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## Spaceport compromise promising Virgin Galactic exec forges pact with trial lawyers

By **Steve Terrell**  
Santa Fe New Mexican

Virgin Galactic, the company that plans to fly customers into outer space from the state-funded Spaceport America in southern New Mexico, has reached a compromise with trial lawyers concerning an insurance controversy that could have jeopardized Virgin's plans to stay at the spaceport.

George Whitesides, president and CEO of Virgin Galactic, told the Santa Fe New Mexican he supports the compromise, which was announced Tuesday, Jan. 22, by top Democratic leaders in the Legislature.

"The outlines of the proposal seem to help maintain New Mexico's leadership in commercial space," Whitesides said. "I think, if passed, this would bring New Mexico closer to other states' legal environment."

New Mexico already has spent \$209 million on creating the facility near Truth or Consequences. The issue hanging up the process was passage of legislation to prevent passengers who sign "informed consent" waivers from suing parts suppliers and manufacturers involved in building Virgin's spacecraft.

Virgin Galactic has maintained that the liability law is necessary to lure other aerospace companies to also use the spaceport, providing additional revenue to support the operation. The New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association has argued that such a waiver would amount to a loss of legal protections for Virgin's customers.

Such legislation has failed to pass the Legislature for several years. As a result, current state law protects Virgin Galactic from being sued by passengers, but doesn't protect the suppliers and manufacturers.

Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez, Senate President Pro-tem Mary

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## Locals prep for Santa Fe Legislature to hear regional priorities

### Legislature to hear regional priorities

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

More than 200 residents will again journey to Santa Fe Saturday through Monday, Jan. 26-28, to tell lawmakers about issues of concern to Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

Leading up to Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Monday, Jan. 28, will be networking, a reception for local legislators and a gathering at the governor's residence.

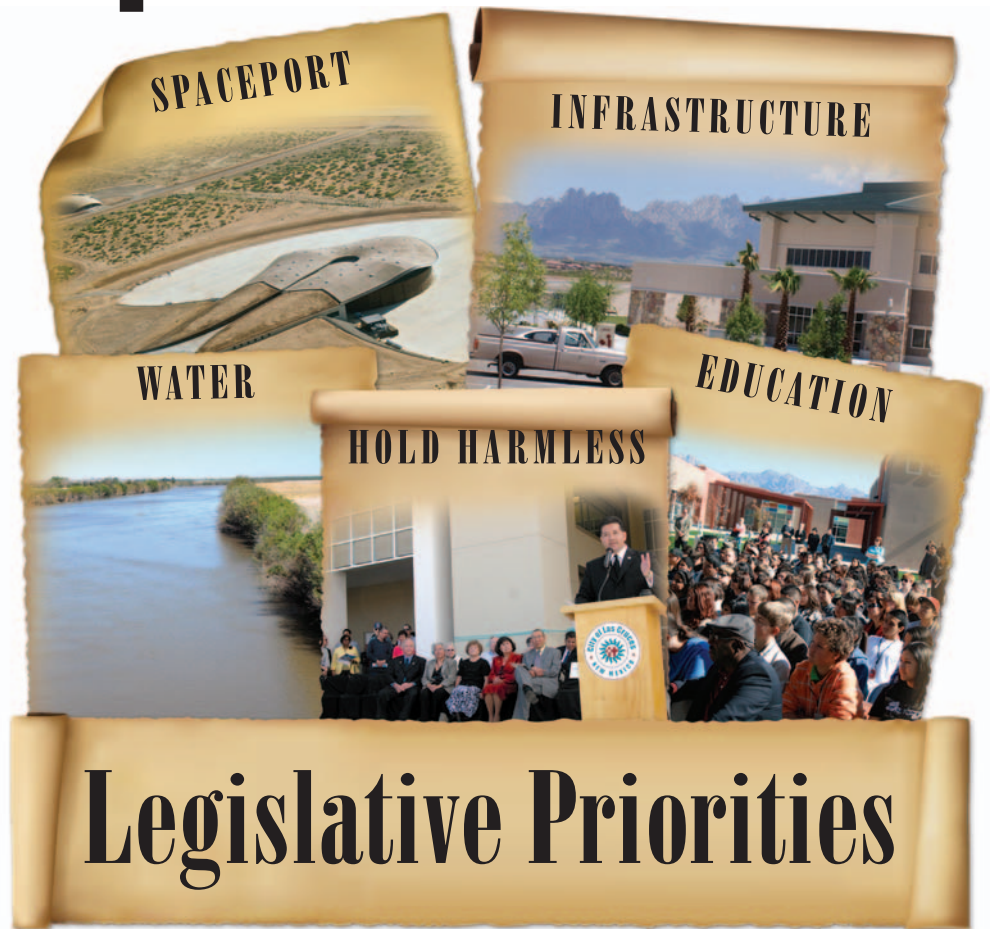
Making contact with lawmakers not immediately keen to needs in southern New Mexico is the opportunity that the visit to the Roundhouse provides, said Bill Allen, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the event.

Kiel Hoffman, chair of the Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe committee, said he's seen the presence of Las Cruces make a difference in the receptiveness of lawmakers to legislation that will benefit the area.

During the visit, sometimes committees will hear a bill of interest to the visitors, and they will make a point to attend, he said.

"When they see the room full of people watching them, it can make a big difference," Hoffman said.

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## Legislative Priorities

Keeping Spaceport America viable, upgrading educational infrastructure, funding dual-credit classes in high schools, addressing problems from drought and keeping local governments from losing funding from gross receipts tax exemptions are among the issues Las Cruces will bring to the attention of the Legislature during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe.

## Dream home turns nightmare foreclosure

### Lawmakers offered mortgage reform measures during session

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

Margaret and Victoria Loring designed their dream home north of Las Cruces just before the housing bubble burst in 2008.

The home was large – to accommodate the couple's menagerie of rescued dogs, cats and guinea pigs, but also to have desired comforts of a small home entertainment theater and a swimming pool.

The home was also expensive, but Margaret Loring, who had good experiences "flipping" homes during the height of the housing boom, said she believed they could handle the payments for a few years, during which she could

take advantage of lower interest rates in the future.

Now, interest rates are much lower, but when the housing market collapsed, housing prices also fell sharply, putting the home that had a loan value of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 instantly "under water" – a real estate term for when a home purchase loan has a higher balance than the free-market value of the home.

Although she had originally financed the loan with a local bank, the loan was immediately sold and then resold.

"We've gone through four mortgage holders," she said.

Most recently, the loan went from a company

in New Jersey to one in Plano, Texas, with which Margaret Loring ran into a dead end trying to get her loan refinanced. Frustrated that she couldn't even talk to a person of authority at the company – which also was unwilling to produce proof that it did indeed own the loan – she stopped making payments as she tried to negotiate with the company.

"I knew I was taking a risk, but I didn't even know if this company was legitimate," she said. "I tried to talk to a person and never could talk to someone of authority."

She did talk to one woman in the company who told her she was sending her paperwork to make another attempt at refinancing the loan.

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#### More faces on Mount Rushmore?

Local minister forms organization to raise funds and sponsor legislation to add Barack and Michelle Obama to the granite monument.



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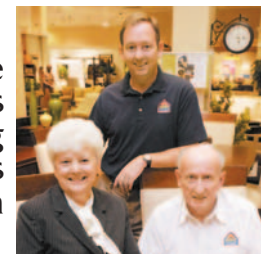
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# Council approves false alarm rules

## Fines possible after Aug. 1

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

The Las Cruces City Council approved a new ordinance Tuesday, Jan. 22, aimed to reduce the number of false alarms city police and fire crews have to respond to through a registration fee and fines.

The alarm ordinance covers both homes and businesses. While it will go into effect Saturday, Jan. 26, the enforcement of fines won't start until Aug. 1.

The ordinance will require alarms to be registered with the city and charged a \$25 registration fee to pay for personnel and technology to track false alarms. The first and second false alarms won't be fined, but the alarm owners will be notified. On the third false alarm, the fine is \$100, fourth \$200 and fifth \$300. At the sixth false alarm, the fine is still \$300, but police or fire crews will not be dispatched until the owner is contacted by phone – called voice-verified dispatch.

"A significant portion of our limited resources are wasted responding to false alarms," said Las Cruces Police Lt. Kevin Renn. "This new ordinance is designed to reduce the number of false alarms."

City officials estimate that of the 8,846 alarm calls police and fire crews responded to last year, 99 percent were false, at a cost to city taxpayers of \$400,000, Renn said.

The total number of alarm calls last year dropped 9 percent after the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority began requiring two calls to property owners and to alarm companies to verify the legitimacy of an alarm.

Renn said the two-call verification method will continue to be used.

Prior to council's approval of the new ordinance, resident Jason Lopez questioned the amounts of the fines, saying other cities in the region did not charge as costly fines.

There was also some debate about the charge and process for appealing the fines, but the council approved the new ordinance following an effort to find compromise with concerns raised by local alarm companies.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he strongly supported the new ordinance.

"It's been a really long time coming," he said.

“ This new ordinance is designed to reduce the number of false alarms. ”

LT. KEVIN RENN  
Las Cruces police

# City re-opens Munson Center

## Carbon monoxide gas problem cleared

After consultants and the Las Cruces Fire Marshal checked the Munson Center, the City of Las Cruces was able to re-open the facility Wednesday, Jan 23.

Munson had been closed since Jan. 7 because of elevated carbon monoxide gas being detected in the building.

Brian Denmark, assistant city manager, said consultants hired to find the problem believe the carbon monoxide came from the building's boiler system, used to heat the facility, and the range hood inside the kitchen, which was cleaned and serviced with the vent motor replaced as a preventative measure to ensure proper ventilation of cooking appliances.

City staff was allowed back into the building Tuesday afternoon. Lori Grumet, Senior Programs administrator, said the building would open Wednesday with resumption of food services Monday, Jan. 28.

Through Friday, Jan. 25, Dial-a-Ride patrons who normally dine at the center will be transported to the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Patrons who drive themselves will be served at the Benavidez Center, 1045 McClure Road, or the Eastside Center. Munson Center is located at 975 S. Mesquite St.

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

### Santa Fe is a fitting setting for multi-faceted legislature

#### Playing nice early doesn't guarantee harmony

"The mess doesn't start until tomorrow," said a Roundhouse worker Monday, Jan. 14, the day before the 2013 legislative session opened at the state capitol in Santa Fe.

Indeed, as I wandered around the Roundhouse that Monday, there was certainly a sense of "the calm before the storm," as another worker said, or "hurry up and wait" as said another.

At that point, many of the senators and representatives – including Las Cruces' Bill McCamley – did not even have offices. McCamley was walking around the Roundhouse, working to get as much done as he could without an assigned office, a computer or a secretary.

He did have his House seat assigned, however, right on the front row.

Tuesday morning, the mess was there from the start, as the free parking garage was filled by 8:30 a.m., forcing people to drive around and walk in the frigid, single-digit Santa Fe temperatures.

The main rotunda, empty and silent on Monday, was packed with tables, chairs, talking and presenting on Tuesday, Jan. 15, as a dozen or more groups and individuals promoted their causes.

McCamley had switched from a Landon Donovan soccer shirt on Monday to a full business suit on Tuesday.

Roundhouse staff who on Monday were at loose ends were on Tuesday trying to tie up a dozen things at once.

Charles Dickens wrote "A Tale of Two Cities" more than 150 years ago. Santa Fe is two different cities in more ways than one.

It's clearly two different cities depending on whether or not the Legislature is in session. It also can be two different cities even during the Legislature.

Monday, I had lunch at one of my favorite Santa Fe spots, Tia Sophia's, just off the Plaza.

Nick Maryol, a New Mexico State University grad who runs the restaurant, said the legislators typically don't hit Tia Sophia's until the sessions have matured a bit.

The first couple of weeks, legislators are getting wine and dined by all sorts of folks.

"When they start having to pay for their own, or they're ready for some good comfort food, they'll come here," Maryol said.

I can certainly attest to the comfort food. The day I stopped in, I had walked from the Roundhouse, the temperature still below 20. I was ready for some comfort and warmth.

"I can't decide if I want green chile stew or posole," I told the waiter.

"How about a bowl of green chile stew, a side of posole and a sopaipilla," he suggested.

"Sold," I said.

When I arrived, I was a little surprised by the lack of color in the posole. No red chile. Only white hominy, some pork and a little chile spice. It tasted good, though, and solved the warmth problem. Dipping the sopaipilla in the green chile stew was another unexpected treat, the sweetness of the sopaipilla blending well with the savory stew.

Tia Sophia's also features shakers of cinnamon to sprinkle in your coffee.

I'm still a coffee novice, and like a little cinnamon in my coffee. It adds a nice little note of grace to the java.

The 2013 legislative session started on a wonderful note of grace.

It could have begun with a nasty fight. Sen. Pete Campos and Sen. Mary Kay Papan appeared headed for a battle within the Senate over the president pro tempore position.

