “Aunt Raini,” “The Full Monty,” “West Highland Way,” “The Mystery of Edwin Drood” and “The Misanthrope,” and the new Scaffolding Theatre Company made its debut with “Nine.”

Beer had a great year in Las Cruces, too. In addition to the NMBG’s two festivals, the city saw August’s Tour de Beer move to its new home in the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, which also served as the venue for the first Beer, Bacon and Bourbon Festival in September. While Mimbres Valley Brewing Co., out of Deming, shuttered their Las Cruces taproom location, the space was quickly snapped up by Albuquerque’s Bosque Brewing Co., which opened its doors in December, and in October, upstart Spotted Dog Brewery opened its first location on the eastern edge of Mesilla. At Pecan Grill & Brewery, too, brewmaster Dave Allan is hard at work creating some new and exciting styles of beer for every taste.

Las Cruces also saw an influx of national chain restaurants in 2014, with Jimmy Johns, Sweet CeCe’s,

Jason’s Deli, Corner Bakery Cafe and Wing Daddy’s setting up shop around town.

This is, of course, just scratching the surface of what happened in Las Cruces in 2014, but one thing is certain: with this kind of momentum, we can’t wait to see what 2015 has in store.



Isaac Morales and State Rep. Bill McCamley got in on the undead fun during October's Zombie Walk.



Daniel Duran, Fatima Abayad, Victoria Martinez, Ed Perez and Desarae Diaz sampled beers at August's Tour de Beer.

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FRIDAY EVENING															DECEMBER 26, 2014														
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30														
PBS	2 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Wash	Charlie	Bing Crosby Rediscovered				Cool	Charlie Rose (N)		World	T. Smiley														
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Now That	Mom			Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Ferguson																
ABC	7 7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Last Man	Cristela	Shark Tank		(:01) 20/20	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live			Nightline														
FOX	8 14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ice Age	Burgers	Glee		(DVS)	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike															
NBC	9 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Caught on Camera	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)			News (N)	Tonight Show	Meyers																	
CW	14	Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	Whose?	Whose?	Penn & Teller	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Commun	Rules	Rules														
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks														
ESPN	26	College Football	College Football: Bitcoin St. Petersburg Bowl								SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)																
ESPN2	27	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live)						SportCtr	30 for 30	NBA																	
USA	31	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Benched	Benched														
TNT	32	Castle (In Stereo)	Castle (In Stereo)	Wake Up Call (N)			** "Clash of the Titans" (2010)			Wake Up Call		Hawaii Five-0																	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**** "The Dark Knight" (2008) Christian Bale, Heath Ledger. (DVS)			Cougar																		
COM	35	South Pk	** "Pineapple Express" (2008) Seth Rogen.			** "Pineapple Express" (2008) Seth Rogen.			The Comedy Central Roast																				
LIFE	39	(4:00) "Bride Wars"	** "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet.			Biography			(:02) ** "The Holiday" (2006)																				
FOOD	40	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Top 10 Restaurants		Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive	Top 10 Restaurants																		
HGTV	41	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	Hunters		Hunt Intl																
A&E	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds																
HIST	44	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers																
TLC	45	Gypsy Wedding	The Big Day	Say Yes to the			Borrowed		Borrowed	Say Yes to the	Borrowed		The Big Day																
DISC	47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush - The		Alaskan Bush		Gold Rush - The		Alaskan Bush	(:04) Gold Rush																		
ANPL	50	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters			(:04) Redwood Kings		Treehouse Masters		(:04) Redwood Kings		Treehouse Masters																
FAM	51	*** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe.			The 700 Club			** "Mirror Mirror" (2012) Julia Roberts.																					
DISN	52	I Didn't	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Austin	"Alvin and the Chipmunks"	Gravity	Gravity	Rebels	I Didn't																
NICK	54	Sam &	"Sophia & Rosie"	Sam &	Sam &	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother	Mother	George															
AMC	57	"High Plains Drifter"		*** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.			*** "Air Force One" (1997, Suspense) Harrison Ford.																						
SYFY	59	"Chupacabra"		WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)			Face Off		Face Off		Face Off		Face Off																
CNN	62	This Is Life		This Is Life		This Is Life		This Is Life		This Is Life		This Is Life		This Is Life															
CNBC	63	Billions Behind Bars		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed															
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews		All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup															

SATURDAY AFTERNOON											DECEMBER 27, 2014				
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30		
PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	Farm	Gardener	This Old House Hr	Garden	Cook's	Cooking	Simp. Ming	Lawrence Welk				
CBS	3	3	We Need to Talk (N)	College Football Hyundai Sun Bowl -- Arizona State vs. Duke. (N) (Live) Ⓢ								Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
ABC	7	7	Wildlife	Outback	Paid Prog.	World of X Games (N)	College Football Duck Commander Independence Bowl -- Miami vs. South Carolina. (N)								
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Glee "Mattress" Ⓢ	"Assassin's Code" (2011) Min-su Choi. Ⓢ		*** "Christmas Angel in the House" (2011)							
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Unstoppable: Best of WSOF 2014	Red Bull Signature Series From Virgin, Utah. (N)					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
CW	14	14	Rock-Park	Reluctantly	Happy Holidays	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Access Hollywood (N)	1st Family	1st Family			
WGN	15	15	Manhattan	(:21) Manhattan Ⓢ	(:22) Manhattan Ⓢ	(:20) Manhattan Ⓢ	(:20) Manhattan Ⓢ	(:19) Manhattan Ⓢ	(:20) Manhattan Ⓢ	(:20) Manhattan Ⓢ	Manhattan	Manhattan			
ESPN	26	26	College Football Military Bowl -- Cincinnati vs. Virginia Tech. (N) (Live)					College Football: New Era Pinstripe Bowl							
ESPN2	27	27	College Basketball	College Basketball Kentucky at Louisville. (N)				College Basketball				College Basketball			
USA	31	31	NCIS "Borderland"	NCIS "Patriot Down"	NCIS "Rule Fifty-One"	NCIS (In Stereo) Ⓢ	NCIS (In Stereo) Ⓢ	NCIS (In Stereo) Ⓢ	NCIS (In Stereo) Ⓢ	NCIS "Two-Faced"					
TNT	32	32	Ghost Rdr	** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Ⓢ (DVS)				** "Terminator Salvation" (2009) Ⓢ (DVS)				"Clash of the Titans"			
TBS	33	33	(10:30) **** "The Dark Knight" (2008, Action) Christian Bale. (DVS)					Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Raymond	Raymond		
COM	35	35	(:07) ** "Tommy Boy" (1995) Chris Farley.	(:11) Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos				(:45) Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity Ⓢ				J. Dunham			
LIFE	39	39	(10:00) Movie	Movie				Movie				Movie			
FOOD	40	40	Rewrapped	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible	Diners	Diners	Top 10 Restaurants	Kitchen Inferno			Chopped			
HGTV	41	41	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop		
A&E	43	43	(10:00) *** "Apollo 13" (1995) Tom Hanks.					*** "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks, David Morse. (In Stereo) Ⓢ				Criminal Minds Ⓢ			
HIST	44	44	Prophets of Doom (In Stereo) Ⓢ					Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars		
TLT	45	45	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER		
DISC	47	47	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ	Deadliest Catch Ⓢ		
ANPL	50	50	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)	Dirty Jobs (In Stereo)		
FAM	51	51	"Harry Potter-Chamber"		*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) Rupert Grint						"Harry Potter-Phoenix"				
DISN	52	52	Alvin	Rebels	(:05) Jessie Ⓢ	Dog	Dog	Dog	I Didn't	I Didn't	I Didn't	Austin	Austin		
NICK	54	54	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	"Jinxed" (2013) Ⓢ			
AMC	57	57	(9:00) "Tombstone"		*** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. Ⓢ						*** "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997)				
SYFY	59	59	*** "Mega Shark vs Crocosaurus" (2010)			*** "Mega Python vs. Gatoroid" (2011) Tiffany				"Piranhaconda" (2012, Horror) Michael Madsen.					
CNN	62	62	(8:00) CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)				CNN Newsroom (N)	Smerconish				
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC	64	64	Weekends-Witt	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera		