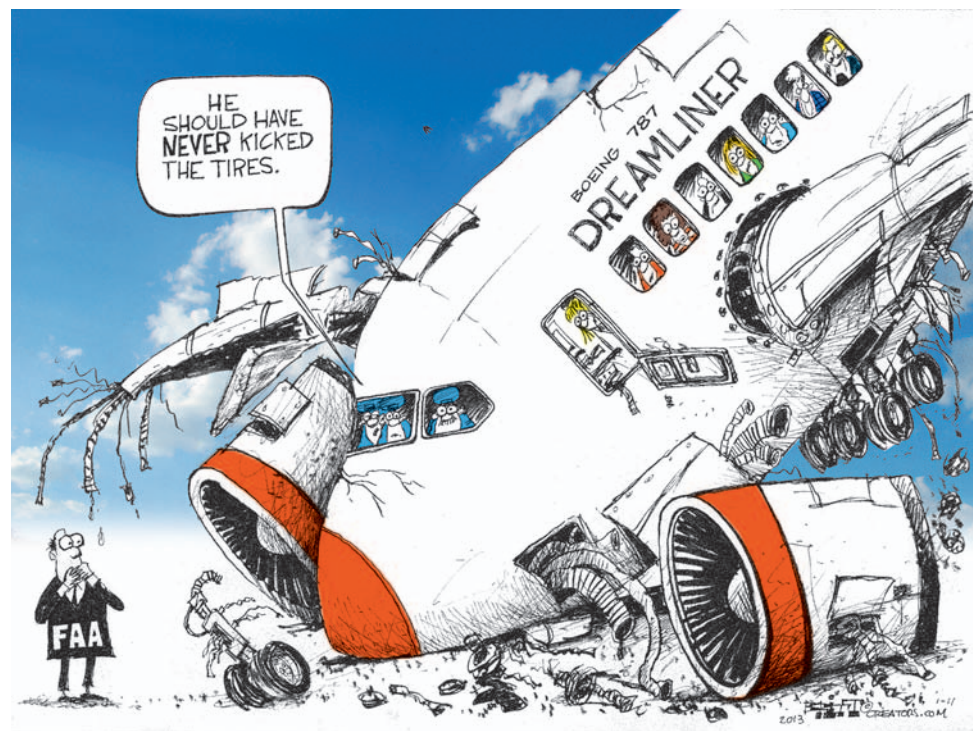
On day one, however, Campos essentially conceded the post when he stood to nominate Papan. The move eliminated a struggle, and created a unanimous selection of Las Cruces' own Papan.

Don't be mistaken. If Campos felt he had the votes to compete, he probably would not have done that. Still, it was a classy, albeit political, move. It also moved the Senate a step closer to getting real work done, rather than spending time, energy and political capital on a first-day struggle.

A first-day love fest, however, does not portend smooth sailing for a process that historically has been difficult at best.

We don't necessarily want it to be all smooth. Legislators certainly shouldn't be rubber-stamping decisions with our money. We choose them to ask smart, tough questions and arrive at logical compromises.

So let's enjoy the early niceties; the mess will start soon enough.



## Letters to the Editor

### DAAC thanks supporters

The Doña Ana Arts Council board and staff would like to thank the many people who supported its 41st annual Renaissance ArtsFaire.

The Ren Faire is our largest fundraiser of the year with all net proceeds going to provide much needed arts programming and services for all Doña Ana County residents.

This event would not take place without the hundreds of volunteers, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest New Mexico, New Mexico State University students and the Ren Faire advisory committee, who donate time and effort to make this event so successful.

We also want to thank the City of Las Cruces, our many sponsors who gave both cash and in-kind donations, the media with excellent coverage and many local businesses that supplied food and beverages. Of course, the faire artists and entertainers who bring the Renaissance era to life with drama and period costumes, including Queen Sherry and her Merry Court, Robert the Ratcatcher and the Greyhounds of Fairhaven.

We give special thanks to several "Super Volunteers" who were at Young Park for multiple days in a row helping set up, manage and take down the faire including Judy Finch, Maggie and George Griffin, Val Maltese and Diana Seward and her family.

Lastly, a big thank you to the beautiful weather, all of you who donated to our beloved

dragon Magellan's repair fund and all of you who attended last year's Renaissance ArtsFaire.

*Kathleen Albers and Scott Breckner*  
Doña Ana Arts Council

### Immigration laws

The Las Cruces Sun-News feature article about driver's licenses for aliens illegally in our country demonstrates our national schizophrenia about this issue. Either we are going to have meaningful national borders or not; or enforce our immigration laws, or not. There is no alternative.

Incredibly, our federal government does nothing about cities and states that declare themselves "sanctuaries" for illegal aliens, but acts aggressively against the ones that attempt to stem the decades long invasion by aliens who make a mockery of our immigration laws. We spend fortunes yearly on military budgets, but do nothing about states that knowingly issue documents to persons who have no right to be here. It is high time we come to our senses.

Is it the current rush for political correctness, naivete, willingness to support and further the illegal activities of those who admittedly ignored federal immigration law, a total sense of unawareness of why it is necessary for any country to maintain its national sovereignty and security, or just not caring?

*Kristi J. Rasura*

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# Legislature gets down to business

Solons will tackle Public Regulation Commission changes, gun control

**Jay Miller**  
Inside the  
Capitol



The New Mexico House of Representatives quickly got organized for business last week. As usual, it took the Senate a little longer.

Although Rep. Ken Martinez of Grants is new to the job of House Speaker, his election by the full House on opening day, Tuesday, Jan. 15, seemed assured. That meant committee appointments could be planned and discussed for public announcement on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Over in the Senate, the selection of a president pro tem remained in doubt until the Senate convened at noon on Tuesday. Sen. Mary Kay Papan of Las Cruces had been saying for several days that her selection was a sure thing, but it would have been bad form to start appointing committees before the Senate actually voted on opening day.

The primary power of the Senate president pro tem is the appointment of committees and their chairmen. The Senate majority leader controls the flow of business.

It is today that the Legislature starts working its way up toward high gear. The one exception is the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, which got the bill financing the session under way immediately.

People don't get paid until that bill has made its way through the House and Senate and is signed by the governor. Only once in

my 50 years of experience up here has a governor ever vetoed the "Feed Bill." Gov. Toney Anaya was the culprit. Lawmakers retaliated by threatening to evict him from his Capitol offices.

The House Appropriations Committee began hearings on the General Appropriations Act Thursday, Jan. 17. Over the next month or more, the committee will bring every department and state agency, including the governor's office, to defend their budget requests.

In her opening remarks to lawmakers and assembled guests, Gov. Susana Martinez stressed the need to attract private businesses in order to decrease our dependence on federal government money.

A word of caution, however, we can't take our eye off our federal installations. The Energy Department and the Base Realignment and Consolidation folks are looking everywhere for cuts. The last time this happened, New Mexicans organized a powerful group to advocate New Mexico's case.

We'll need the same sort of effort again. We don't want to end up with another situation like

the spaceport, in which a failure to promote ourselves for a period causes decision-makers to forget about our state's resources.

One of the first topics to get attention this year is the package of constitutional amendments approved by voters during last November's general election. The amendments require educational qualifications for the five members of the state Public Regulation Commission and transfer some of the PRC's duties to other agencies.

The bills were prepared with the assistance

“ We can't take our eye off our federal installations. ”

## Begin by examining the data, not with emotions

How many less deaths if victims are armed?

**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion



Data does not lie. It is exactly what it is, regardless of political implications people would like the data to support.

Data is numbers, words and graphs from which we can argue conclusions. Data is just data in and of itself. People can use data to make decisions. That is the textbook way we, in our society, are supposed to make decisions. We should look at the data and then proceed as the data suggests.

While data does not take a side in a debate, people have wants, cares and desires they argue for and sometimes try to use data to convince others as to the validity of their viewpoint. Data may be neutral, but people lie and misuse data. People use data for purposes not supported by the data. Worse, Americans have great debates without ever looking at the data.

In our society, there is a great debate – no, that is not right. No one is debating. Everyone is just emoting their feelings about guns without regard for data. Even though there may be data, most often it is ignored if it does not help make a desired political point. Our news

media do not present balanced reports; they generally look for stories that support their political agenda. They ignore data that does not support their views.

You do not believe such a thing? Here is proof: In all of the stories about gun violence, have you seen any about when having and using a gun is good? People use guns to make things better every day and the mainstream media do not cover the good use of guns. But they are quick to shout when guns are used for bad purposes.

Our society is not really having a discussion about firearms as much as a shouting match. Some people think there is a legislated way to have a society without any violence if guns are banned. That is not supported by data from other countries. More so, we do not parse our gun data to see which uses of guns fall in several categories. There is gang-on-gang gun violence that no amount of laws will change since gangs do not follow laws. In Mexico, all guns are banned and there is more gun violence than anywhere else in North America.

There are also types of violence where if a gun is not handy, a knife will be used. What we really want for data is the attacks on citizens that might have been either prevented or made better if the victims were armed. We are

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of Think-New Mexico, a Santa Fe-based think tank that led the effort to get the constitutional amendments drafted and passed.

Introducing the legislation will be House Speaker Ken Martinez and House Republican leader Tom Taylor.

The procession of New Mexico's five members of Congress to visit the Capitol and to speak to a joint session of the Legislature began last week with Rep. Steve Pearce from the 2nd Congressional District.

Missing for the first time in 30 years will be recently retired Sen. Jeff Bingaman.

Bingaman's name has been mentioned as a successor to Ken Salazar, the retiring Secretary of the Interior Department.

Salazar, who is going back to his Colorado ranch, is a former U.S. Senator from Colorado. Secretaries of the Interior usually are from the West, since that is where all the federal land is.

Also on the agenda for both the New Mexico Legislature and Congress are numerous gun control proposals, none of which are likely to pass because of the power of the gun-makers and sellers. They have been making a fortune and become too powerful to touch.

The National Rifle Association is credited with the power, but it is the manufacturers and dealers who provide the big bucks for political contributions.

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## Community College Corner

# DACC: A partner in the community

## College has a dynamic impact on the local economy

By **Margie Huerta**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Every day, your community college is hard at work for you. From training students who will graduate workforce ready to partnering with local businesses to provide customized training to employees and offering continuing education programs for the community, Doña Ana Community College is building the workforce and growing our economy.

According to an independent study published in May 2012, by the University of New Mexico's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER), DACC had an estimated economic impact of \$76.4 million in business output on the local economy in 2011. The study, titled "The Economic Impact of Doña Ana Community College in Doña Ana County in FY11," found when all economic interdependencies are accounted for, DACC generated nearly 2,000 jobs, \$48.4 million in income and produced a multiplied economic output of \$152.5 million in Doña Ana County in fiscal year 2011.

Led by UNM-BBER research scientist Doleswar Bhandari, the study is a conventional analysis that focuses on the amount of money DACC brings into Doña Ana County from out-of-county sources. In addition, the study measured the economic impact of increased earnings and spending by DACC graduates and noncredit students – including the more than 8,000 people who have received customized training at DACC – who still reside in the county.

Their \$67 million in increased earnings have, in turn, created 405 additional jobs that pay \$12.8 million in income. The BBER report estimated that the average annual salary for an individual with a DACC associate degree is at least \$12,000 more than that of a high school graduate.

"The community college has a powerful, dynamic impact on the economy that may last for many, many years," Bhandari said. "It has a positive effect, creating better jobs, bringing cultural opportunities, that we don't expect from other industries. The analysis is an argument – one could make the argument – that support for colleges and universities should be much stronger than it currently is because of how dynamic their impact really is."

Bhandari noted that many of DACC's other "beneficial impacts" on the community cannot be translated into dollar figures because they are intangibles, such as social and cultural benefits. Nevertheless, he said these intangible benefits should also be considered very important.

"DACC makes substantial contributions to the Doña

Ana County economy through the increased earnings of its graduates and noncredit students who work and live in the county, the increased knowledge and skills of the local workforce and the help it provides in attracting businesses and industries, which results in an increase in property values throughout the surrounding area," stated the report.

To see the economic impact report in its entirety, visit [http://bber.unm.edu/pubs/EIA\\_DACC\\_5-12.pdf](http://bber.unm.edu/pubs/EIA_DACC_5-12.pdf)

Thanks to your "yes" vote on past bond issues, access to workforce training in Dona Ana County just got better.

The new 66,500-square-foot Student Resources Building, which is the culmination of Phases VI and VII of the East Mesa campus, was completed in the fall of 2012. This building provides space for the Emergency Medical Services, Education, Public Health, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, Hospitality and Tourism and Culinary Arts programs, the last of which has a multi-station kitchen and two cooking-demonstration classrooms. An interactive simulation theater creates virtually in vivo training experiences for students of the Law Enforcement Academy.

The long-awaited Hatch Center was also completed in 2012. Located adjacent to Hatch Valley High School, it puts DACC dual-credit college courses within easy reach of HVHS students. College courses and Adult Basic Education programming are also available to Hatch Valley residents.

But that's not all. Without any increase in taxes, DACC is enhancing program offerings and adding space as necessary to accommodate new programs to address workforce needs in the Santa Teresa border industrial parks area. Additionally, DACC has been recognized by the state of New Mexico as being one of the most efficient institutions of higher learning in the state by having among the lowest square feet per full-time enrolled student.

DACC is proud to be an integral part of your local community. As the last NMSU community college to be established in 1973, DACC is now the largest, offering more than three dozen career and academic programs, with still more to be unveiled, and serving approximately 17,000 students.

During my administration, which spans a quarter of DACC's history, your community college has grown to the point that it is a major player in regional workforce development. With eight locations within a 100-mile radius, DACC is well positioned for all the future holds for Doña Ana County.

*DACC Community College Corner appears every other week in the Las Cruces Bulletin. For more information about DACC and its many student offerings, visit [www.dacc.nmsu.edu](http://www.dacc.nmsu.edu) or call 527-7500.*

## Letters to the Editor

### A sad chapter for library

It was sad to read about the ending of the book sale at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (TBML). For more than 40 years, the book sale was a leading source for raising money for library purchases not funded by the city.

Volunteers and Friends of TBML were committed to the labor involved in bringing more books and technology to the library. For the City of Las Cruces to now charge rent for the book sale space is an affront to the Friends of TBML's 36 years of dedication and free service to the city's library.

The Friends of TBML was founded in 1976. Their work in promoting the library helped create the interest that built the present building in 1979. In 1984, the American Library Association recognized it as the best Library Friends organization in the nation for a community of its size.

From the beginning, the Friends sponsored popular monthly book reviews that were taped for checkout. For more than 30 years, they supported an authors' brunch to honor local authors and award the "Author of the Year."

Many other individuals and organizations assisted the library over the years. Among those that deserve recognition for their services are: State College Story League, American Red Cross (homebound services), Las Cruces Arts and Crafts Association, and the Las Cruces Progress Club.

The City of Las Cruces owes the Friends of TBML gratitude for their many years of community service. Few organizations have done as much for Las Cruces residents and the city as the Friends of TBML. The city would benefit from promoting public good will and support rather than collecting rent from its benefactors.

*Donald Dresp*

## Swickard

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not having that dialog because the mainstream media already has decided that America must be disarmed to be made safe.

So what we need for our debate is the positives and negatives of guns in our society from the neutral data. This seems a simple request because we have so much data. We need a clear-eyed look at guns in the hands of citizens, since the only people that more gun laws will actually affect are the law abiding citizens. They follow laws and the law-breakers, well, break laws. We are not enforcing the gun laws now for the law-breakers. How stupid is it to make more laws when we are not enforcing the laws we have on the books?

It is a tough debate because we believe our beliefs about guns much as whether or not we believe in global warming or that aliens landed in Roswell. Just beliefs. Do not try to use data points because we are dealing with beliefs.

For Americans who want to be defenseless, I am all for them meeting their fate as they wish to meet it, eyes open and fully aware. Me, I wish to fight back if I am attacked. The sticking point is that some people want me defenseless and that is what I cannot abide.

What I am willing to do is to have an unbiased look at the data. I would like to start with the questions rather than starting with the answers that fit a political agenda. Let us endeavor to use the data rather than emotions as we debate gun control.

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## Guest Column

# We are here for the community

## NMSU fulfilling its goals as a land grant university

By **Manuel Pacheco**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico is a place where the present is always accompanied – and often nurtured – by the past.

It is a place where the past plays an important role in reminding us of our values, traditions and culture, even as we work to forge ahead into the future. This two-part relationship has enabled our state to be on the cutting edge of science and technology while still preserving and valuing our important history.

I have observed this relationship throughout my life, during my childhood in New Mexico and in my adult years, which mostly have required me to be away from the state, but always have included regular visits to spend time with family and friends.

This relationship was underscored by the events of the past year as we celebrated our state's centennial, and in many ways, the history of New Mexico State University and its relationship to the community it serves also reflect this important aspect of our state.

Before NMSU was founded in 1888, Doña Ana County was a much different place than it is now. Like many other places where a university was founded, this quiet county grew and developed in such a way that today it is not only our second largest in New Mexico in population, but also a dynamic, modern regional center, which offers quality of life that is often nationally recognized.

NMSU contributed significantly to that growth and development, as did other historic events, such as the arrival of the railroad and the establishment of military operations nearby. The impact of the university here and in our surrounding area remains a major key to our county's success.

NMSU is now a university of 16,000 students on our main campus, with 9,000 more on our Doña Ana Community College campus. More than 72 percent of the students on our main campus come from New Mexico, with nearly a third coming from right here in Doña Ana County and Las Cruces.

These students have the opportunity to attend a world-class research university – one ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top-tier institution and rated by Forbes magazine in the top 25 of America's Best Colleges among public institutions – right here in their backyard.

We employ about 4,800 faculty and staff and provide a livelihood for a significant percentage of the citizens in this county. Expanded and renovated facilities such as our residence halls, the new campuses of DACC and our new Center for the Arts added hundreds of new job opportunities for local citizens.

When we prosper, so does all of Doña Ana County.

But the impact of our university also goes beyond its physical presence in this community. NMSU makes a substantial difference in all sorts of "communities," whether academic, business, research or otherwise. NMSU, like all of the nation's 106 land-grant universities founded under the Morrill Act of 1862, was built on the idea that all people – not only the rich – should have access to a quality education, and that the university would extend the research and knowledge we produce to the communities we serve.

Our teaching excellence over the years in the colleges of Education, Engineering and Health and Social Services, for example, has helped meet the critical need for teachers and administrators in our state's schools; highway engineers, particularly with expertise in bridge design and safety, on our state's roadways; and nursing professionals in medical centers across New Mexico. During our history here, we have educated substantial numbers of the state's teachers, engineers and health care workers.

Our College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences supports New Mexico's agricultural tradition with high-tech outreach to people across the state through our 33 Cooperative Extension Service offices and 13 Agricultural Science Centers. Our agents, specialists and researchers team up to provide research-based knowledge to the citizens of the state, whether to homeowners seeking horticultural advice, through efforts such as the extensive Master Gardener programs in Santa Fe County and elsewhere, or to agricultural producers themselves, whether dairy owners in Clovis, vineyard operators in Corrales, or pecan and chile growers right here in Las Cruces.

Our College of Business has MBA graduates serving in key roles in businesses across the country, and our Arrowhead Technology Incubator is giving high-tech businesses of the future a chance to get established and off the ground with solid fundamentals to build upon.

Our impact ranges across the world, too, in countries such as Vietnam, Egypt and Senegal, and across scientific and engineering discovery including modernizing hydroelectric power,

controlling the spread of bird flu and battling the deadly dengue virus.

Recently, for instance, researchers in our College of Arts and Sciences' Physics Department completed a 20-year study of the tectonic processes at work on the Tibetan Plateau. The team of university researchers is sharing its findings that have come about through the use of deep seismic reflection profiling to explore the continental lithosphere. The NMSU researchers have learned a lot about what is happening to our planet's surface, and some of the new knowledge gives us surprising new insights into these processes – insights that can help us better prepare for changes to come.

The time it took those geologic processes to unfold beneath the Earth's surface make the university's 125-year history seem like the blink of an eye, but what an impressive list of accomplishments has happened during that blink.

Yes, NMSU has had a tremendous impact throughout its history on the physical community that surrounds us in Doña Ana County. But we also have made a significant difference statewide, nationally and internationally in those other "communities" we have served through our teaching, outreach and research efforts for more than a century.

By remembering our own roots and renewing our ongoing dedication to both our agricultural tradition and cutting-edge, scientific research, we are fulfilling the goals of our land-grant mission and pledge to have even more far-reaching impact on our communities for decades to come.

*Manuel Pacheco is interim president at New Mexico State University.*

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## Guest Columns

# New chamber board blends experience, new ideas

## Group spearheads Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe

By **Bill Allen**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I am very excited to be working with this year's Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. It looks like the perfect blend of experience and new ideas.

They will be taking that energy to our state capital Saturday through Monday, Jan. 26-28, for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe.

Working for a board is a different animal. Each year, you have a different boss. I have been extremely fortunate to have worked for wonderful people here.

Most boards have multi-year terms, in our case it's three years, with a two-term limit. The challenge with that structure is that you lose board members every year. Losing board members is difficult in and of itself, but losing their knowledge and history of what has happened is information that no business can afford to lose. It's imperative that you find a way to keep as much of that knowledge in house as possible.

Take this year for example.

At the end of this year, we will lose board members who are former chairs: John Hummer, Kiel Hoffman and Margie Huerta. Those three individuals were responsible for directing great

growth and change at the chamber, including spearheading our four-star accreditation with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

With this group, it is especially bittersweet as they were the ones who brought me to Las Cruces. They have all been great friends to me.

The following year, we will lose two more former chairs. Effectively, that means approximately one-third of the board, all former board chairs, will drop off in the next 24 months.

Again, we are fortunate in that these individuals will always be available to answer questions or help out as necessary because they truly believe in the mission of the chamber.

The positive side of this is that every year we

bring on new board members who have great ideas. This year our new board members are Marci Dickerson, Rico Gonzales and Matt Rush.

Not to be left out, the balance of the board includes Chair Leslie Cervantes, Mike Beckett, Brandy Darden, Kelly Duke, Janet Green, Savonne Griffin, Richard Haas, Jaki McCollum, Phil Rivera, Stella Shelley and Terra Van Winter. It is a great group to be working with and collectively they will be a great asset in helping the chamber accomplish its goals for 2013.



**ALLEN**

*Bill Allen is the president/CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.*

## Public business on private email limits public access

### Citizens right to know must be protected

By **Gwyneth Doland**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In New Mexico, we're lucky to have excellent laws that guarantee your right to know what your government is up to.

The Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) was designed to ensure, as its authors wrote, "all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of public officers and employees."

But, IPRA dates from 1994, when only a small fraction of us had computers on our desks at work. How things have changed.

These days, it seems almost everything we do is processed electronically at one point, and that includes most of the business conducted by public officials and employees. But, when officials use their private accounts to conduct public business, the promise of transparency is clouded.

That's because the rank-and-file employees charged with responding to public records requests have no way of easily retrieving public records that might be lurking in their bosses' private accounts.

Devotees of open government in New Mexico have known that a public record is a public record no matter where it is physically located – whether a report sits in a filing cabinet in the office or in an employee's briefcase at home, for example. Today, we all have fewer pieces of paper in filing cabinets and briefcases and more documents sitting in our laptops, phones – and in the cloud.

The principle of open government remains the same: to ensure, as IPRA states, "all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of

government and the official acts of public officers and employees."

Lately, folks have asked us about the details of email and how it should be treated in terms of public records requests. So, we sat down and agreed on some points.

First, if a document sitting in a public official's desktop computer at work qualifies as a public record under the definition in IPRA, then it's still a public record when it's stored on that official's personal laptop at home. Similarly, a public record sent or received by email is subject to inspection under IPRA no matter what kind of account – official or private – is used.

This applies to everyone who creates public records in the course of doing public business, including public employees, volunteer board members and commissions, and unpaid elected officials such as state legislators, city councilors and school board members.

Just as records custodians are responsible for documents that may not be in the right filing cabinet, they are also responsible for public records held in private email accounts belonging to members of that body.

Because storing public records in private email accounts can make it hard for records custodians to access those records, the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government strongly recommends that all email related to public business is sent using official accounts.

Let's keep all public business public – not private.

*Gwyneth Doland is the executive director of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government, a nonprofit member organization that has worked for more transparency in New Mexico since 1990.*

## BaxterBlack

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



## Shipping Mr. Gerald's Hereford bull

Todd's neighbor has raised good Hereford cattle as long as he has known him. As years went by, Mr. Gerald, the neighbor, let his herd dwindle in numbers. Then last winter he fell and injured his knee.

Todd offered to help and was called upon. Just a word about Todd. He is an east river Dakota cattle farmer with the heart of a west river rancher. He's a good horseman, wears a big hat and carries a 60-foot rope.

Mr. Gerald wanted to ship some of his long yearlin's. His whole herd consisted of 12 big cows, one old bull and assorted progeny. On the big day Todd went to the back of the pasture and worked his way through the coulees and breaks, pushing what he could gather to the corral.

Mr. Gerald had his wife drive him out to help in their Jeep Wrangler SUV. Things went smoothly till they got close to the corral.

In particular, Mr. Gerald wanted to ship a yearlin' bull who had somehow missed his castration appointment. After turning back at the gate twice, Mr. Gerald gave Todd permission to rope him.

Any fair-to-middlin' roper relishes the opportunity to rope a big target, especially if it belongs to somebody else.

It didn't take long for Todd to run him down and and rope him around his stubby horns.

The target refused to be led to the gate and Todd didn't have enough horse to drag

him. Plus the bull ran up the rope a couple times trying to intimidate Todd.

They were both losing their temper.

Todd yelled at Mr. Gerald to pull his Jeep up in front of the gate. His idea was to tie his rope over the bumper hitch and let the Jeep drag the bull into the corral.

Now I can imagine you readers trying to picture Todd accomplishing this feat of cowboy daring-do. But, I told you Todd was a good hand and he did it. He managed to get a half-hitch over the ball and still escape entrapment and injury.

In a testosterone milli-minute, the bull encircled the Jeep like a yo-yo on a string, not once but three times, then jammed his head into the right front wheel well.

The Jeep was rocking dangerously and the Gerald's were trapped inside being thrown about like orangutans in a paint shaker.

In an act of sacrifice, Todd leaped in and cut his good rope, freeing the front seat prisoners. The bulk of the rope ran off with the yearlin' bull over the horizon.

Mr. Gerald rolled his window down, pulled his "Herefords Forever" cap off his eyes and turned to watch the bull disappear.

"Well," he said with the wisdom of an ol'timer, "he wuddn't quite ready to ship anyway."

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# Stubborn docking system almost derails Apollo 14 moon mission

## Pilot Roosa instructed to come 'in faster and harder'



By **Michael Shinabery**

New Mexico Museum of Space History

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part story.

### The craft

Antares was good to go.

"The space vehicle for the Apollo 14 mission was determined ready for launch" on Jan. 29, 1971, said the 1978 NASA publication "The Apollo Spacecraft: A Chronology."