Television Listings

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON										DECEMBER 28, 2014			
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Report	Memory	New Mexico In Focus	Healing	Healthy	Teaching Channel	Globe Trekker	Antiques Roadshow (N)				
CBS	3	NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers (N) (Live) [CC]						(:25) NFL Football Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos. (N)					
ABC	7	"Buster & Chauncey"	"Nuttiest Nut"			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Year: 2014 (In Stereo) [CC]					Entertainment Tonight
FOX	8	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins. (N) (In Stereo Live) [CC]						(:25) NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at San Francisco 49ers.					
NBC	9	Paid Prog.	Premier League Goal Zone (N)			Adventure Sports		Action Sports (N) [CC]	Equestrian			Paid Prog.	NBC News
CW	14	Planet	Adventures	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Raw Travel Hiring	Outd'r	Music		Latino TV	LatiNation
WGN	15	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]	Blue Bloods [CC]		Blue Bloods [CC]	
ESPN	26	PBA Bowling	Playoff	Playoff	Playoff	Playoff	Playoff	World/Poker	2014 World Series of Poker Final Table.				
ESPN2	27	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	2014 CrossFit Games	2014 CrossFit Games	2014 CrossFit Games			
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			
TNT	32	"Sherlock Holmes-Game"		** "Sherlock Holmes" (2009, Action) Robert Downey Jr.				** "Angels & Demons" (2009) Tom Hanks.					
TBS	33	Replacem	*** "Blades of Glory" (2007) Will Ferrell.			** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey. (DVS)			** "Meet the Fockers" (2004)				
COM	35	(:07) * "Black Sheep" (1996) Chris Farley. [CC]		Futurama		Futurama	(:15) Futurama [CC]		Futurama	South Park	South Park	Shallow	
LIFE	39	Movie		Movie				Movie					
FOOD	40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Diners, Drive			
HGTV	41	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers			
A&E	43	Hollywood Reporter	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44	Banned from the Bible II (In Stereo) [CC]		The Antichrist [CC]		Rise of the Antichrist		American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers			
TLC	45	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]	90 Day Fiance [CC]			
DISC	47	Epic Homes [CC]	Epic Homes [CC]	Epic Homes [CC]	Epic Homes [CC]	Epic Homes [CC]	Epic Homes [CC]	Epic Homes [CC]	Last Frontier	Last Frontier			
ANPL	50	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]	Finding Bigfoot [CC]			
FAM	51	"Harry Potter-Phoenix"	*** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint.					"Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows"					
DISN	52	Austin	Liv-Mad.	Jessie (In Stereo) [CC]	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck	
NICK	54	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Sam & Cat	Sam & Cat	Sam & Cat	Sam & Cat	Sam & Cat	Sam & Cat	Sam & Cat	"Swindle" (2013) [CC]		
AMC	57	(:12) Breaking Bad "Cancer Man"	(:16) Breaking Bad			(:20) Breaking Bad	(:20) Breaking Bad	(:24) Breaking Bad	(:24) Breaking Bad	(:28) Breaking Bad	Break-Bad		
SYFY	59	** "Dinoshark" (2010, Horror) Eric Balfour.		"Bait" (2012) Xavier Samuel, Phoebe Tonkin.				"Robocroc" (2013) Corin Nemec, Steven Hartley.					
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)			
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	Meet the Press [CC]		Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera			

SUNDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 28, 2014					
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	"Friend Indeed"		Moyers	Weekend	British Baking		Masterpiece Classic [CC] (DVS)				Growing	Start Up	Front and Center	
CBS	3	Football	News	60 Minutes (N)		Undercover Boss		The Mentalist (N)		CSI: Crime Scene		News	The Good Wife		Blue
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Revenge "Contact"		Revenge "Intel"		Revenge [CC]		ABC 7	News	Insider	Scandal
FOX	8	Football	The OT	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Brooklyn	Fam. Guy	Burgers	KFOX14 News		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike
NBC	9	Football Night in America (N)			(:20) NFL Football Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live) [CC]						Sports	News (N)	Paid	Nieman	Paid
CW	14	** "Black Knight" (2001, Comedy)				** "Major League" (1989, Comedy)				TMZ (N) [CC]		Raising	Raising	Middle	Middle
WGN	15	** "Man on Fire" (2004) Denzel Washington. [CC]				(:35) * "Thirteen Ghosts" (2001) [CC]						(:39) Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	Parks
ESPN	26	SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]			30 for 30 [CC]			Champs			SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]		SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]		
ESPN2	27	World of X Games			World/Poker		World/Poker		2014 World Series of Poker Final Table.			ESPN FC (N) (Live)		30 for 30	
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam / Mod Fam		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	"Angels & Demons"		The Librarians (N)		** "Red" (2010, Action)		Bruce Willis.		The Librarians		** "Sherlock Holmes" (2009) Jude Law			
TBS	33	"Meet the Fockers"		** "Four Christmases" (2008) (DVS)		** "Four Christmases" (2008) (DVS)		** "Four Christmases" (2008) (DVS)		** "Meet the Fockers" (2004) (DVS)					
COM	35	(:4:20) ** "Shallow Hal" (2001) [CC]			Dave Chappelle			Kevin Hart: Laugh		Kevin Hart: Grown		Kevin Hart: Laugh		Kevin Hart: Grown	
LIFE	39	"A Wife's Nightmare" (2014) [CC]			"Nanny Cam" (2014) Laura Allen. [CC]						(:02) "A Wife's Nightmare" (2014) [CC]		(:02) "Nanny Cam"		
FOOD	40	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen	
HGTV	41	Property Brothers		Hawaii	Hawaii	Beach	Beach	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Beach	Beach	Hunters	Hunt Intl
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
HIST	44	American Pickers		Ax Men [CC]		Ax Men [CC]		Alaska Off-Road		American Pickers		(:01) Ax Men [CC]		(:01) Ax Men [CC]	
TLC	45	90 Day Fiance		90 Day Fiance		90 Day Fiance (N)		TLC Seasons		90 Day Fiance		TLC Seasons		90 Day Fiance	
DISC	47	Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Edge of Alaska		Last Frontier		Edge of Alaska		Edge of Alaska	
ANPL	50	Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		(:02) Finding Bigfoot (N) (In Stereo) [CC]			(:04) Finding Bigfoot (In Stereo) [CC]			(:04) Finding Bigfoot			
FAM	51	"Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows"			*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011)							J. Osteen	Jeremiah	Robison	Paid
DISN	52	Good	Dog	Dog	Dog	Austin	Austin	Girl	Girl	** "High School Musical" (2006) [CC]		Jessie		Rebels	
NICK	54	(:4:00) "Swindle"		Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother		Mother	George
AMC	57	Break	(:36) Breaking Bad		(:40) Breaking Bad		(:44) Breaking Bad "Breakage"		(8:48) Breaking Bad		(9:52) Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad [CC]		
SYFY	59	"Lake Placid 3" (2010) Colin Ferguson.			"Lake Placid: The Final Chapter" (2012)			"Sharktopus" (2010) Eric Roberts.					** "Dinoshark"		
CNN	62	The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties "1968"		The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties	
CNBC	63	The	On	60 Minutes on		60 Minutes on		Costco Craze		Coca-Cola		Pepsi's Challenge		Amazon Rising	
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	

MONDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 29, 2014					
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Independent Lens [CC]				Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley		
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Broke	Mike	Scorpion [CC]	NCIS: Los Angeles	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Charlie Brown	Rudolph's New Year	Castle "Veritas"	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX	8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	Gotham	"Arkham"	Sleepy Hollow	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike		
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	State of Affairs	State of Affairs	State of Affairs	News (N)	Tonight Show	Meyers			
CW	14		Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	The Originals [CC]	Jane the Virgin	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Commun	Rules	
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	Raising	
ESPN	26		College Football: Russell Athletic Bowl			College Football AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl --			Arkansas vs. Texas. (N)			SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]			
ESPN2	27		College Basketball Toledo at Duke. (N)			Women's College Basketball			SportsCenter (N)			SportCtr NFL PrimeTime NBA			
USA	31		It Takes a Choir (N)			WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) [CC]			Chrisley Chrisley			NCIS: Los Angeles NCIS: Los Angeles			
TNT	32		Castle "Cuffed"			Major Crimes [CC]			Major Crimes (N)			Major Crimes [CC]			
TBS	33		Seinfeld			Seinfeld			Fam. Guy Fam. Guy			American American			
COM	35		South Pk			South Pk			South Pk South Pk			Big Bang Big Bang			
LIFE	39		(4:00) Movie			"The Assault" (2014) Makenzie Vega. [CC]			"Presumed Dead in Paradise" (2014) [CC]			(:02) "The Assault" (2014) Makenzie Vega.			
FOOD	40		Diners			Diners			My. Din My. Din			My. Din My. Din			
HGTV	41		Love It or List It			Love It or List It			Love It or List It			Love It or List It			
A&E	43		The First 48 [CC]			The First 48 [CC]			The First 48 [CC]			The First 48 [CC]			
HIST	44		Pawn			Pawn			Pawn			Pawn			
TLC	45		** "You've Got Mail" (1998) Tom Hanks. [CC]			(:35) ** "You've Got Mail" (1998)			Tom Hanks. [CC]			Untold Stories of ER Untold Stories of ER			
DISC	47		Street Outlaws			Street Outlaws: Full			Street Outlaws (N)			Fast N' Loud: Demo			
ANPL	50		Yukon Men [CC]			Yukon Men [CC]			Yukon Men [CC]			Yukon Men [CC]			
FAM	51		"Harry Potter"			*** "The Hunger Games" (2012) Jennifer Lawrence.			The 700 Club [CC]			Lizzie Lizzie			
DISN	52		Jessie			Jessie			Dog			Dog			
NICK	54		Odd Parents			Full H'se			Full H'se			Full H'se			
AMC	57		Break			(:40) Breaking Bad			(:44) Breaking Bad			(:7:48) Breaking Bad			
SYFY	59		* "Babylon A.D." (2008) Vin Diesel.			** "The Scorpion King" (2002)			** "The Scorpion King" (2002)			** "The Scorpion King" (2002)			
CNN	62		E. B. OutFront			Anderson Cooper			CNN Special Report			CNN Tonight			
CNBC	63		Ultimate Factories			Shark Tank [CC]			The Profit			The Profit			
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews			All In With Chris			Rachel Maddow			The Last Word			



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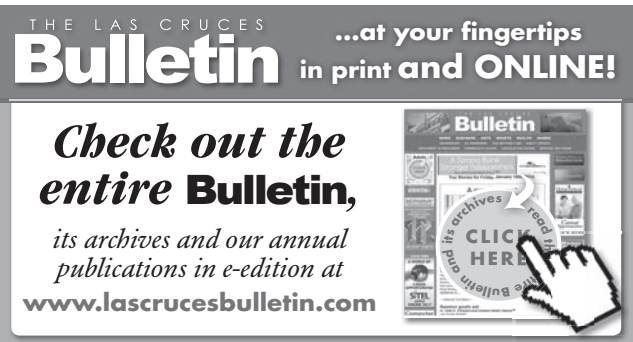
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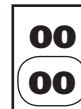
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TelevisionListings



ON AIR

COMCAST CABLE**TUESDAY EVENING****DECEMBER 30, 2014**

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Sacred Journey	Sacred Journey	Sacred Journey	Frontline	(DVS)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS	(DVS)	The 37th Annual Kennedy Center Honors	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Forever	Forever	Forever	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	New Girl	Mindy	New Girl	Mindy	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike		
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	News (N)	Tonight Show	Meyers			
CW	14	Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	The Flash	Supernatural	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Commun	Rules		
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	*** "The Family Man" (2000)	Nicolas Cage.	Mother	Rules	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	Raising			
ESPN	26	(4:30) College Football	Belk Bowl -- Georgia vs.	Louisville, (N)	College Football	Foster	Farms Bowl -- Maryland vs.	Stanford, (N) (Live)	SportCtr						
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Benched	Benched	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
USA	31	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY		
TNT	32	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY		
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ground	Big Bang	Conan	Conan	Conan	Cougar		
COM	35	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	* "Scary Movie 2" (2001, Comedy)	"Harold & Kumar"				
LIFE	39	(4:00) Movie	*** "G.I. Jane" (1997)	Drama	Demi Moore. Premiere.	Biography	(:02) *** "G.I. Jane" (1997)								
FOOD	40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped		
HGTV	41	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
HIST	44	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End	Revelation: End		
TLC	45	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple		
DISC	47	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners		
ANPL	50	Tanked	Tanked	Redwood Kings	Redwood Kings	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Tanked	Tanked	Redwood Kings	Treehouse Masters				
FAM	51	(3:30) "The Hunger Games"	** "The Proposal" (2009)	Sandra Bullock.	The 700 Club	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven		
DISN	52	Dog	Austin	Austin	(:05) ** "High School Musical 2" (2007)	"High School Musical 3: Senior Year"	Austin	Dog							
NICK	54	(4:30) iCarly	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother	Mother	George		
AMC	57	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead		
SYFY	59	"Apocalypse L.A." (2014)	Justin Ray.	** "Volcano" (1997, Action)	Tommy Lee Jones.	** "Volcano" (1997, Action)	Tommy Lee Jones.								
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	All Best/Worst	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper	All Best/Worst	CNNI Simulcast							
CNBC	63	The Profit	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank		
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	

WEDNESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 31, 2014

			5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS	2	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Live From Lincoln Center (N) 66				Feinstein-Year		Charlie Rose (N)		World	T. Smiley		
CBS	3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Blue Bloods 66	Criminal Minds		Stalker "Pilot"		News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC	7	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's			Dick Clark		News	Access	(:05) TMZ	Dick		
FOX	8	14	News	Simpsons	Big Bang	Big Bang	Pitbull's New Year's Revolution 66				News	Simpsons	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Pitbull's New Year's		
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	A Toast to 2014! A look back at 2014. (N)				New Year's		News (N)	New Year's Special		Daly	
CW	14		Cougar	Raising	Middle	iHeartradio Music Festival Night 1 66				ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Big D NYE 66				
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	Raising		
ESPN	26		Bowl	Pregame	(:10) Capital One Orange Bowl Georgia Tech vs. Mississippi State. (N)								Post	(9:50) SportsCenter (N) (Live) 66			
ESPN2	27		SportsCenter (N)	30 for 30			Champs	30 for 30	SportCtr	Cartoons	Sport Sci.	NBA	College Football				
USA	31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
TNT	32		(3:45) *** "300"	** "The Expendables" (2010, Action)				** "Red" (2010, Action)		Bruce Willis.		Law & Order	Law & Order				
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan 66	Cougar	Conan 66	Cougar			
COM	35		** "Scary Movie 2"	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Park "The Coon Trilogy"		(:31) South Park 66		(:01) South Park				
LIFE	39		(4:00) Movie	** "27 Dresses" (2008) Katherine Heigl.				* "Bride Wars" (2009) Kate Hudson.		(:02) ** "27 Dresses" (2008) 66							
FOOD	40		Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen				
HGTV	41		Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters			
A&E	43		Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty 66	Duck Dynasty 66	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	(:01) Duck Dynasty	(:01) Duck Dynasty					
HIST	44		American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers				
TLC	45		Untold Stories of ER	Strange Sex	Secret Sex Lives	Secret Sex Lives	Secret Sex Lives	Secret Sex Lives	Secret Sex Lives	Secret Sex Lives	Strange Sex						
DISC	47		Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid				
ANPL	50		North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America				
FAM	51		(4:00) ** "The Proposal"		*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.				The 700 Club 66		Stevens	Stevens	Stevens	Stevens			
DISN	52		Girl	Girl	Star New Year	Liv-Mad.	"High School Musical 3: Senior Year"			"Zapped" (2014) Zendaya. 66		"How to Build"					
NICK	54		Nicky	Nicky	Thunder	Thunder	Henry	Henry	100 Things	TeenNick Top 10 (N)	How I Met/Mother	Mother	Friends				
AMC	57		The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead				
SYFY	59		Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone			
CNN	62		E. B. OutFront	All Best/Worst	New Year's Eve Live With Anderson Cooper and Kathy Griffin (N) (Live)						News'r m		New Year's Eve				
CNBC	63		The Profit	Shark Tank 66	Shark Tank 66	Shark Tank 66	Shark Tank 66	Shark Tank 66	Shark Tank 66	Shark Tank 66	The	The	The	The			
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					

THURSDAY EVENING

JANUARY 1, 2015

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	News	Fronteras	To Be Announced		NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World		T. Smiley	
CBS	3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	(:31) Mom	Two Men	McCar	Elementary	News	Letterman	Ferguson	
ABC	7	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	The Taste	"Happy New Year" (N)			Away-Murder	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
FOX	8	14	News	Simpsons	Big Bang	Big Bang	Bones (In Stereo) (PA)	(DVS)		News	Simpsons	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	The Biggest Loser	Bad	A to Z	Parenthood "Vegas"	News (N)	Tonight Show		Meyers	
CW	14		Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	iHeartradio Music Festival Night 2			Dish Nat.	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Rules	
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos			Mother	Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Raising	
ESPN	26		Rose Bowl			Pregame	(6:50) Allstate Sugar Bowl	Alabama vs. Ohio State.	(N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		
ESPN2	27		SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)		HS Football		SportsCenter (N)		SportCtr	Profile	College Football	
USA	31		NCIS (DVS)			NCIS "Alleged"		NCIS (DVS)		NCIS (DVS)		NCIS (DVS)		NCIS (DVS)	
TNT	32		Castle (In Stereo)			Castle (In Stereo)		Castle (In Stereo)		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0	
TBS	33		(4:45) ** "The Hangover Part II" (2011)			Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Cougar	Conan	Office	
COM	35		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	** "Jackass 3D" (2010, Comedy)			** "Jackass 3.5" (2011, Comedy)				"Jackass: Movie"	
LIFE	39		Little Women: LA			Little Women: LA		Big Women		Big Women		Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA	
FOOD	40		Chopped			Chopped		Beat Play	Beat Play	Diners	Diners	Chopped		Beat Play	
HGTV	41		Island	Island		HGTV Dream Home		Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	
A&E	43		The First 48			The First 48	(N)	(:01) The First 48		(:04) The First 48		(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48	
HIST	44		Pawn	Pawn		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
TLC	45		My Addiction			My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life	
DISC	47		Alaskan Bush			Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Last Frontier	
ANPL	50		Mermaids: New			Megalodon: The Extended Cut	(In Stereo)	Megalodon		Megalodon: The Extended Cut	(In Stereo)	Megalodon		Megalodon	
FAM	51		(4:30) *** "Matilda" (1996)			** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)				The 700 Club		** "The Cheetah Girls" (2003) Raven.			
DISN	52		Movie (In Stereo)			Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Dog	Jessie	Austin	Movie (In Stereo)			
NICK	54		SpongeBob			Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	Everybody Raymond	
AMC	57		The Walking Dead			The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead	
SYFY	59		Zone	Zone		Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	
CNN	62		Anthony Bourd.			Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.	
CNBC	63		Shark Tank			Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews			All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow	

Events Calendar

FRI. 12/26

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

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

SAT. 12/27

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

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

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

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts for Kids, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children of all ages are invited to come by the museum and create their own New Year's 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, Sarah Addison and Sharlene Wittern will be the storytellers at the Downtown location and Nancy Banks will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

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

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

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

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

SUN. 12/28

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.