Two days later, at 4:03 p.m., Alan Shepard, Ed Mitchell, and Stuart Roosa lifted off. They had endured "a 40-minute hold" eight "minutes before scheduled launch time because of unsatisfactory weather conditions, the first such delay in the Apollo program," the publication stated.

Three-and-a-half hours later, according to "Moon Shot" (Turner/1994), the crew found themselves "in deep trouble" when the docking system appeared to be failing. Kitty Hawk, the command service module, could not connect with the lunar module Antares. The latching hooks wouldn't snap into place. Engineers at Mission Control pored over the dilemma, and then pointed out: "If a piece of debris, or even dirt, lodged in this mechanism ... then it's possible it prevents the latches from depressing."

Their recommendation? Come "in faster and harder."

"Extending forward from the top of Kitty Hawk was an arrow-like probe, which Roosa would connect with a cone-shaped drogue receptacle on Antares's nose," "Moon Shot" said. "The hook system assured a firm connection between the two ships and a tunnel through which" Shepard, and Antares Pilot Ed Mitchell, "could float from one craft to the other." After arriving at the moon, the two ships would then separate for the lunar descent. Later, they would have to re-dock to go home to Earth.

Even though Roosa had "fired his small control thrusters with the touch of a surgeon," "Moon Shot" documented, "the docking probe rebound(ed)."

The second attempt failed, too, as did the next three.

"Roosa had been maneuvering Kitty Hawk so many times that he was eating into the limited fuel reserves of the spacecraft. Mission Control passed the word," "Moon Shot" said. "Stu could make one, perhaps two more attempts, and then the docking maneuver must be abandoned."

On the heels of the near-fatal Apollo 13, a consecutive failed lunar landing would be a scientific and public relations disaster. The Congress might even shut down NASA's funding for the Apollo program.

Based on the engineers' recommendation, Shepard ordered Roosa to "juice it!" At impact, "both ships rocked," and "the capture light came on."

"Super Job Saves Mission," proclaimed Today: Florida's

Space Age Newspaper in that day's edition.

The docking "on the sixth attempt" had taken place nearly two hours late, said "The Apollo Spacecraft: A Chronology." "A crew inspection of the probe and docking mechanism was televised during the coast toward the moon. The crew and group personnel were unable to determine why (Kitty Hawk and Antares) had failed to dock properly."

The good news, however, was that the crew was finally bound for the moon.

### The commander

Alan Shepard, A Naval Academy graduate, was called "Professor Al" by his fellow astronauts because of his maddening habit of taking over press conferences with pedantic answers to reporters' questions, said "Men From Earth" (Bantam/1989).

When NASA informed the Mercury 7, as the original astronauts were known, that Alan Shepard would be the first American in space, "the others surrounded him, offered congratulations, and then quietly left the room," according to "Moon Shot." "They would be astonished later to realize that nobody had even suggested a round of drinks to toast Alan."

His flight occurred on May 5, 1961. Repeated delays forced Shepard to wait "so long that the need to urinate was becoming urgent," said "Moon Shot." Dr. Wernher von Braun refused to extract Shepard or allow him to urinate in the suit; that would "short-circuit (his) medical leads." So, Shepard suggested turning off the power. In his reclined position atop the Redstone booster, the "liquid pooled in the small of his back. ... His heavy undergarment soaked up the urine, and with 100 percent oxygen flowing through the suit he was soon dry."

At liftoff, 45 million Americans watched him rocket into space aboard Freedom 7 – not to mention a handful of mysterious Russian fisherman off Florida's coast. NASA feared "the Russians were going to try to initiate our command destruct signal and blow us out of the sky," the Gannett News Service reported in the May 5, 1996, El Paso Times. In an abort, codes "would trigger the rocket's self-destruct system if it nose-dived toward beach houses and a growing motel row 12 miles south of the Cocoa Beach launch pad." The Soviet Union, the story said, may have been "trying to sabotage the mission" from "trawlers with dish-shaped antennas," thus the flight's codes were kept "very, very top secret."

Shepard, during his 15-minute and 20-second flight, reached 116 miles in altitude. He landed 302 miles off the coast, just 9.2 miles from the recovery ship Lake Champlain.



NASA photo

Alan Shepard was the first American astronaut to reach space in 1961.

"Come after me," he radioed helicopter crews.

Once on Lake Champlain's deck, he proclaimed "It's a beautiful day. Boy, what a ride."

The ship's crew, however, was prohibited from congratulating him. Wire stories stated "crewmen ... were told not to speak to the astronaut. Doctors and psychologists want him to tell his story without having it colored by ideas conveyed to him on his return."

Post-flight, "the Soviet press agency Tass sneered that the Freedom 7 flight 'cannot be compared with the flight of the Soviet space ship Vostok,'" said Shepard's obituary at nytimes.com. Twenty-three days earlier, the first man in space, Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin had actually orbited Earth.

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## City Seeks Public Comment



The City of Las Cruces is developing a comprehensive maintenance plan for the Las Cruces Flood Control Dam pool area. The plan describes long and short term maintenance activities to ensure the protection of both existing wildlife and vegetation. The public is asked to review and comment on the existing plan. The document is located on the home page of the City of Las Cruces website at [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org) where it can be downloaded. A comment sheet is located at the end of the document.

Written comments can be dropped off at the Public Works Department located inside City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Comments may also be mailed to: City of Las Cruces Public Works Department, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces NM, 88004, Attn: Roy Arnoldt; or emailed directly to: [rarnoldt@las-cruces.org](mailto:rarnoldt@las-cruces.org).

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## Coming Up

### Embroiderers' guild meets

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For more information, call 522-4684.

### Flag football tournament

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department sixth annual Las Cruces "Gridiron Classic" four-on-four adult flag football tournament continues through 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

This year's tournament will include a women's division and two men's divisions; open and 35 years plus. The tournament is open to individuals 18 years and older and will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, and Sunday, Feb. 24, at Legends West Sports Field, at the northwest corner of the Field of Dreams football field parking lot. This will be a non-contact flag football tournament and each team will play pool-play on Saturday, followed by a single elimination tournament on Sunday. Cost is \$200 per team and five games are guaranteed.

For more information, contact the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2771.

### High Tech Consortium meets

The High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd., in the San Rafael Room.

The featured speaker will be former state Sen. Steve Fischmann, who will address benefits of efforts to align education from cradle to career.

The meeting is free to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Terry Jack at 522-3868 or terry@imac.us.com.

### DAC Senior Games kick off party

The kick-off and registration for the 35th annual Doña Ana County Senior Games will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Trails West, 1450 Avenida De Mesilla, in the clubhouse. County residents age 50 and older are encouraged to participate in one or more of the 26 sport and activities conducted during February, March and April. Beginners as well as experienced senior athletes are invited. All athletes must register in advance.

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### DAV hosts Valentine's Dinner

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 in Mesilla is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner fundraiser at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Meson de Mesilla, 1803 Avenida de Mesilla. The menu will feature herb-roasted chicken breast or grilled pork loin with red potatoes and vegetables, or baked tilapia with ratatouille sauce and rice pilaf. Cost is \$60 per couple or \$30 single. There will also be a cash bar.

For more information or to make reservations, call John Devereer at 640-8865 no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29.

### Dam comments sought

The City of Las Cruces is developing a comprehensive maintenance plan for the Las Cruces Flood Control Dam pool area. The plan describes long- and short-term maintenance activities to ensure the protection of both existing wildlife and vegetation.

The public is asked to assist the city to complete the plan by reviewing and commenting on the existing plan. Comments will be accepted through Wednesday, Jan. 30.

This document may be downloaded on the home page of the City of Las Cruces website at [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org). A comment sheet is located at the end of the document.

Written comments can be dropped off at the Public Works Department inside City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Comments may also be mailed to: City of Las Cruces Public Works Department, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004, Attn: Roy Arnoldt; or email [rarnoldt@las-cruces.org](mailto:rarnoldt@las-cruces.org).

### Science Café is Jan. 31

Science Café will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St.

The significance of the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument will be the focus of the event. What is revealed in the new museum display of the prehistoric trackways will be presented by Park Ranger McKinney Briske. Attendees will earn about the layers of mudstone and the conditions which made possible the tracks now preserved in the monument.

Sigma Xi's Science Café is presented by the Scientific Research Society, in cooperation with the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science. The Café discussions are free and open to the public. Come a little early for snacks and soft drinks. Students and all seeking greater knowledge of current science are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 522-3120.

### AAUW screens film

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is inviting the public to attend the screening of the groundbreaking documentary, "The Invisible War" at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Cineport 10 Theater in Mesilla Valley Mall.

Winner at the Sundance Film Festival last year and recently nominated for an Oscar, the film is a shocking investigation of

one of America's most shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military.

The film paints a startling picture of the extent of the problem – today, a female soldier in combat zones is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire. The Department of Defense estimates there were a staggering 19,300 service members sexually assaulted in 2010 alone. Focusing on the emotional stories of the rape victim, "The Invisible War" is a moving indictment of the systemic cover-up of the military sex crimes, chronicling the women's struggles to rebuild their lives and fight for justice. Tickets are \$10. All proceeds go to support the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and local scholarships and programs. For more information, contact Julia Brown at 556-9275 or [jtbauw@yahoo.com](mailto:jtbauw@yahoo.com).

### Astronomy Society has meeting

The Astronomical Society of Las Cruces will be conducting its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in room 114M of the Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. New Mexico State University associate professor Nancy Chanover will be the guest speaker. Chanover will discuss efforts in developing instruments to detect life on other worlds. Her work involves the study of planetary atmospheres and developing new instruments for planetary science. She is also very involved in public outreach; volunteering in the local school system with programs that encourage and facilitate science instruction in the middle schools.

For more information contact Chuck Sterling at [csterlin@zianet.com](mailto:csterlin@zianet.com) or [csterlin88001@gmail.com](mailto:csterlin88001@gmail.com).

### Welcome Strangers meet Feb. 1

Welcome Strangers Canasta and Bridge will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Dessert, tea and coffee will be served. Reservations are requested by noon Wednesday, Jan. 30.

For more information or to make reservations, call Virginia at 373-1911, Donovan at 522-5450 or Edie at 523-0509.

### CES has pancake breakfast

César E. Chávez Elementary School will host a Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in the school cafeteria, 5250 N. Holman Road.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance or at the door the day of the breakfast.

The meal will include pancakes, sausage, syrup and choice of coffee or juice.

Funds raised during the breakfast will help pay for student field trips.

For more information, call César E. Chávez Elementary School at 527-6022.

### JPT Academy has Feb. 13 meeting

The J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the J. Paul Taylor Academy, 3900 Del Rey Blvd.

The agenda for the meeting and council work session dates can be viewed at [www.jpaultayloracademy.org](http://www.jpaultayloracademy.org).

### Sobriety checkpoints planned

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least three sobriety checkpoints and multiple saturation patrols within city limits through Saturday, Feb. 16.

LCPD sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated. Additional enforcement activities may include underage and party patrols.

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For Project Home taxi service call 524-TAXI.

## Mountain View Market lists February events

Mountain View Market Natural Foods Cooperative, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, has announced its events in February.

- 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday and Saturday: Farm Volunteer Days at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Call 523-0436 or email [mvmoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:mvmoutreach@gmail.com) for more information and directions.
- 3 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday: Tarot Sessions with Faye Dancing Cloud in the MVM Café. Suggested donation is \$1 per minute.
- 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. each Wednesday: The SelfMastery Book club meets in the Community Room. Style coach Siddeeq Shabazz leads ongoing discussions. February's featured book is "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey. Free.
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday: Herbal Medicine with Deborah Brandt in the Community Room. Brandt is a registered nurse, herbalist and nutritionist who approaches health from a holistic perspective. Classes may be taken individually or as a series. Individual classes are \$10 for members or \$15 for non-members. Registration for all classes through March 21 is \$90 for members or \$135 for non-members. For more information, contact 644-5504 or [debjbrandt@mac.com](mailto:debjbrandt@mac.com).

- Noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays: Benefits of Whole Food Nutrition with Kate Schultz in the community room. Information about the importance of whole food nutrition, supported by clinical research will be presented. Free. For more information, contact 915-5785 or [kateschultz@hotmail.com](mailto:kateschultz@hotmail.com).
- 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2: Lasagna gardening with MVM farm manager Lori Garton. Lasagna gardening is an easy, no-till way to create garden beds full of nutrient-rich, fluffy, crumbly soil that plans will thrive in. The workshop is at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Cost is \$15 for members or \$20 for non-members, and space is limited, so register early online, over the phone or in-store today. For more information, contact 523-0436 or [mvmoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:mvmoutreach@gmail.com).
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5: "Feral Cat Care." Joe Miele will speak on feral cat care. Free.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6: Ancient Remedies for a Modern You: An Introduction to Ayurveda with Ina Rucker in the Community Room. Ancient yet timeless, Ayurveda gives us the means of attaining and maintaining our own optimal health and well being. Ina Rucker, owner of Body Health Therapy, is an Ayurvedic Practitioner Intern and a licensed massage therapist.
- Noon to 3 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 7 and 23: "Psychic Readings by Dawn Cheney." In the Co-op Café. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 233-1108.
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 16: "Desert Baby-wearers." In the Community Room. Participants can learn the art of baby-wearing, practice new methods, try different carriers and meet other baby-wearers. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 312-1974 or

email [leslieh1206@yahoo.com](mailto:leslieh1206@yahoo.com).