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

MON. 12/29

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

TUE. 12/30

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.

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5 to 8 p.m. Open Mic, New Mexico State University Barnes &



Rock ‘n’ roll icon Little Anthony will ring in the New Year with a performance at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

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

THU. 1/1/2015

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

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

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

FRI. 1/2

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.

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

BEGINNER

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER	4	2	9	6	3	8	1	7	5
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The year in cinematic achievements ... sort of



David Salcido
Through the lens

Do I believe filmmaking can change the world? Sure I do. Actually, I think it already has. Things are vastly different now in our society than they were when the first Kinetoscope film was shot by William Dickson in 1890. We've gone to the moon. We have the Internet and laptop computers. We have become a global community.

Ideas like this were first presented in the written form. For centuries people read about heroic feats of accomplishment and amazing phantasms that generated excitement and wonder, but little else. We didn't think of those literary heroes as real people. They were heroes and in our collective consciousness, they were much larger than life.

Then along came the movies. Suddenly, we were presented with the visual representation of human beings doing unfathomable things. People who looked and acted just like us! It was only then that we, as a collective, began to consider the possibility that the realization of seemingly impossible dreams could be more than merely fiction.

The people who have made the Internet what it is today were all science fiction geeks. Sir Richard Branson watched a lot of movies when he was young. So, too, did the people who founded the Robotics Institute in 1979. I don't see any of that as coincidental.

I mean, think about it. It wasn't H.G. Wells and Jules Verne who inspired us to literally reach for the stars. It was screen heroes like Buck Rogers, Flash Gordon and Captain Kirk. If THEY could do it, then so could we!

Now, I admit, we made a lot of discoveries before the invention of moving pictures, but moving pictures made the realization of dreams a universal theme. We create change within our own lives by following the cinematic examples of fictional representations of the people we really want to be. In that respect, movies can, indeed, change the world.

That said, much of what changed this year in the continuing struggle to create a viable film industry in southern New Mexico was, overall, very noteworthy. Though they may not have occupied the papers or saturated the airwaves like Ebola, celebrity meltdowns and police violence did in 2014, great strides were made. In fact, I believe the filmmaking community is much closer to realizing real change than it was a year ago. Allow me to elucidate.

January began with the announcement that long-time film advocate Dirk Norris – formerly the film liaison for Lincoln County and Outreach Programs Manager for the New Mexico Film Office – had founded the New Mexico Film Foundation. The mission of the NMFF is “to help support the independent film industry in New Mexico while offering financial assistance and educational opportunities to New Mexico independent film makers.” This was a fantastic way to start the year, as Norris is very SNM film friendly.

To help announce the creation of this new entity on Feb. 12, Film Las Cruces, in association with the Regional Film Development Advisory Committee (RFDAC) and the White Sands International Film Festival (WSIFF), hosted a summit on The State of Filmmaking in Southern New Mexico at the Rio Grande Theatre. Invited to speak were Norris and Janet Davidson, president of New Mexico Women in Film and vice chair of Women in Film and Television International.

We had a lot to talk about, because in late January, the City Council voted unanimously to include film

infrastructure to the 2014 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan, enabling the city to receive potential capital outlay funding through the state Legislature. A strong first move and show of solidarity by the city, which provided, in the words of Councillor Nathan Small, “a positive step forward and a promising future for film in southern New Mexico.”

Even councilor Miguel Silva, who has been supportive, yet wary, announced in that meeting that, “regardless of whether or not we receive the money from up north, we still need to move forward. We all recognize that the film industry has the potential to be a very viable industry down south.”

The really big news for Las Cruces, however, was the announcement that state Rep. Jeff Steinborn had lobbied for and appropriated \$555,000 in state funds for the creation of a film backlot in Doña Ana County. The announcement was made during a community celebration on March 25 at the Rio Grande Theatre, with western reenactments on Main Street, followed by presentations and acknowledgments of support from city and county officials.

The move opened the door for debate among local filmmakers as to what, exactly, this would mean for Las Cruces. Though lines had been clearly drawn between those who are in favor of and those who are opposed to the building of a backlot, there is no doubt that the idea pumped much-needed energy into a the fledgling industry.

As so often happens when momentous occasions crowd the media outlets, life went on as usual for filmmakers in southern New Mexico. Films like PRC Productions' “Truth,” Rod McCall's “Jim,” Phil Lewis' “Retablo: Painting My Miracle” and Mark Medoff's “The Heart Outright” continued shooting and most wrapped successfully.

In August, the debate began to heat up again when the city council invited award-winning Albuquerque Film Liaison Ann Lerner to give a presentation. Her expertise was drawn upon to better explain how the New Mexico film incentives work, how direct spending has impacted the city of Albuquerque and what the potential is for southern New Mexico, as well as to help the council better understand the role of a film liaison.

At the same time, the big-budget studio film, “Captain Fantastic,” starring Viggo Mortenson and Frank Langella, was busy filming in Picacho Hills. The symbiosis of these two events was not lost on policymakers. If Lerner left the council with one thought worth remembering, it was this: “It is tolerance for ambiguity that makes you successful. Flexibility is key, but more importantly, remaining friendly and supportive.” Presented with the opportunity to experience this phenomenon first hand, Las Cruces gained a much better understanding of film economics.

Interestingly enough, it was Lerner's cross-examination by city councilors during her appearance that tipped the scales away from considerations of a backlot in Las Cruces. With news of financial woes and bankruptcy up north, and Lerner's admission that the city of Albuquerque not only doesn't have a backlot, but rather considers the entire city to be one big backlot, both the Las Cruces City Council and the RFDAC went back to the drawing board and looked at the concept in more detail.

On December 15, the RFDAC made its final presentation to the city council, in which it was revealed that Steinborn would be returning to the Legislature at the beginning of 2015 to not only redirect the funding already received, but also to lobby for more money, toward creating infrastructure.

This latest proposal would expand the original idea into

a full-service commercial complex, complete with sound stage, offices and academic partnerships with NMSU and the Las Cruces Public Schools. The concept of a backlot hasn't been dismissed outright, but rather revised into a more organic formula dictated by the needs of the industry at large. The city and county will provide the land, the new plan suggests, but if a studio really wants a backlot, they will have to build it.

The upshot of all this is, we've come a long way in a little over one year. When the RFDAC was formed in October of 2013, it was with one goal in mind: to educate the city on the potential of the film industry in southern New Mexico. The agenda quickly expanded to include generating interest and funding for the creation of a viable infrastructure from which to launch this industry.

Both have seen great accomplishment, and with the unanimous approval of the newest proposal for a film center – not only by the mayor and the council, but also by filmmakers, business people and academic leaders – the future is looking very bright for the film industry in Las Cruces. Considering how hard it was to get anything even remotely related to film on the city council agenda even two years ago, this can certainly be viewed as a victory.

The year wasn't without its setbacks, however, the most notable being the decision in late September by the board of directors for the White Sands International Film Festival, to dissolve the event after 10 years. The question of whether or not the festival will be revived by other parties continues to be bandied about by members of the filmmaking community who believe the loss of the film festival could damage efforts to create a viable industry.

Less deleterious, though no less notable, was the flap over the hiring of a new film liaison, after an almost two year vacancy of the office. Despite numerous presentations by RFDAC, the admission by Small that “a robust liaison position will help local small business owners and entrepreneurs make headway” and Lerner's revelation that her job is “24-7” rather than 8 to 5, the position of film liaison in Las Cruces was slotted as 30 percent of one full-time position within the Economic Development office.

The person appointed to that position, Cruz Ramos, has an uphill path to tread, in part because there is very little faith in the film community in his ability to do the job set before him. He is a businessman from Iowa with a background in business development, corporate fundraising and arts advocacy, but absolutely no knowledge of the film industry. His presence has once again raised questions concerning City Manager Robert Garza's understanding of the industry's needs. Having sidestepped several opportunities to introduce himself to key players and thus allay fears, Ramos is currently viewed as a wild card. Still, in light of recent announcements, many are willing to take a wait-and-see stance.

What will 2015 bring? More opportunities are always a good start. Many eyes are on Steinborn and his legislative crusade. Film Las Cruces, long a staple of the film community, is being restructured to be more of a networking platform with – according to organizer Phil Lewis – screenings continuing to take place at the Rio Grande Theatre on a quarterly basis.

Meanwhile, it's business as usual for men and women who make up southern New Mexico's fledgling film industry. Eventually, 2014 may be looked back upon as the year that changed everything, but only time will tell if those changes were substantial enough to make a long-term difference. Some of us remain ever hopeful.

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

MAS ART presents “Dyad: A Visual Duet,” an exhibit of work from partners in art and in life Anahy Nuñez and Aaron Valenzuela. “Dyad” 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” will remain on display through the end of December.

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.

MAIN STREET GALLERY AND BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS present “The Past Renewed.” John Turkle has been working at the Big Picture for more than three years and has become 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” 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 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.



“New American Nomad,” an exhibit of paintings and ceramics by Joey Fleming, remains on display at Art Obscura Gallery, 3206 Harrelson St.

CUTTER GALLERY presents ceramic and clay artists Susi and Richard Bergquist. Susi Bergquist creates clay figures, mojaves, ledger drawings and etchings based on American Indian folklore, and Richard Bergquist works with clay santos, nativities and holy families. The exhibit 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.

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, woodturning, stained glass, mixed media, photography, natural quality gemstone jewelry and more. Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY, located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, presents an exhibit of the nature drawings of New Mexico State University biology graduate Denise Barella. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of December. El Paso Electric Gallery is 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 or call 523-6403.

ONGOING

LULU FINE ART GALLERY presents “Convergence of Substance and Form,” an exhibit of original photography, serigraphs and acrylic works by Collette Marie and Glenn Holgersen. “Convergence of Substance and Form” will remain on display through January 2015. Lulu Fine Art Gallery is located inside Lulu Elements for Living, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 523-4747.

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents “New American Nomad,” a show of paintings and ceramics by Joey Fleming. “New American Nomad” will remain on display through Jan. 9, 2015. Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

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” 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.

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

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

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



Jeanne Rundell’s “Floating World” is among works by members of the Border Artists currently on display at Adobe Patio Gallery as part of the exhibit “Small is Beautiful.”

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 undersea, 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

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center’s first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more. The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools, 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.

OPENING SOON

Rayma Claessen and Merideth Loring
Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery
2470-A Calle de Guadalupe
Opens Thursday, Jan. 1

Paul Flippen, “The Birds and the Bees”
Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.
Opens Friday, Jan. 2

A look back at 2014



Thousands of the undead shambled through Downtown Las Cruces in October during the fifth annual Zombie Walk.



In January, Decade of the Dead Arcade - Ricardo Sifuentes, Luke Dumke, Andrew Martinez and Manny Rodriguez - placed first in a Battle of the Bands competition, landing them a spot opening for classic rock legend Styx at the Pan American Center.



Julyssa Betarano hunts for eggs with the help of her mother, Yvette Ontiveros, at the annual Springfest celebration, held in April at Young Park.



Country legend Charlie Daniels headlined the Las Cruces Country Music festival in late April, drawing thousands to Main Street Downtown.



Hundreds of improvised watercraft filled the Rio Grande during June's Raft the Rio.



Jonathon Arrieta pours a glass of High Desert Brewing Co. beer at the second Blazin' Brewfest, brought to Las Cruces by the New Mexico Brewers Guild.



Richard Gurry pours a sample of wine at May's Southern New Mexico wine festival, held at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.



One-woman band Tiffany Christopher performed at Rock the Night, an evening of "music, community and fighting against Alzheimer's" in September at the Grapevine Plaza.



Models strutted their stuff down the catwalk at the eighth annual High Heels for High Hopes fundraiser, which raises funds to support the March of Dimes.



A fire breather from El Paso's Odd Lab performed at the 43rd annual Renaissance ArtsFaire in early November, put on by the Doña Ana Arts Council.



Matthew Martinez, Miles Mirabal and Sebastian Meza dressed as characters from the movie "9" at the first ever Las Cruces Comic Con, held in September at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

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AtTheMovies

The best films of 2014

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Well, 'tis the season, and here are my choices for the best flickers of the year, with a couple of titles that weren't the best, once again proving I have better taste than arts editor, Zak Hansen.

These are in no particular order, although "The Better Angels" would probably be at the top. But I've not had the opportunity yet to see many of the more highly lauded and competitive titles that are usually released at the end of the year, such as "Wild," "Mr. Turner" and "Foxcatcher."

Onward.

"Birdman": An outstanding comeback performance by Michael Keaton and a smart story with great directing and a touch of realism pushed this one onto the list. Birdman is the tale of an actor who was a star as a superhero character, now trying to reverse course and direct a play.

"The Better Angels": Forcing myself to pick a "best" of the "best of" leads me to this film, which recently played at the Fountain Theatre. My bias for the works of Terrence Malick is in full view here, since he is a producer, and the director, A.J. Edwards, worked on some of Malick's latest films. His influence is quite clear in this not-for-all-tastes look at a period of Abe Lincoln's boyhood.

"Chef": Really liked this comedy-drama about a chef who gets tired of the hassles of working for dorky owners and starts his own food truck, a current and fun revelation of the restaurant industry. Jon Favreau does a great job as the lead who is also trying to put his family back together. It also gave me ideas about a new career, after my so-called job at the dysfunctional Jean

Cocteau Cinema was "eliminated" last summer.

"Life Itself": This documentary about the late, great film writer Roger Ebert was at once moving and informative. I've long admired Ebert's work and as he often or always did, try to find some kernel of merit in every film I see.

"The Dark Valley": Sadly, this outstanding and fervent Austrian Western wasn't really released in the U.S., but is available for download now. It won nearly 20 awards in Europe and tells the story of a mysterious young man who rides into a small town in the Alps and makes things quite different.

"Mood Indigo": A fun and vibrant drama-comedy-fantasy piece, which starred Audrey Tautou (Amelie) in a role that touched a bit on her work in Amelie, but also adds "wealthy, inventive bachelor Colin endeavoring to find a cure for his lover Chloe after she's diagnosed with an unusual illness caused by a flower growing in her lungs." Pure magic.

"Calvary": Although one of the darkest films I saw this year, Brendan Gleeson carries the film as a good natured priest and 'go to' person in a small Irish town, who is threatened by a fellow townie.

"Wrinkles": This Spanish (hand-drawn) animated film is a bittersweet homage to the aging process, wherein we observe the unraveling of the main characters as the ravages of age confront them. Especially timely for me, since I had to put my chainsmokin' estranged mother into assisted living this year.

"Gloria": From Chile, this superbly done movie tells the story of an average middle-aged woman, on the cusp of



Terrence Malick's "The Better Angels" is Jeff Berg's best-of-the best pick for 2014.

reaching seniorhood, who has a life. She takes care of herself, enjoys life, has a relationship, has sex (!!!!) and plain and simple it is a well-told story of an ordinary person.

"Kill the Messenger": OK, so in the past, I've done investigative reporting on numerous border issues. I've never had anyone confront my work except for a few Catholics who objected to my piece on a child-molesting bishop who was honored in El Paso, but this film shows what can happen. Gary Webb did work on a piece that brought to light the story that the CIA supplied guns to the Contras in the 1980s. Rebuffed by larger publications, this film shows Webb's plight superbly. Fellow investigative journalist, the late, great Las Crucean Chuck Bowden, fact-checked Webb's work himself, only to find that he was unfairly treated. Webb committed suicide by shooting himself in the back of the head a few years later.

"Alive Inside": This moving and thought provoking documentary offers a look at a small organization that works to give seniors with dementia or Alzheimer's iPods to use as therapy. The results are amazing and uplifting and offer a bit of hope for an awful condition.

"Drunktown's Finest": Filmed in Gallup, which for some years has carried the dreaded nickname of "Drunktown," due to the ongoing issues with alcohol abuse, the film tells the story of three young Diné (Navajo) – an adopted Christian girl, a rebellious father-to-be, and a promiscuous transsexual who strive to escape the hardships of life on the Diné Nation.

"The Homesman": People, especially urban film critics who spend their lives watching movies and following their "progress" on idiotic electronic devices and social media sites, just don't get westerns. This made-in-New Mexico-

film was directed by and stars Tommy Lee Jones as a ne'er do well who gets hired by a honorable plainswoman to help escort three mentally tarnished women back to their homes after life on the prairie destroys their emotional capacities. It doesn't look like this moving and realistic film played or is going to play in Las Cruces. Shame on the Mesilla Valley Film Society and Allen Theatres for letting this slide by.