- 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19: "Evening with a Doctor" with Dr. Kelley Elkins in the Community Room. Elkins will focus on today's health issues and present ideas that can assist anyone interested to alter, change or correct their concerns easily and inexpensively. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, email [kelly@anextstep.org](mailto:kelly@anextstep.org).

For more information on Mountain View Market events, call 523-0436.

## NMSU library contest announced

The New Mexico State University Library is co-sponsoring a student essay contest as part of a celebration of Sunshine Week. Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. It is held each year in March to coincide with James Madison's birthday and will be celebrated during the week of March 10-16.

The contest is open to all students currently enrolled at New Mexico State University. First prize is a \$200 gift card and second prize is a \$100 gift card, both from the Barnes & Noble at NMSU bookstore.

Choosing either New Mexico's Open Meetings Act (10-15-1 NMSA 1978 et seq) or Inspection of Public Records Act (14-2-1 NMSA 1978 et seq), contestants are asked to write an original 600-800 word essay answering the following questions:

How does the law encourage citizen participation in state government?

Does the law provide citizens with sufficient access to the work of our state government?

Are the sanctions for violations of the law sufficient?

Entry forms and detailed contest information are available at the library's Sunshine Week

libguide at <http://nmsu.libguides.com/sun>.

The deadline for submissions is 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

Winners will be announced the first week in March, and prizes will be awarded at a reception to be held at Zuhl Library Wednesday, March 12.

The contest and NMSU's Sunshine Week activities are sponsored by NMSU alumnus Tim Parker, the NMSU Library and the NMSU Department of Journalism & Mass Communications.

For more information, contact Library Specialist Jonathan Butz at [butz@nmsu.edu](mailto:butz@nmsu.edu) or Government Documents & Maps Librarian Josefine Smith at [jmasmith@nmsu.edu](mailto:jmasmith@nmsu.edu).

## Doña Ana Camera Club meetings announced

The Doña Ana Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5 and 19, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

Club president Ron Wolfe will provide a technical workshop on "focus stacking" at the Feb. 5 meeting. Focus stacking is a tool that has been used with macro photography and other photographic disciplines.

The Feb. 19 meeting will feature a presentation by Nirmala Khandan, a New Mexico State University professor of civil engineering. Khandan will present images depicting the Buddhist/Hindu architecture in Nepal and Bhutan. He will also discuss some of the physical and photographic challenges in capturing these images.

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

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**Margaret Loring pets one of her rescue dogs, a Great Pyrenees, Monday, Jan. 21, at her home in the Greyfox Development. She is losing the home she designed because her mortgage company wouldn't renegotiate her home loan. The home will go on the market in February.**

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson



## Foreclosure

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While she would have liked to have the price of the home revised to current market values, Margaret Loring said she was willing to settle for a better interest rate than her original loan rate of around 7 percent.

"All I want is a 3 percent loan," she said. "I know people with home loans now at 2 percent."

"All I want is a lower payment. ... I don't understand what (the mortgage company) is trying to accomplish. I need a payment and they need a customer."

Instead of paperwork for refinancing, the mail brought a foreclosure notice – on Christmas Eve, no less. Recently, a friend told her that he saw a legal notice that her home would be for sale next month, prior to the time she received notification from the loan company. As nice as the home is, Margaret Loring said she is doubtful the company will easily find a buyer in the current home market.

"But it's not a system of people talking to people anymore," she said. "We are just a statistic."

The retired teacher and her partner have had to declare bankruptcy and search for a rental home that would also be willing to take the pets, which include one large Great Pyrenees. Much to her amazement, she has found a landlord willing to rent to them.

Sitting next to the fireplace that easily heats the whole LEED-certified home, Margaret

Loring said it hasn't hit her emotionally yet that the home she designed and supervised construction on will be lost.

Most recently, she reached out to New Mexico Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé), a faith-based organization that offers support for fighting the foreclosure crisis.

"Margaret is in the same situation as an estimated 14 million homeowners in the country," said Rose Ann Vasquez, CAFé housing counselor who has gone through a threatened foreclosure herself.

During the 60-day Legislature, CAFé will again be urging passage of the Mortgage Fair Foreclosure Act, sponsored by Senate Floor Leader Michael Sanchez and pre-filed as SB1. Despite being written with the assistance and support of state Attorney General Gary King, the bill has yet to pass the Legislature.

The legislation would assist negotiations between homeowners and mortgage holders to avoid foreclosure. It would give homeowners reasonable notice 30 days prior to the loss of their home, and offer an opportunity to explore ways to stop foreclosure, such as a loan modification. It also would force negotiations to be held with either the bank or mortgage servicing company, but bar the bank from foreclosing if the homeowner has made an agreement with the mortgage servicing company.

CAFé will hold a meeting on home foreclosures at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. For more information, email [cafeinfo@organizenm.org](mailto:cafeinfo@organizenm.org). Resources also are available at [www.KeepYourHomeNewMexico.org](http://www.KeepYourHomeNewMexico.org).

## Santa Fe

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All of the attendees will be armed with a listing of legislative priorities to talk to lawmakers they get to meet, Allen said.

There was a time when different groups would go individually to Santa Fe to lobby lawmakers – and some still do – but in recent years, the chamber has been bringing the larger organization and governmental groups together to provide a list of legislative priorities.

"That way we're all on the same page when it comes to the big issues," Allen said.

Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition priorities for this 60-day session include listings of different desired capital appropriations, but getting expanded liability protections for the spaceport customers is at the top (see related story on page A1).

Other legislative priorities for this session include:

- \$5 million for construction and equipment for a new Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority facility to handle dispatch calls and other functions
- Las Cruces Public Schools is seeking start-up funding to replace grass fields at the Field of Dreams with artificial turf
- \$12.4 million for New Mexico State University infrastructure upgrades, in addition to Doña Ana Community College also seeking funding for upgrades
- Creating a East Mesa Public Safety Crime Lab facility because currently all crime evidence that needs lab testing in New Mexico is handled by only one lab in Santa Fe
- Update New Mexico Lower Rio Grande Regional Water Plan
- \$500,000 for the Cooperative Extension Service and \$500,000 Ag Experiment

## Spaceport

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Kay Papen, House Speaker Ken Martinez and other leaders held a news conference to announce the compromise. The new proposal would set a cap on liability for the suppliers and manufacturers. It also would extend the contract between the spaceport and Virgin to 2021. Currently, the contract expires in 2018. The bill was introduced Wednesday, Jan. 23.

A spokesman for Gov. Susana Martinez issued a statement that said, "protecting the \$209 million taxpayer investment in the spaceport by passing a bill preventing lawsuit abuse is one of Gov. Martinez's top priorities for this session. The governor met with leaders from Virgin Galactic, and is hopeful that the final legislation that passes will lead to the company's commitment to stay in New Mexico, and that it will lead to making New Mexico capable of attracting other space industry business."

Whitesides said Martinez "has played a key role in keeping this issue elevated throughout the past months."

Both Papen and Rep. James White, R-Albuquerque, have introduced bills in the current session that are similar to the bills that failed in past sessions.

Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, said Sanchez deserves much of the credit for pushing both sides to negotiate. The talks began last summer.

Legislators said the compromise bill would mirror laws in Florida and Colorado, other states that are competing for commercial space flights.

Whitesides said the other states don't have the same insurance requirement that is in the compromise negotiated with the trial lawyers. "But my understanding is that in other respects it would be similar to Colorado and Florida," he said.

"What we have been saying for a long

Station funding

- Funding for the Bridge of Southern New Mexico, which led to the creation of the Arrowhead Park Early College High School
- Funding of dual-credit courses in which high school students earn college credits
- Energy efficient retrofits for county facilities
- Extension of the "hold harmless" provision that reimburses local governments for revenue lost when gross receipts taxes were eliminated on groceries and some medical services
- Clarification of issues with tax pyramiding laws
- Accommodate military demands in child custody cases involving active-duty military parents

Allen said the child custody concern came from bringing officials from White Sands Missile Range into the coalition, which now has soldiers stationed there in the 2nd Engineer Battalion who are frequently deployed. Because many of the soldiers are married with young families, child custody laws have become complicated by the deployments, he said.

Returning members of the Doña Ana County coalition also are responding to concerns of active-duty soldiers.

A bill introduced in the House by Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, would allow members of the military who have just been deployed or given a temporary assignment to discontinue and re-establish utility services without paying a penalty or reconnection fee.

HB 175 would affect utilities including water, gas, electricity, cable and telephone. It would also allow service members to selectively shut off services when a municipality bundles them together.

The bill is co-sponsored by Rep. Nate Cote, also a Democrat from Doña Ana County.

time is that the natural attributes of New Mexico make it a perfect leader for commercial space. That includes everything from, obviously, the spaceport facility itself, to the weather, to the altitude, the airspace, to the (proximity to) federal facilities. What is necessary is continued efforts by the New Mexico Spaceport Authority to recruit additional businesses and, frankly, I think another big part of it is for us to get through the end of our development program and start operating."

Whitesides said commercial space flights by Virgin Galactic using the spaceport could begin as soon as the end of the year – assuming the company's test-flight program, currently taking place in Mojave, Calif., is successful.

The company has a 20-year lease to base flight operations at the spaceport.

According to lease terms, breaking the lease would cost Virgin Galactic \$500,000 or \$2 million, depending on the circumstances. The company announced earlier this month that it will begin paying rent to the spaceport – nearly \$86,000 a month.

A fiscal impact report by the Legislative Finance Committee on the current Papen and White bills says losing Virgin Galactic would be devastating for Spaceport America.

"Without an anchor tenant, the \$209 million publicly financed Spaceport America and the New Mexico Spaceport Authority may not be economically self sustaining in the near- or long-term," the report says.

"Beyond affecting Virgin Galactic, the (space authority) believes the same concerns will negatively impact our ability to attract other space flight entities, tenants and users at Spaceport America. Three separate potential tenants at Spaceport America, XCOR Aerospace, Sierra Nevada Corporation and Rocket Crafters Inc., have all recently indicated an unwillingness to move to New Mexico and operate from Spaceport America absent this legislation."

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## News briefs

### County picks 911 call center site

Doña Ana County commissioners picked a new site for the future 911 call center at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Of three finalist sites offered by the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority, the commission picked a privately owned property along Avenida de Mesilla.

County commissioners voted 4-0 to begin negotiations with owners for the parcel west of Interstate 10 because it was ranked the most favorable by consultants hired by the commission. The two other sites were government-owned, whereas the private parcel is listed for sale at \$3.9 million.

The government sites were on the East Mesa that the city is planning to develop into a public safety campus with police and fire substations and the second was property adjacent to the County Government Center. While the price for land is less at those two, consultants said each had other costs and concerns, including new requirement by the Department of Homeland Security for police and emergency dispatch services.

Interim County Manager Sue Padilla said county staff is still working on budget estimates, but County Commission Chairwoman Karen Perez said local officials are serious about building "a state-of-the-art facility."

Las Cruces Police Chief Travis Brown said it will take at least two and a half years to design and build the new center.

The current 911 dispatch center is located in an old bank building from the 1970s and has inadequate wiring and space, as well as drainage problems.

### Police reports can be filed online

Anyone needing to file a relatively minor property crime report of an incident that occurred within city limits and has no known suspect or crime scene evidence can now do so online through the Las Cruces Police Department's website.

The Las Cruces Police Department's Citizens Online Police Reporting System can accept reports for lost property, vandalism, theft or larceny, telephone harassment and vandalism to motor vehicles. The reports must be of incidents that occurred within Las Cruces city limits.

If the incident in question is an emergency, or if there is a known suspect or potential crime scene evidence that can be collected, the reporting party should call 911 or 526-0795, the non-emergency phone number to Central Dispatch.

Crimes that occurred outside of Las Cruces city limits should be reported to law enforcement in the jurisdiction for which it took place.

The Citizens Online Police Reporting System allows users to receive a temporary case number and print a copy of the unofficial police report. Information submitted to the online reporting system is reviewed by Las Cruces Police for approval. Once approved, the report is entered into the department's records and an official report is generated.

After the online report is approved, the reporting party will receive an email confirming the report and instructions on how to print a free copy of the report.

Las Cruces police can also recommend further investigation into the matter.

The online reporting system can be found on the Las Cruces Police Department's website, [www.clcpd.com](http://www.clcpd.com), under the Community Policing tab near the bottom of the page.

### Homeless count begin

The Mesilla Valley Community of Hope and the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness are doing a count of the homeless population in Doña Ana County during the week of Jan. 28-Feb. 1.

Every two years, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a point-in-time count throughout the nation. Since many local agencies receive HUD funding to serve its homeless population, participation in the point-in-time count is not only mandatory, but an important part of an agency's planning process.

"As the daytime drop-in center for homeless in our area, we are taking the lead in conducting the non-sheltered homeless count," said Nicole Martinez, executive director of Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

Volunteers will be surveying people all week on the campus of Community of Hope.

"We are asking people throughout Doña Ana County to email in locations where we can survey people who were homeless that night who might not be coming in to seek service," Martinez said. "We will send teams of interns out to survey people who may be in other parts of the city and county so we can get an accurate figure of our homeless population on that one night."

The survey seeks to find out who was homeless or in shelters on the night of Monday, Jan. 28. It also asks other demographic information that is important to federal grant funding sources,

such as the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2011, the sheltered and unsheltered count for Doña Ana County was 366, or 10% of the statewide count of 3,633.