"Tracks": I read this book years ago and was pleased to follow the adventure of one woman who crossed the Australian outback by herself, accompanied only by a wistful dog and some camels. A quiet unassuming film, it deserved longer runs and better reviews than it got.

"Fury": Somewhat of a guilty pleasure, since I love World War II combat movies, "Fury" told the story of a tank crew led by Brad Pitt that goes on a dangerous mission during the last weeks of the war. Not a flag-waving epic, but rather, just a good old-fashioned, tension-filled war movie.

Other titles worth a look if you haven't already: "Finding Vivian Maier," "The Lunch Box," "Locke," "Joe" (w/ Nicholas Cage), the scary and truth-filled documentaries "Last Days in Vietnam" and "Fed Up," "The French Minister" and "Obvious Child," which combines honesty with fiction, the animated "Ernest and Celestine" and this week's Fountain offering, "Diplomacy."

Undiscovered gem of the year was "Northwest Frontier," a superb and gripping 1959 adventure film starring Kenneth More.

Stuff to avoid at all costs ... "The Raid 2," a horribly disappointing sequel, "The Trip to Italy," "Gambit" (remake) and "Fifi Howls from Happiness."

Look for me in the dark in 2015.



Sam Riley stars in the Austrian Western "The Dark Valley."



Picking the Flicks

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

<p>Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb</p> <p>Rated: PG</p> <p>Plot Overview: Larry sets off on an epic quest, uniting new and favorite characters to save the magic.</p> <p>Starring: Ben Stiller, Robin Williams</p>	<p>The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Plot Overview: After Katniss destroys the games, the president convinces her to become a symbol of rebellion.</p> <p>Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson</p> <p>Director: Francis Lawrence</p>
<p>The Theory of Everything</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Plot Overview: A look at the relationship of renowned physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife.</p> <p>Starring: Eddie Redmayne</p> <p>Director: James Marsh</p>	<p>Birdman</p> <p>Rated: R</p> <p>Plot Overview: A washed-up superhero actor must overcome his personal struggles as he attempts to stage a Broadway play.</p> <p>Starring: Michael Keaton, Edward Norton</p> <p>Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu</p>
<p>Annie</p> <p>Rated: PG</p> <p>Plot Overview: A foster child's life changes when she's taken in by business tycoon and New York City mayoral candidate Will Stacks.</p> <p>Starring: Quvenzhané Wallis, Jamie Foxx</p> <p>Director: Will Gluck</p>	<p>Exodus: Gods and Kings</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Plot Overview: Moses rises up against Ramses, the Egyptian king, leading 600,000 slaves out of Egypt and away from the deadly cycle of plagues.</p> <p>Starring: Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton</p> <p>Director: Ridley Scott</p>
<p>The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Plot Overview: Bilbo and his companions engage in a war to keep Smaug from obliterating Middle-Earth.</p> <p>Starring: Ian McKellan, Martin Freeman</p> <p>Director: Peter Jackson</p>	<p>Penguins of Madagascar</p> <p>Plot Overview: To stop Dr. Octavius Brine from destroying the world, the penguins team with an undercover organization called The North Wind.</p> <p>Starring: Tom McGrath, Chris Miller (voices)</p> <p>Directors: Eric Darnell, Simon J. Smith</p>
<p>Interstellar</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Plot Overview: A group of space explorers use a wormhole to take them farther than ever before possible.</p> <p>Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway</p> <p>Director: Christopher Nolan</p>	<p>Wild</p> <p>Rated: R</p> <p>Plot Overview: One woman takes an 1,100-mile solo hike to work through a recent catastrophe.</p> <p>Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Laura Dern</p> <p>Director: Jean-Marc Vallée</p>
<p>Big Eyes</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Plot Overview: A drama centered on painter Margaret Keane, her successes and subsequent legal difficulties.</p> <p>Starring: Amy Adams, Christoph Waltz</p> <p>Director: Tim Burton</p>	<p>Top Five</p> <p>Rated: R</p> <p>Plot Overview: A comedian attempts a serious acting career when he's talked into broadcasting his wedding to his reality TV-star fiancé.</p> <p>Starring: Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson</p> <p>Director: Chris Rock</p>
<p>Into the Woods</p> <p>Rated: PG</p> <p>Plot Overview: A baker and his wife must gather items from classic fairy tales to reverse a family curse.</p> <p>Starring: Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep</p> <p>Director: Rob Marshall</p>	<p>Unbroken</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Plot Overview: The true story of Olympian Louis Zamperini, who spent 47 days lost at sea before being taken as a Japanese POW during World War II.</p> <p>Starring: Jack O'Connell, Takamasa Ishihara</p> <p>Director: Angelina Jolie</p>

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<p>Elsa & Fred</p> <p>Rated: PG-13</p> <p>Genre: Romance, drama</p> <p>Starring: Christopher Plummer, Shirley MacLaine</p> <p>Director: Michael Radford</p>	<p>Kelly & Cal</p> <p>Rated: R</p> <p>Genre: Drama, comedy</p> <p>Starring: Juliette Lewis, Johnny Weston</p> <p>Director: Jen McGowan</p>
<p>The Equalizer</p> <p>Rated: R</p> <p>Genre: Action</p> <p>Starring: Denzel Washington, Chloe Grace Moretz</p> <p>Director: Antoine Fuqua</p>	<p>Tusk</p> <p>Rated: R</p> <p>Genre: Horror</p> <p>Starring: Michael Parks, Justin Long</p> <p>Director: Kevin Smith</p>

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1 Guardians of the Galaxy \$332,552,345	6 Maleficent \$241,410,378
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Homes & Southwest Living

Breaking ground in Cruces for a cause

Habitat works on 100th house while LCHBA puts skills to work for charity

Bulletin Staff Report

An anniversary and a milestone were hot topics in 2014 for people who put their home-building skills to use to help others in Las Cruces.

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity broke ground on its 100th home in November, while the Las Cruces Home Builders Association broke ground for its 55th Anniversary House in April.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit that builds homes with people in need.

LCHBA's Anniversary House was built with the idea to sell a home and donate the profits to charity in honor of the group's 55th anniversary.

In the past 27 years, MVHFH has built a strong organization with support from its ReStore, local businesses and government and countless volunteers, said Marie Schwartz, former executive director who participated in the ground breaking ceremony on the East Mesa.

The family getting the 100th home was Reymundo and Evangelina Rios and their children Amy and Rafael. They had the center shovel on the lot on Wendell Avenue where their new home construction started in December for completion in March or April, 2015.

The three-bedroom and two-bathroom home will come with refrigerated air conditioning, a refrigerator and stove. The completed home will be worth between \$110,000 and \$120,000.

To get the home, the Rios family was selected based on need, but also on the ability to make payments of \$500 a month for the next 15 years. They must also help build the home by putting in 250 hours of "sweat equity" on this house or another MVHFH home.

MVHFH owns three more lots on the block and builds between four and five homes a season, which runs from October to March.

As for the LCHBA Anniversary House, it was built throughout the summer of 2014.

The home at 3677 Santa Sabina Ave. in the Metro Verde South development on the East Mesa is intended to raise money for charity.

Local contractors donated time, materials, money and other services.



Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity broke ground on its 100th home in November on Wendell Avenue.



The Las Cruces Home Builders Association broke ground for its 55th Anniversary House in April in the Metro Verde South development on the East Mesa.

Realtors see upswing while builders struggle

By **Beth Sitzler**

Las Cruces Bulletin

While 2014 was another sluggish year for Las Cruces home builders, the local real estate market experienced an upswing in sales.

According to the Southern New Mexico Multiple Listing Service, in October 2014, 141 homes – new and re-sale – were sold, an increase from the same period in 2013, which saw 103 home sales.

“Overall, with sales of the year, the bottom was January – it always is January, because for sales, in this part of the country, around the holidays, they always drop – but we’re going to finish almost as high as we did in 2008, which was the peak of the boom,” said Doris Nurenberg, association executive of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR). “We are rebounding extremely nicely and we’re having a real nice, steady rise.”

In addition to home sales, the average days on the market improved in 2014.

“The bottom isn’t falling out of it, so we have plenty of inventory,” Nurenberg said. “It’s just that we were looking at six months as average days on market and now we’ve got 34 days of inventory and the average days on market is about two months.”

“Without a doubt, the winner still is in that price range, \$100,000 to \$150,000. It’s pretty consistent. There are buyers in that market and they’re able to find money. And, right now, there is still plenty of inventory to meet the demand.”

While the \$150,000 price range is still the strongest, there has been more activity in the \$250,000 and higher price range, Nurenberg said.

“Last year was pretty quiet (in the higher-end market),” she said. “This year, we had three in the \$600,000 to \$3 million market sold. In the \$250,000 to \$500,000, there are 21 sold.”

Another sign that market is returning to normal: LCAR saw an increase in membership, gaining 37 new Realtors this year.

“Last year, at this point, we had 18 or 19 new members, so we’ve almost doubled in new membership,” said Nurenberg, adding that the association has also retained more members than previous years. “More people are staying in the business and are able to make a go of it.”

Several factors have contributed to this upswing in sales, including the city’s livability, steadiness in the economy and a boost in consumer confidence.

“I think we’ve gotten to a point where the economy has stabilized,” Nurenberg said. “People are feeling more comfortable, more stable.”

“I think that some of those renters – those people who decided they were going to back off and rent rather than buy – are now getting tired and are

starting to think about getting into the market.”

In addition to buyer confidence, Nurenberg said the increase in home sales can partly be attributed to homes being “priced right” with sellers receiving, on average, 90 percent of their asking price.

“I’ve heard people say there are multiple offers on certain properties, so that’s something new that we haven’t experienced in quite some time as well,” she said. “If they’re realistic, if they’re listening to their Realtor and they price it correctly, they are selling.”

Nurenberg said she foresees the Las Cruces real estate market continuing in this positive direction in 2015.

“It looks like interest rates are not going to take a huge rise in the next 12 months,” she said. “It looks like 2015 will probably mirror 2014.”

“If everything remains equal, we don’t have any major catastrophe anywhere in the world, I believe 2015 will be stronger than 2014. I don’t see us spiking in sales. I think we’re just going to gradually to reach an equilibrium in the market that we’re all comfortable with.”

Home builders still have a ways to go

Home construction in Las Cruces, unfortunately, didn’t have the same stellar year as the real estate industry.

“In some ways, I’d say 2014 was a lot of the same,” said Steve Chavira, Las Cruces Home Builders Association managing director. “When we look at the industry, we look at real estate versus home building in two different ways. While Realtors might see some positive things and they had a lot of activity ... from a building perspective, 2014 was not good.”

“We’re in our ninth straight year of declines in housing permits. When housing permits are declining, that means new homes aren’t being built. That means the inventory is being depleted, but there isn’t anything coming in to replace it.”

Chavira said about 370 new home starts took place in 2014.

A large struggle facing home builders are impact fees imposed by the city, which are making construction of new homes more expensive, Chavira said.

“I think the challenge we’re going to continue to have here is the fee structures with the city,” said 2015 LCHBA President Max Bower of Red Mesa Design.

“Whether it be impact fees, permit fees, connection fees, they’re all fine if you’re looking at a situation where you have a higher median income. We don’t have that median income to support that.”

“You’re staring at \$5,000 to \$7,000 in impact fees and that’s not going to work here over time.”

When impact fees were imposed, the



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The Las Cruces Home Builders Association reports 2014 marked the ninth straight year of declines in building permits.

homebuilding industry was in a different state. Because of current circumstances, Bower said the city needs to “right the ship” now so, down the road, the industry can recover.

“They have to start a shift right now that we won’t recognize for five or 10 years,” Chavira said.

Other factors have also contributed to a slow year for Las Cruces home builders.

“The price of new homes isn’t coming down,” Bower said. “There isn’t an excess of inventory of ready-to-build dirt. There is plenty of dirt, but to get it into a buildable state costs a lot of money, which means your lot prices are rising.”

Other areas of the country that have seen growth in the home building industry, the cost of materials has increased, Bower said.

“Everything has to be shipped in from somewhere else,” he said. “We’re affected by that in a negative way because our prices go up even though our sales are down.”

While the market isn’t where home builders would like it to be, Chavira said there were bright spots in 2014.

“We’ve had a couple of spec homes get put on the market, which is good,” he said. “That sweet-spot market of \$150,000 to \$275,000 homes is still selling strong.”

“Commercial is one of the few bright spots,” Bower said. “When Las Cruces hit that 100,000 population, that trig-

gered businesses that were kind of looking at it to actually jump on and doing it.”

Bower added that many Las Cruces home builders have begun to work in other communities in New Mexico, such as Santa Teresa, Sunland Park and Hobbs.

“One of the bright spots of southern New Mexico is Santa Teresa,” he said. “Santa Teresa is picking up – the whole west side of El Paso is picking up – which we’re going to benefit from that.”

Bower said he predicts 2015 will be similar to 2014, however, he remains optimistic that with the economic activity in southern New Mexico and the creation of open lines of communication with the city and home builders, things can turn around.

“The Las Cruces Home Builders Association is looking forward to continuing to collaborate with the city on its strategic growth plan. We intend to make sure they see it through because it will do nothing but benefit the community as a whole,” Bower said.

“The health of the local economy can be seen in one shot by looking at where the new construction market is. You can see the health of the whole economy through that lens because it is an anticipation of what is going to happen next.”

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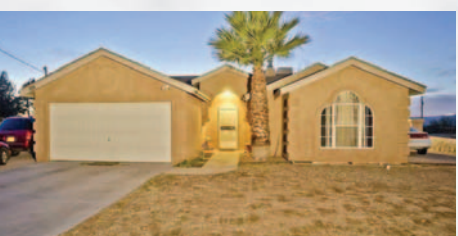


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Religion Listings

CHURCH OPENS DOORS FOR 24-HOUR PRAYER

It is a well known fact that Christmas and New Year’s brings on loneliness and sorrow for many. Agape Christian Church will open its doors at the west wing of the Palm’s Business complex at 2407 W. Picacho Ave. for prayer and Bible sharing 24 hours a day, from 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3.

There will be a prayer counselor on staff at all hours, a warm and friendly place to receive prayer, or to come pray privately on your own.

For more information, call Herb Pinney at 650-3915 or in the office at 647-2168. There is no charge.

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.

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.

The classes are open to the public. A \$10 donation is suggested.

For more information, call 496-4271.

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.

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.

Pastoral care is also offered 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.

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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.

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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.

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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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For more information or to register, call the church office at 521-3770.

AGAPE CHURCH ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Sunday at Agape Christian begins with The Breakfast Club, with a free fix-your-own breakfast and an hour of Bible teaching on how to live as a Christian in a secular world; followed by the regular morning worship from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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CHURCH OPENS DOORS FOR 24-HOUR PRAYER

It is a well known fact that Christmas and New Year’s brings on loneliness and sorrow for many. Agape Christian Church will open its doors at the west wing of the Palm’s Business complex at 2407 W. Picacho Ave. for prayer and Bible sharing 24 hours a day, from 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3.

There will be a prayer counselor on staff at all hours, a warm and friendly place to receive prayer, or to come pray privately on your own.

For more information, call Herb Pinney at 650-3915 or in the office at 647-2168. There is no charge.

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.

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.

The classes are open to the public. A \$10 donation is suggested.

For more information, call 496-4271.

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.

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.

Pastoral care is also offered 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

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

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.

For more information, call 644-5025.

MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY

Men are invited to gather from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road, to discuss “Spiritual Issues and the Male Persona.”

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KELP RADIO MINISTRY

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

For questions, comments or prayer regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

If you’ve lost someone close to you or know someone who has, Grief Share is a special weekly support group held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive, Room 105.

At Grief Share, you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

For more information or to register, call the church office at 521-3770.

AGAPE CHURCH ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Sunday at Agape Christian begins with The Breakfast Club, with a free fix-your-own breakfast and an hour of Bible teaching on how to live as a Christian in a secular world; followed by the regular morning worship from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

On Sunday afternoon, at 4:30 p.m. is Family Bible College with classes for all ages, followed at 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. with evening non-denominational worship and communion. Rides available.

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

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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.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

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

ents 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.

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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.

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For more information, call 556-1622.

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 Español (bilingual English and Spanish) will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 312-6569.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

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

For more information, call 571-7864.

SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP

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

For more information, call 522-0287.

STROKE GROUP FOR SURVIVORS

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

For more information, call 522-2625.

SUICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP MEETS

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

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

For more information, call 635-6265 or email margaret.short@lpnt.net.

TOPS GROUPS MEETINGS SET

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight-loss goals.

For more information, call Doris at 524-7461.

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

For more information, call 523-6240.

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

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New

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

For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

RECOVERY GROUP

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

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers.

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

12-STEP MEETINGS

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

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

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

For more information, call 523-4847.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT SENIOR CIRCLE

T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado are from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Senior Circle Center, 3948 E. Lohman Ave.

Classes are free to Senior Circle members or \$2 for nonmembers.

Free classes are also available at 10 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave.

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

YOGA OFFERED

Certified yoga instructor Olivia Solomon offers all levels yoga classes at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 E. Boutz Road, kitty-corner from Las Cruces High School. Bring a yoga mat and any props needed.

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

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Don't want a hug? Learn to deflect

This holiday season, have you found yourself hugging someone you'd rather not?