People can help by attending a volunteer and count planning meeting at 1 p.m. Friday Jan. 25, in the Resource Room at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave., or by emailing potential locations to expand our count by emailing [shgardner23@hotmail.com](mailto:shgardner23@hotmail.com).

For more information, call Steve Gardner at 523-2219

### Students win MLK essay contest

Two students from Mesa Middle School and one from Picacho Middle School won the 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest, said NAACP Doña Ana Branch Education Chairman David Lyons.

The students were recognized at the annual Martin Luther

King Jr. breakfast Monday, Jan. 21.

The winners are:

- Mariah Adan, eighth grade, Picacho Middle School; sponsoring teacher: Mary Parr-Sanchez
- Alicia Troncoso, seventh grade, Mesa Middle School; teacher: Normajeon Oleary
- Isaac Rodriguez, sixth grade, Mesa Middle School; teacher: Normajeon Oleary.

"The 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest was successful again this year," Lyons said. "We had 26 essays received from students at Zia, Picacho and Mesa middle schools. As the Doña Ana County NAACP Branch Education chairperson, I am honored to coordinate this wonderful activity each year."

Each winning student received a \$50 dollar gift card and a one-year youth membership in the Doña Ana County NAACP Youth Council. The three winners were guests at the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast.

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# Engineers help tent city

## NMSU group addresses zoning concerns

Social workers typically know very little about planning and zoning laws, but Nicole Martinez, executive director of Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, has found herself taking a crash course on the subject in order to keep the 50 residents of Camp Hope, a tent community on the Community of Hope property, sheltered from the streets – and severe weather.

“Each year, we lose homeless people to the elements and we didn’t want to see that happen,” Martinez said.

The Mesilla Valley Community of Hope is a center that serves the homeless and indigent in Las Cruces, offering a wide array of services and resources for those in need.

Camp Hope was founded in November 2011, after Martinez’s predecessor at the Community of Hope asked the Las Cruces City Council for permission to temporarily form the tent city, in response to the freezing temperatures of the previous winter, until funding could be secured for an additional homeless shelter.

By March 2012, when Camp Hope was initially supposed to disband, shortly after Martinez took over as executive director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, there was still no funding available to build another shelter. The City Council agreed, however, that Camp Hope has been a benefit to Las Cruces, but for the camp to remain in place, the Community of Hope must work to rezone the area as a planned unit development to allow camping, following Bureau of Reclamation guidelines.

With no experience in zoning and no budget to hire a team of engineers at the Community of Hope, New Mexico State University’s Engineers Without Borders (EWB) stepped in to lend a helping hand, following a suggestion from County Commissioner Karen Perez.

“EWB at NMSU likes to do two big projects each year – one international and one local,” said Kenny Stevens, NMSU EWB adviser and associate professor of engineering technology and surveying engineering. “EWB had finished up their last local project in Anthony and we were contacted by Perez, who said she had been working with the Community of Hope and that there might be a good project for us here.”

Before Engineers Without Borders became involved, Martinez met with city staff and learned how to develop a concept plan, which includes all potential future uses of the land by the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. Once her plan was complete, departments from the City of Las Cruces approved the concept plan, with conditions, as did the Planning and Zoning Commission.

“I’m a social worker, but I’m getting schooled in planning pretty quickly,” Martinez said. “They approved the concept plan, but with 16 conditions. Of those conditions, we are comfortable with 14 of them. The two conditions that would be difficult for us to meet are building permanent bathrooms out there and building a kitchen facility. We don’t have the funding to do something like that, which would be over \$300,000, and they are also instituting a timeline for us to have it completed in 18 months.”

Other requirements from the city are in following Bureau of Reclamation guidelines, such as to lift the tent pad sites up on timber, with gravel or some sort of composite material in the middle so that they can drain. The tent sites must be at a 1.5 percent slope and at least 10 feet apart from one another. In addition, the drainage pond must be able to accommodate the size of the camp, which currently serves 50 people.

Engineers Without Borders is helping with these requirements.

“We’ve been working with Nicole on the engineering aspects of it – mainly the site plan, how the tents would be located, what the drainage plan would be, what the access would be,” said Stevens. “We are just trying to do whatever we can to address the concerns Planning and Zoning and the City Council has for the Community of Hope.”

Service learning is important to many students, and those involved in Engineers Without Borders are glad for the opportunity to help their community.

“We are going to design the plots for the tents. We are going to do the runoff calculations and design the retention pond here,” said NMSU EWB President Salvador Hernandez. “It feels really cool, especially to use all that



New Mexico State University photo

**Kenny Stevens, New Mexico State University Engineers Without Borders adviser; Nicole Martinez, executive director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope; and NMSU Engineers Without Borders student examine plans designed to help Martinez with rezoning the site to accommodate overnight camping, which would allow Camp Hope, a tent community for the homeless, to remain on the property.**

we’re learning in the classroom, and apply it to real world problems. Engineering is a public service career, so for us, to do this through our school and apply it to our learning skills, this is great.”

While the residents of Camp Hope live in tents, they do have access to the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope showers, bathrooms and climate-controlled facility during business hours, Monday through Friday each week. They also have hot meals during the weekdays and bagged meals on weekends. Port-a-potties are available at the camp 24 hours each day. Clients have access to computers, mail, laundry facilities and a variety of classes, along with case managers who can assist in filing for Social Security, Medicaid, veteran benefits and housing assistance, all in an expedited manner.

“That’s the nice part of having this homeless/indigent campus right here, so they can access all kinds of wraparound services,” Martinez said.

The Mesilla Valley Community of Hope manages six different housing programs, in addition to Camp Hope. The Gospel Rescue Mission is just across the street from the Community of Hope, but they have time limitations and do not allow pets in their facility, according to Martinez. They simply cannot serve the entire homeless population of Las Cruces.

“The year we’ve been here, we’ve been really blessed that the City Council has been so supportive, that the community has been so amazing in its support,” said Matt Mercer, a volunteer manager and founding resident of Camp Hope.

## CrimeStoppers



# NMSU computer thefts

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or person who stole several brand new notebook computers and docking stations from New Mexico State University.

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, New Mexico State University police learned that 15 Hewlett Packard notebook computers and 15 HP Advanced Docking Stations were stolen from a room in Gerald Thomas Hall. The notebook computers and docking stations were all new and still packaged in their original boxes.

The notebook computers are all HP Model 8470P and silver in color. The docking stations are all black. The value of the

items stolen is estimated at more than \$15,000.

NMSU police believe the theft occurred sometime between the early evening of Friday, Jan. 18, and the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Anyone with information that can help locate the stolen computers and docking stations, or identify the person or person responsible for the theft, is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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# Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

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New Mexico State University choir director Bobbie Green sang "We Shall Overcome" on Main Street during the march in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham greets Dorris Hamilton at the Doña Ana County Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast celebration.



Guillermina Piedra holds a sign honoring Martin Luther King Jr. before a march down Main Street Sunday, Jan. 20.

Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces President Kirk Clifton presents a proclamation to Doña Ana Branch NAACP President Curtis Rosemond.

NAACP National Board Member Alfred Rucks and NAACP State President Sam Bone



Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces board members Tony Martinez, Jason Scott and Susan McGonnell

## Mesilla Valley offers memorable settings

### Look no further than your own backyard for your wedding

By Rachel Christiansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It may not literally be your own backyard, but with a friendly business community ready and willing to open its doors and help organize your day of wedded bliss, the surrounding mountains could provide the perfect backdrop.

Thanks to social and creative networking sites, such as Pinterest and Instagram, it's not hard to daydream of a beach wedding in Hawaii or other exotic locations when these picture-perfect events are in your face.

But destination weddings can be hard on the wallet, and just as difficult on older family members or families with young children to travel.

Residents of the Mesilla Valley are fortunate enough to have several things going for them when it comes to producing a successful wedding – an open-door policy business community, temperate weather along with several different, unique backgrounds.

Las Cruces residents Jena Casper and her husband, Eric, chose to have an outdoor wedding and reception at La Viña Winery in November 2012, something she said was a "little risky" due to the threat of cold weather.

"It ended up being about 70 degrees, but the trees were changing so it was just really beautiful," Casper said. "We were married under this big tree with rose petals everywhere."

Casper took the couple's wedding to La Viña, bringing in the flowers, food and decorations, and said the owners were willing to let her visit days before the event to set up and make everything perfect.

In addition to ease-of-planning, Casper said having her wedding in the Mesilla Valley made for beautiful photos.

"We stopped along the way (state Highway 28) at different places, like Stahmanns and at the vineyards. ... All of the photos turned out really beautiful," Casper said.

Trusting the people you work with when planning a wedding

is always important, said Angela Brannigan, event manager for Helping Hands Event Planning.

"Planning locally is always much easier, in that you can meet face to face with your providers and know what you're going to get out of their services," said Brannigan said. "Getting married in Las Cruces is also generally more affordable than other places, even most of what is in El Paso."

Brannigan said as with planning any wedding, the first priority is setting a budget, then figuring out what your needs are to secure a venue, such as how many guests will be in attendance.

"Your needs are going to be a lot different if you're planning on a wedding with 50 guests or 500," Brannigan said. "You have to find a place that can accommodate that."

Sasha Ogas, a Las Cruces resident, said she plans to have her wedding in August at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

"I'm expecting about 500 people, and I know the people (at the convention center) and am comfortable with the work they do," Ogas said. "Since I live here, everything was just a lot easier to plan."

Ogas said knowing the people she is working with and trusting them is the biggest advantage of planning a local wedding.

"Some of the venues that couldn't fit 500 people were all happy to help and suggest other places I could go," Ogas said. "So it's just been really convenient."

Not only does planning a local wedding provide comfort and convenience, it supports the economy, keeping the money within the community.

"Most businesses here are small or family owned," Brannigan said. "So you're getting to support actual members of our communities not just a big corporation."

To get more information about where and how to wed in the Mesilla Valley, the third annual Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase is being held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Cost is \$7 at the door.

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# New West Mesa fire station coming



Las Cruces city officials break ground Tuesday, Jan. 15, on a new fire station for the West Mesa, next to the Las Cruces International Airport and the newly opened fire training facility. Fire Chief Travis Brown said the new fire station will be about 10,000 square feet to allow for future growth of the city and the nearby industrial park. Officials said it's been 15 years since the city built its last fire station.

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# Rally for rights



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On the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, supporters of the decision gathered Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Albert Johnson Park to hear speakers. The last speaker, Renee Murray, above, told how she had an illegal abortion in the 1950s in the back of "a dirty chiropractor's office" using a procedure so primitive her mouth was gagged with a cloth to muffle her screams.

## Plan seeks math, science teachers Governor announces effort

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## Tradition could be discarded



**Jim Hilley**  
*Deflections*

Could New Mexico State's rivalry with the University of New Mexico Lobos be reduced to only one basketball game a year?

The Lobos, members of the Mountain West Conference, will play an 18-game conference schedule during the 2013-14 season, making it more difficult for UNM to schedule the Aggies twice.

NMSU coach Marvin Menzies would have no problem with that. Though he initially called such a move "unfortunate," Menzies said he is no fan of the current set up.

"I don't like playing them twice right now anyway," Menzies said.

"I wouldn't mind playing them twice if we didn't have UTEP also that we have to play twice. If we had a situation where we could play UTEP at home and home and at UNM at home and home, I think that's plenty.

"It's a little demanding emotionally on your players," Menzies said. "There is just a lot that goes into those games."

It is understandable that Menzies would want to shed one of the games. Now in his sixth year with the Aggies, Menzies is only 2-10 against UNM and 3-8 against UTEP. The coach's poor record against the Aggies' top rivals has led to a great deal of grumbling by Aggies fans during his tenure.

For most of those years, the games have usually meant a packed house, whether in Albuquerque or Las Cruces, but that has not been the case in the Pan American Center the past few years. The last game that could be called a sell out at the Pan Am was in 2006, Reggie Theus' final season, when the Aggies routed the Lobos 103 to 72 before an announced crowd of 12,400.

One result of that game was it was the beginning of the downfall of then UNM coach Ritchie McKay, who was fired and replaced by current Lobo coach Steve Alford in March 2007.

It is not likely that the prospect of the Lobos series being reduced to one game a year would sit well with basketball fans in Las Cruces or even in the rest of New Mexico. The two teams have faced off twice every year for more than a century and the annual Aggie-Lobo contests are a part of our state's culture.

From a larger perspective, the possibility of the twice-a-year series being confined to the dustbin of history is just a symptom of a sickness that ails college sports today – the scrum for more television money, especially in college football. Throughout the nation, old rivalries are being discarded as conferences realign in search of revenue.

How the fans feel is just not considered important anymore.

# Back in the hunt

## Steadily improving Aggies climb up the WAC standings

By **Jim Hilley**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When a listless Aggie team lost 47-68 at their Western Athletic Conference opener at UT-Arlington on Dec. 29, 2012, it appeared New Mexico State's chances of competing for the WAC regular season crown were slim.

An 81-72 loss at Louisiana Tech two nights later didn't do anything to help the Aggies' prospects.

When the Aggies returned home after that trip, coach Marvin Menzies spoke of the need to make some adjustments.

"We have our backs against the wall and we got to turn into the hunter instead of the hunted," Menzies said.

A month later, it appears NMSU has turned the corner. Beginning with a home stand against UT-San Antonio and Texas-State, the Aggies have reeled off six straight wins, including road wins at Seattle and Idaho, and a convincing defeat of Utah State on Jan. 17.

In four home games prior to the game against Denver Wednesday, Jan. 23, the Aggies defeated the visitors by an average of more than 15 points. On the road, NMSU swept its second road swing, but both games were extremely close, with NMSU winning at Seattle 83-82 in two overtimes, and at Idaho 71-70 after being tied late in the game.

Menzies finds those narrow road victories a little unsettling, especially in the rebounding department.

"They rebound at home like crazy," Menzies said Tuesday, Jan. 22. "It's just the weirdest thing. Then you go on the road and you get outrebounded two games.

"You could potentially lose those games in the conference tournament if you don't clean those things up."

Taking care of the ball is another area of concern for the coach.

"That's what we are working on consistently all year long. Implementing different types of passing drills, different types of communication

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steve MacIntyre

Aggie forward Tyrone Watson shoots a jump shot against San Jose State at the Pan American Center Saturday, Jan. 19. The Aggies topped the Spartans 70-63.

## Martin returns as offensive coordinator

### Former New Mexico State coach spent year at Boston College

New Mexico State football coach DeWayne Walker announced Thursday, Jan. 17, that offensive mastermind Doug Martin will return to Las Cruces as the Aggies' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

"I'm very excited about Doug's return as our offensive coordinator," Walker said. "Our offense took a step back this past season and I'm confident that coach Martin can get us back on track. I'm looking forward to our offense moving forward."

"I'm really looking forward to coming back to New Mexico State," Martin said. "My relationship with coach Walker is really close and I think a lot of him as a per-



**MARTIN**

son and as a coach. My year in Las Cruces was one of the most enjoyable years I have ever had in coaching, for two reasons. One was working with the players and coaches and two was the community in Las Cruces was so gracious to me and my family, which is a big part of why we are excited about the move back to New Mexico State."

Martin left NMSU after the 2011 season to take the offensive coordinator position at Boston College in 2012. The Eagles ranked 47th in the nation in passing offense, as Martin guided wide receiver Alex Amidon and offensive tackle Emmett Cleary to All-ACC honors. Amidon finished the season

ranked 11th among all receivers in the country in receiving yards per game (100.8). He ranks second among all ACC receiving in both receptions per game (6.5) and receiving yards per game.

Martin was the offensive coordinator of the Aggies in 2011, as the Aggies ranked 47th in total offense and 26th in passing offense. He helped guide the Aggies to a win over Minnesota, the program's first win against a team from the Big Ten. Under Martin, the Aggies had three All-WAC selections in wide receiver Taveon Rogers, offensive tackle Davonte Wallace and running back Kenny Turner. Quarterback Matt Christian led the Aggies with 2,158 yards passing and 15 touchdowns in 2011.



# Aggies win sixth straight NMSU defeats San Jose State

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



Sgt. Quashika Taylor sings "The Star Spangled Banner" before the start of the game.



New Mexico State University sophomore guard K.C. Ross-Miller goes for a lay up Saturday, Jan. 19, in a game against San Jose State at the Pan American Center. The Aggies defeated the Spartans 70-53.



Ross-Miller is helped off the court by NMSU coach Marvin Menzies and an athletic trainer after suffering a hamstring injury.



Tyrone Watson shoots over the leaping Alex Brown Jr. from San Jose State.

Bandja Sy battles for position against San Jose State's Stephon Smith.

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# Aggies

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things. There is more than one way to teach. You have to find a different way if the way you are using isn't working."

Menzies said it is not always easy to get through to the players.

"We have to do a good job of rebounding and take care of the ball but they haven't done that consistently all year," he said. "You have to tell them things and tweak some things. It's not what they say, it is what they hear and they are able to conceptualize."

Even with those concerns, however, Menzies is happy with his team's improvement.

"We are getting better," he said. "I think they are figuring out with this new group of guys who's who and what's what."

"One of the things that has been a big distraction is our injuries. If Chili (Nephawe) doesn't go down, if Daniel (Mullings) doesn't break his jaw, what's our record then?"

Point guard Terrell de Rouen said the Aggies are coming to know themselves better.

"We are a pretty mature team," he said. "At the beginning of the year, we just didn't know who we were. Now, we know who we are and what we are good at doing."

One thing de Rouen said the Aggies are good at is playing defense.

"I think we are playing our best defense (of the year), but I think our defense can still get better," he said.

"We're active on the ball and a lot of these teams we have played haven't seen defense like ours. A lot of people don't play the help side like we play and they don't have bigs in the hole like we do."

"They don't have athletic guards on the ball like Daniel Mullings and myself and Bandja (Sy). If we keep playing hard on defense and keep bringing our energy out there we are going to be fine because our defense will take care of our offense."

# Armistead's niche in cross country

## MVCS graduate overcomes injuries



**Barbara Boxleitner**  
*Keeping up*

Anna Armistead started cross country late in high school.

So it's not unusual that the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools graduate has been a late bloomer for the Davidson College (N.C.) cross country and track and field teams.

The senior has had her best performances this year.

"I've actually been very surprised and happy," she said. "In high school, I didn't run that much. I wasn't sure how it would go."

Armistead said she had been swimming competitively for 10 years before switching to cross country her junior year in high school.

"I fell in love with it (running)," she said. "My dad was really excited about it."

"I could have chosen swimming or running. I was kind of tired of swimming."

She opted for Davidson, where her father competed in cross country and track, but injuries early in college complicated her transition to running.

She missed the indoor track season as a freshman because of a stress fracture and the cross country season as a sophomore because of a hip injury. Running was not so forgiving on the body.

"My knees had to adjust to the pounding," she said. "My hips hurt me at first a lot."

"Mostly when I got injured, I would get

frustrated. It kind of lit my fire at the same time."

Davidson head coach Jen Straub said Armistead's disposition has allowed her to move past the injuries.

"She is an extremely dedicated and hard worker. She really loves the sport," the coach said. "This year, she's really blossomed."

Armistead said her experiences studying abroad have helped her running. She was in South America from February through July 2012 and traveled near the Andes Mountains.

"I got to train at high altitudes," she said. "I really enjoyed running there."

She enjoyed her best cross country season during the fall. She set a personal record in the Royal Cross County Challenge 5K with a time of 19 minutes, 22.8 seconds.

At the Southern Conference Championship two weeks later in Charleston, S.C., she completed the 5K in 19:29.10 to finish ninth among the Davidson runners in less than ideal conditions. The October meet occurred as Hurricane Sandy was wreaking havoc along the East Coast, so she said the run was "windy, rainy and muddy."

"Conference was probably the best meet of my career," she said. "I had been on the edge (top nine among the team) pretty much my whole career."

During the track team's first indoor meet in December, she placed fourth in the 3,000-meter run with a career best of 10:58.71. She had a stress reaction afterward and was unable to train during the holiday break, which she spent in South America. She expects to compete soon in the 3,000 and 5,000 runs.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools graduate Anna Armistead has blossomed during her senior year at Davidson College.

"She's one of those developing athletes," Straub said. "That's kind of a coach's dream to have progression every year."

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Golf Doctor

Now into its sixth or maybe even seventh year, our current economic "recession" is certainly draining folks and dragging everyone down. It's distressing to hear things like, "Well, half my retirement went down the drain with (fill in the blank with the investment company or broker firm)." Or "My house is not worth the mortgage I'm paying, so I think I'll walk away."

These days Wall Street seems to be getting more and more imaginative in finding excuses for markets to stay dampened. Now it's the flu. Even baby boomers lament that they'll be having to work into their '80s; but that may be a good thing – if they can find work.

The more I think about our nation's ups and downs, the more it seems just like the game of golf. (You knew that was coming, didn't you.) When you play golf regularly you're going to have your ups and downs. The best players in the world do.

One of my esteemed golfing friends went from a handicap of 3 to an 8 in about six months; and now he's back to 4. An injury had something to do with it, true, but his game fell on hard times, and then

rebounded. That's life, and golf.

The same gentleman asked me recently, "How do I prevent that kind of awful variation from happening?"

"I guess you're wondering how to recession-proof your game," I replied.

My first bit of advice to my buddy was to accept the fact that he had let a few disastrous golf rounds ruin not only his scoring average, but his attitude as well.

"It's like a tour pro missing a lot of cuts early in the season; his confidence is way down," I said, emphasizing that confidence is an ephemeral thing and not easily remedied.

So the first thing is an attitude adjustment. Mentally strong golfers tend to take setbacks and turn them into motivation. They don't wallow in self-pity or complain about how bad things are. They find the inner will and the incentive to re-dedicate themselves to improving their game, starting today.

"Secondly," I told my

friend, "take the strongest, most solid, part of your game – hitting long straight drives, for example – and build on that."

Sometimes an extended golfing slump provides a spark for us to break down our game into smaller parts and critically analyze what we are doing and how well or poorly we are doing it. If long drives aren't your forte, dedicate yourself to adding seven or eight yards off the tee with simple strength

“If you're not working out you're making a big mistake.”

and flexibility exercises. One of my other golf "students" added 10 yards almost instantly by simply lowering his ball flight with the driver, thereby converting the distance he lost with his ball ballooning upward into distance going forward, directly toward the target. He's thrilled.

When your game starts going south, take a few lessons. Everyone should have a teacher or a coach. Golf lessons are probably the best bargain in golf because the benefit-to-expense ratio is awesome. Just as business leaders hire personal coaches to provide the feedback and advice they can't get elsewhere, golfers need feedback concerning their swing tendencies and mistakes.

The PGA of America dedicates May as "lesson month," so it's a good time to start fresh with some instruction. Check out [www.playgolffamerica.com](http://www.playgolffamerica.com) for details.

Think of lessons and coaching as recession proofing. Let me add this note. Don't – I repeat, don't – let your spouse give you golf instruction, even if it's checking your ball position on the practice tee. You aren't qualified, and run the risk of making things worse, because you have no idea what you're doing.

When your wife comes down with a bronchial infection why don't you just stick a plastic straw down her throat and hope for the best. Same thing. Duh.

Even though I firmly believe golf is more about the "Indian than the arrow," I still appreciate how dramatically a new set of clubs can change someone's game – like mine! Late last year I fell into a serious slump that I found nearly depressing. When I got home I went onto eBay and found some clubs that I thought were a far better match for my swing than the ones I was using. They were. I changed everything in my bag and my game changed for the better, immediately, as well.

That isn't the first time I did that, nor will it be the last time.

Everyone knows I don't advocate trying to "buy" a golf game, but the change in equipment was just what I needed to get me out of my funk. Don't be afraid to upgrade your technology and spend a few bucks on useful new stuff such as rangefinders and training devices, perhaps a Medicus hinged practice club or plastic direction rods. In a couple of weeks I'll be reporting on my latest visit to the PGA Golf Show in Orlando and I'll share some developments.

So many clubs, so little time.

"If you want to re-energize your game," I continued with my friend, who is now starting to brighten up a bit, "find three new creative shots that you never had before."

My three examples were: a solid long-carry bunker shot; a greenside runup shot using a hybrid; and a low, straight "punch" shot with a driver off the tee.

Having specialty and recovery shots that you can count on will mean a big boost in confidence, not to mention a big shock to your rivals.

"It'll be like adding three extra

clubs to your bag," I advised. "Of course you'll have to practice these new shots quite a bit so you know you have them in the bag when it counts," I was quick to add.

Previously, we talked some about attitude adjustment. But let me go further with the mental game.

Could you stand to be less timid and more aggressive on the golf course? Bear in mind that I can't stand hacks who think they can clear a pond at 230 yards, only to hit a grounder that dribbles into the front of the water. One of my golf buddies likes to chortle (every round) "Play to win – dare to lose."

Now, let me tell you, I'm basically a conservative fellow on the golf course and don't take too many unnecessary chances. But my buddy is right some of the time. Most average recreational golfers could afford to swing more aggressively – play to win – but not out of control. The message is, in the words of my good buddy, "Swing hard, in case you hit it."

Next chance you get, pick the club you know will get the distance and don't hold back.

Here's something I'll bet you've never thought about for recession proofing your golf game. First, remember why we're trying to recession proof? To keep everything growing and improving (such as your money), not letting decline move in.

If you're not working out you're making a big mistake. I don't mean going out to sweep the yard or wash the car – that's not working out, for crying out loud.

I mean going to the gym, getting stronger, becoming more fit, having more stamina and getting more flexible. How do you think the twenty-somethings are getting after Tiger and Phil, who are in their mid thirties and fit as all get-out? They're stronger, tougher, have more energy and are hungrier.

You can do it at home but you need weights and a top-grade home gym – not to mention the motivation and discipline to workout at home. Maybe you should get a trainer.

My last piece of advice for recession proofing your game is to improve your putting. The one thing that seems to get tour pros back on track is getting their confidence back with their putter.

Like investing your money wisely, good putting requires good technique and solid fundamentals to go along with plenty of practice and combined with a doggedly positive attitude.

Taking your putting to a new level will certainly demand hours of short game practice, but you can look at it this way: You get the double benefit from saving money on greens and cart fees, while upgrading your golf game so you're better prepared to kick butt for your next big match.