Sure, at times you may decide it's in your best interest to hug a friend who smells funny.

But, if you have a pattern of allowing others to use your body in ways you wish they wouldn't, this is an issue to overcome.

In FAST defense classes, we discuss why so many people don't set boundaries related to who hugs them and when. The following are common responses: "We don't want to hurt the hugger's feelings." "We would be embarrassed if we refused." "We want to blend in with the crowd and follow societal norms." "We never knew there was another choice."

Well, there is another choice and it doesn't hurt the hugger's feelings or create an uncomfortable scene. Just turn the hug into a handshake.

You may want to find a partner to practice this with. As one person moves in for a hug, the other should side-step (like the way those of my age first learned to dance in the 1980s) and meet both of the hugger's hands with their own.

Then, maintaining contact with the hugger's hands, bring them together between you. Now all four hands involved are in a socially acceptable, pleasant embrace.

That is the basic method for turning a hug into a handshake.

Note it is also possible to turn a hug into a high-five.

Should the hugger be insistent about hugging rather than handshaking, it may be necessary to politely explain that you have an unusual need for personal space and prefer handshakes.

Assuming you wish to avoid

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Memorial Medical Center's Wound Care facility has two hyperbaric chambers. Each is filled with pure oxygen and then pressurized, allowing the patient's lungs to absorb up to three times more oxygen, thus expediting healing.

Technology paces '14 health care

Bulletin Staff Report

The past year has seen technological advances in the health care community in Las Cruces.

MountainView Regional Medical Center introduced a new surgical system while Memorial Medical Center opened a new wound care facility.

Meanwhile, Las Cruces also became the only place in New Mexico to find bladeless cataract surgery.

Wound care

On Friday, Nov. 7, MMC held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Wound Care Center at 2735 Northrise Drive. The center is part of Healogics Healthcare's network of wound care providers.

The Wound Care Center

'There's a lot of stuff on the table.'

DENTEN PARK

CEO of MountainView Regional Medical Center on 2015

will address chronic wounds – the raw, unhealing, compromised flesh that languishes for weeks, usually hindered by diseases or conditions such as diabetes, age or obesity.

The center has two hyperbaric chambers. The chambers are filled with pure oxygen and then pressurized, allowing the patient's lungs to absorb up to three times more oxygen and thus expediting healing in a way generalized care cannot produce.

New surgical system

On Thursday, Aug. 14,

MountainView showed off its new treasure, the da Vinci Xi Surgical System.

The da Vinci Xi is an automated surgical system that is controlled remotely by a surgeon in a capsule, not far from the patient. It's minimally invasive and provides visual enhancements like infrared imaging that human eyes might not catch.

The system will be used in gynecology, urology, thoracic, cardiac and general surgeries.

"It's greatly expanded the ability of what you can do," Dr. Leonard Metildi said.

"Not only is the visualization fabulous, you have 10 power magnification, high definition, 3D view, the surgeon does in the capsule."

Bladeless cataract

Memorial Medical Center's new Healthplex at 2735 Northrise Drive is where Sightpath Medical's femtosecond laser for cataract surgery will be used by ophthalmologist Edward Hernandez to perform the first bladeless cataract surgeries in New Mexico and west Texas.

The machine is bladeless, computer guided and utilizes precision beyond the capability of human hands. It can cut a near-perfect circle.

Hernandez and Dr. Andrew Mohammed will use

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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.

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.

Looking ahead

Together, the two main, acute care hospitals in Las Cruces employ about 2,300 workers. The CEOs of both hospitals, though, know recruitment of doctors continues to be very important.

“There are a number of doctors who, in the next five years, will have retirement opportunities,” said

Denten Park, CEO of MountainView.

Park said recruiting new doctors in the medical industry is “always a struggle,” but southern New Mexico offers great living to physicians and their families.

John Harris, CEO at MMC, agrees.

“About 50 percent of doctors are 55 years of age or older,” Harris said.

“We succeeded in recruiting 18 physicians (in 2014),” Harris said. “Next year we hope to recruit 33.”

Park said he anticipates “growth and development” in 2015.

“There’s a lot of stuff on the table,” Park said. “Overall we want to improve access.”

Harris pointed to MMC’s partnership with University of New Mexico Cancer Care as a way the hospital offers more options for patients.

“We’re expanding our relationship with UNM Cancer Center,” he said.



Dr. Leonard Metildi, Dr. Ismael Lopez and Dr. John Ramirez display MountainView Regional Medical Center's da Vinci Xi Surgical System.

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hurting the hugger’s feelings, remember to explain it like you’ve asked their help with your problem rather than act like they are the problem.

For many FAST Defense students, learning to “block a hug” is their favorite part.

It’s sad how many people grow up never really feeling authorized to decide what is or isn’t done to their body.

Please empower your children to

decide if they wish to be hugged and kissed by relatives, and teach them polite ways to refuse.

Too many people in this world consider it appropriate to require a child to hug someone who gives them a gift then wonder how it happens that a man might take woman out to dinner and expect physical affection in return.

Also, please make a New Year’s resolution to learn more self-protection skills.

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Pet Briefs

Shelter seeks dog walkers

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

Complimentary training will be available in mid-January.

Call Jan Wright at 382-0018 or send an email to jwright@las-cruces.org.

Applications for volunteers may be picked up at 3551 Bataan Memorial West daily, or online at www.las-cruces.org.

APA continues adoption drive

ACTION Programs for Animals continues its Blue Buffalo Home 4 the Holidays pet adoption drive through Friday, 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., or 571-4654.

The APA adoption center is normally open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Wednesday and from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays.

Shelter asks for donations

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is in need of dog crates and treats as well as collars, leashes, towels and igloos.

Donations can be dropped off from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 642-5888.

Foster homes needed for animals

Foster homes for animals are needed. For more information, call 527-4544.

APA seeks old sleeping bags

ACTION Programs for

Animals is seeking comforters or old sleeping bags. If you have any to donate, drop them off from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, at 800 W. Picacho Ave. For

more information, call 571-4654.

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 are needed Saturdays.

For more information, call 639-3036, email jwright@las-cruces.org or visit www.bigkittyfix.org.

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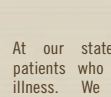


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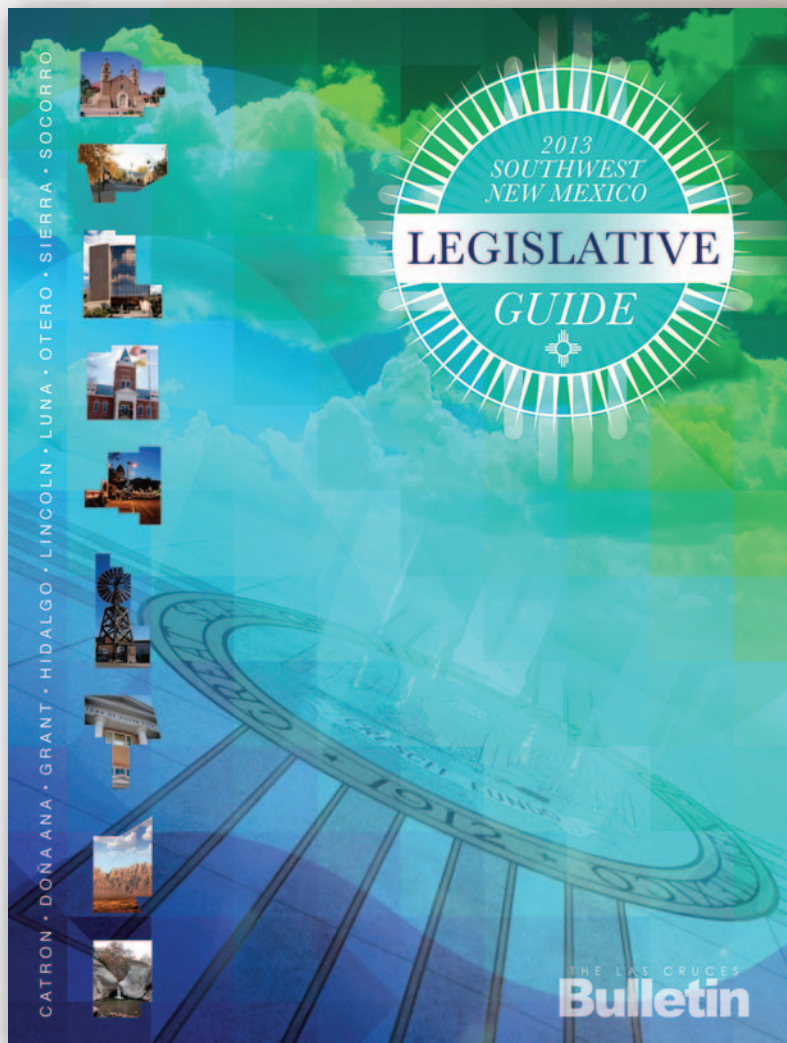
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