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Centennial High School

## High School Athlete of the Week

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### Ricardo Garay



Ricardo Garay is a 17-year-old junior at Centennial High School. He plays center/forward on the Hawk's boys basketball team. Garay has been the sixth man for the varsity team up until this point. He has just earned a starting position on the team. Coach Steve Heredia stated Garay is a hard working student and is extremely dedicated to the team and program. Students report that Garay has a great sense of humor and loves to have fun. He enjoys helping other students. He is also an avid sports fan. Garay's interests outside of sports include spending time with his two older brothers, hanging out together and watching all kinds of sports. He is very appreciative of his parents. His father is a professor at NMSU and helps him with his studies while his mother is Garay's biggest fan. He loves them both.



# SportsBriefs

## Perkins named WAC Athlete of the Week

Alishia Perkins of the New Mexico State University track and field team was named Western Athletic Conference Women's Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for Jan. 7-13.



PERKINS

Perkins, a junior from Dallas (Skyline H.S.), finished in the top three overall in each event she competed in at the Texas Tech Open. Perkins finished first overall in the 200m with a time of 24.59, recording the top time in the WAC 2013 season. Perkins then finished third in the 55M with a time of 7.13, which also moved her up to second all-time in the NMSU record books.

## Aggie swimmer earns conference award

New Mexico State sophomore swimmer Jessica Legge has been named the WAC Swimmer of the Week for Jan. 14-20.

Legge won three individual events at Idaho Jan. 18. She won both the 100 breaststroke (1:03.78) and 200 breaststroke (2:18.71) en route to breaking Idaho's pool records in the events. Legge also captured top honors in the 200 IM (2:07.83).

"Jess has had a really great couple months of training, and I am very excited about her swimming," head coach Rick Pratt said.

"She had some impressive swims after long travel to Moscow, and it's nice to see her recognized with all the fast swims happening in our league."

The Aggies host in-state rival New Mexico in the regular season finale Feb. 2, in Las Cruces.

# Aggie women fall at SJSU

## NMSU hosts Texas State Thursday, Jan. 31

The New Mexico State women's basketball team fell in its second heartbreaker of the weekend with a 51-50 loss to San Jose State Saturday afternoon at The Event Center in San Jose, Calif.



GILBREATH

The Aggies led by as much as six points in the first half, but were unable to maintain the lead late in the second half. NMSU moves to 9-9 on the season and 3-5 in Western Athletic Conference play.

Stefanie Gilbreath earned her second career game of the week with 15 rebounds. The senior picked up 13 points as well, good for her third double-double of the season. Fellow senior Kelsie Rozendaal and freshman Sasha Weber each tallied 10 points on the day, while Rozendaal earned her third double-double of the year with 10 points.

Freshman Shay Young broke out for the first time this season with six points,

tying her career number, and three rebounds against the Spartans. Junior Jasmine Rutledge worked for a career 11 rebounds as well.

As a team, the Aggies shot just 26.5 percent from the floor, but collected a season-high 62 team rebounds. They allowed the Spartans to shoot 29.2 percent from the field and held the San Jose State Spartans to 43 boards on the day.

"We are in all of these games," NMSU coach Mark Trakh said. "We are losing by one or two points, so we are right there. You just have to stay positive and keep the girls heads up. That's all we can do."

NMSU was unable to turn the game in its favor in the final seconds, falling 51-50 in the final seconds to play.

New Mexico State plays at Denver Saturday, Jan. 26, and returns home to host Texas State at the Pan American Center at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31.

## Equestrian coach hired

Jessica Hensley is the most recent addition to the coaching staff of the New Mexico State University equestrian team. She will join the Aggies as the assistant hunt seat coach, under coach Robin Morris-Walters.

Prior to joining the New Mexico State equestrian coaching staff, Hensley spent her undergraduate career at Kansas State University where she was a member of the Wildcat equestrian team. There she was exposed to a strong and nationally competitive program — an experience she will bring to the NMSU equestrian team. She rode both over fences and

on the flat, but began to specialize in equitation on the flat following her sophomore year. In that time, she became a JustWorld International Athlete Ambassador, as well.

Before joining Kansas State University's equestrian team, Hensley spent her junior years competing on the United State Equestrian Federation "A" circuit in hunters, jumpers and equitation. She has competed in Alaska, California, Kentucky, Oklahoma Texas, and Missouri.

Hensley graduated from Kansas State University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in political science. Originally from Palmer, Alaska, she has been riding since she was 4 years old.

# HIGH SCHOOL SportsSchedule

## Centennial High School

Tuesday, Jan. 29.....Girls Basketball.....at Lydia Patterson Institute..... 6 p.m.



## Las Cruces High School

Friday, Jan. 25.....Boys Basketball.....Oñate High School..... 7 p.m.  
Girls Basketball.....at Oñate High School..... 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 29.....Girls Basketball.....Mayfield High School..... 7 p.m.  
Boys Basketball.....at Mayfield High School..... 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 1.....Boys Basketball.....Gadsden High School..... 7 p.m.  
Girls Basketball.....at Gadsden High School..... 7 p.m.



## Mayfield High School

Friday, Jan 25.....Girls Basketball.....Gadsden High School..... 7 p.m.  
Boys Basketball.....at Gadsden High School..... 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 25.....Girls Basketball.....Hobbs High School..... 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 29.....Boys Basketball.....Las Cruces High School..... 7 p.m.  
Girls Basketball.....at Las Cruces High school..... 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 31.....Wrestling.....Oñate High School..... 6 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 1.....Girls Basketball.....Alamogordo High School..... 7 p.m.  
Boys Basketball.....at Alamogordo High School..... 7 p.m.



## Oñate High School

Friday, Jan. 25.....Girls Basketball.....Las Cruces High School..... 7 p.m.  
Boys Basketball.....at Las Cruces High School..... 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 29.....Boys Basketball.....Alamogordo High School..... 7 p.m.  
Girls Basketball.....at Alamogordo High School..... 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 31.....Wrestling.....at Mayfield High School..... 6 p.m.



## Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Jan. 25.....Girls Basketball.....at Hatch Valley High School..... 6:30 p.m.  
Boys Basketball.....at Hatch Valley High School..... 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 29.....Boys Basketball.....Lordsburg High School..... 6:30 p.m.  
Girls Basketball.....at Lordsburg High School..... 6:30 p.m.



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# Aggie Insider

## Memorable Aggies

Standout players for NMSU have shown up in all shapes and sizes



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Jack's Corner

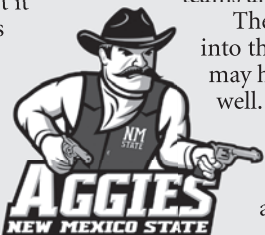
As promised, this week's column is a wrap up of the Aggies I have seen through the years who have been at the top of their game.

Two players come to mind when I think of Aggies who were versatile on the court. Kenny Travis was an Aggie in the late 1980s. He could play four different positions with equal skill and overcame a hand injury once in Fresno, Calif., to score the winning points in his hometown.

The other Aggie that had a variety of talents was Rodney Walker. Walker was about 6-5; his range of skills made him one of the most effective Aggies ever. He had confidence under pressure, which can be rare. In Logan, Utah, he knocked down a three at the buzzer that sent the game into a second overtime that eventually was won by NM State.

Two men come to mind, as I review the Aggies, who were the best court leaders. Randy Brown started at the University of Houston but got to Las Cruces in 1989. He was not a great shooter but had a quality that inspired his teammates to get it done regardless. His skills as a defender kept him in the NBA for a decade, where he earned some title rings with the Bulls.

Billy Keys



was the other court general who made the individual parts stronger as a sum. Keys kept the Aggies in games with his skills and his team organization and direction.

Fans usually retain memories of those players whose career was a highlight reel every time they stepped on the court.

Reggie Jordan and Cliff Reed are my choices. Jordan was only 6-2 but could dunk over players eight inches taller than he was and when he got the pass on the fast break, fans edged forward in their seats. "The Blade," Reed, was a human dunking machine in the mid-1990s as a member of the last Aggies Sweet 16 squad.

The most complete Aggies I have seen have different chromosomes. Richard Robinson came in from Hobbs, N.M., and was well-rounded in all aspects of the game. He was a tall point guard whose skills put him on the Aggies' NCAA team from 1975.

The other NM State player who I feel was the most complete was actually a Roadrunner. Anita Maxwell was the Big West Conference Player of the Year sophomore through senior years; she was the freshman of the year in her first season in Crimson and White. Maxwell was the center and the center of activity on the court, playing on winning teams all four years.

There are others who can fit into these categories and you may have your favorites as well. How great is it that we have such a hard time narrowing the field to choose the one or two at the top if the list?

## A changing of the season: Right for NCAA baseball?

Early games overshadowed by basketball



**Rocky Ward**  
Baseball  
Head Coach

Aggie baseball is just around the corner. We start our preseason practices Friday, Jan. 25 (our Spring Training), then play our annual alumni game at 2 p.m. Feb. 9. We start our defense of the WAC regular season title with a 1 p.m. double header, Feb. 15.

College baseball has continued to grow in popularity over the past several years, culminating each year with the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Thousands of people attend the event from all over the country.

There are problems though, because we continue to play the first half of our season during the hottest time of the year for college basketball. Most college baseball coaches feel that we play our first 20-30 games of each season in obscurity. In fact, even some of the traditionally great baseball programs struggle with early season attendance and media attention because of basketball.

Basketball is a great sport that is very enjoyable to watch and has the best playoff system in all sports. It's great that our Aggie basketball teams are very good and are exciting to watch. Coach Marvin Menzies and coach Mark Trakh have their teams in a strong position to compete favorably for a WAC championship.

So where am I going with this discussion? Simply that college baseball plays in the wrong season. We should start our seasons in April, right after the basketball Final Four is over, and play through the

summer months. This would set up an August College World Series in Omaha that would finish just in time for college football to start. A change of season would be beneficial to all, because it would bridge the three major sports. Football season would merge into basketball season that would merge into baseball season.

It would be great for general sports fans. It would provide a real opportunity for baseball to become more self-sufficient, because we wouldn't constantly be competing with college basketball. It would allow for teams in cold weather areas to compete on an equal playing field with the teams from warm weather areas, enhancing the national quality of college baseball and allowing the highly populated northeast part of the country to become competitive. It would open up regular season TV markets. NM State is one of the few places that already has this capability, because of AggieVision.

Why won't it happen? It makes too much sense, but so did a college football playoff and that is finally a reality. The real reason is that college scholarships are designed to provide for just the main semesters. We would have to keep our players year round, which would increase cost. It can be argued that additional revenue generated would cover that cost. The Major League Baseball draft would have to be moved from June to September as well. It's possible, but MLB would have to restructure its minor league system, and they would have to want to do that.

It's a nice thing to dream about, but until then, all I can do is ask is for Aggie fans to make a little time for baseball in the early season.

## Upcoming

**Friday, Jan. 25**

**Track and Field**

New Mexico Collegiate Invitational  
Albuquerque  
All day

**Men's Tennis**

Scottsdale Junior College  
Tucson, Ariz.  
1 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 26**

**Track and Field**

New Mexico Collegiate Invitational  
Albuquerque  
All day

**Men's Tennis**

Arizona  
Tucson, Ariz.  
12 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

Denver  
Denver  
4 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 28**

**Men's Golf**

Arizona Intercollegiate  
Tucson, Ariz.  
All day

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**

**Men's Golf**

Arizona Intercollegiate  
Tucson, Ariz.  
All day

**Thursday, Jan. 31**

**Men's Basketball**

Texas State  
San Marcos, Texas  
6 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

Texas State  
Las Cruces  
6:30 p.m.

## Aggie student-athlete spotlight



**Stefanie Gilbreath**

Redshirt senior  
Women's basketball

Redshirt senior guard Stefanie Gilbreath had a standout week with 24 rebounds and 19.0 points per game despite two losses for the Aggies. She scored a career-high 25

points at Utah State, Jan. 17. She had her third double-double of the year with 13 points and career-high 15 rebounds.



**Kelsie Rozendaal**

Redshirt senior  
Women's basketball

Redshirt senior forward Kelsie Rozendaal recorded her third double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds in the tough loss at San Jose State, Jan. 19. The senior

had a team-high six offensive rebounds in the game in her 24 minutes played.



**Bandja Sy**

Senior  
Men's basketball

Senior forward Bandja Sy led the Aggies to a pair of wins over Utah State and San Jose State and averaged 16.0 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Sy shot 61.9 percent (13-of-

21) from the field and 100 percent from the free-throw line (6-of-6). He added two assists and two steals.



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# Legislature 2013

## Cervantes wants to stop misuse of state resources PED email list controversy inspires bill

By **Steve Terrell**  
The Santa Fe New Mexican

A Republican political consultant's request last year to the Public Education Department for a list of non-union teachers and how to contact them has prompted a Las Cruces state senator to introduce a bill banning use of state resources for political purposes.

Asked about Senate Bill 136, introduced Monday, Sen. Joe Cervantes, a Democrat, said:

"Last year, there was a case of a political operative using Public Education Department employees to create a list of emails for him. This bill would explicitly prohibit what most of us think is unethical, when (public employees) are on state time."

He was referring to Jay McCleskey, Gov. Susana Martinez's consultant, who requested the list from Public Education Department spokesman Larry Behrens. In a May 2, 2012, email sent to McCleskey, Martinez and a list of officials in her administration – all on private rather than public emails – Behrens detailed how he compiled the list.

"We have no master list of all teacher emails so (information technology personnel) went through websites school-by-school and copied the publicly available staff emails. ... We asked the budget division which districts have unions or agreements and they provided me with a list. Using the (department's) district codes, I filtered the addresses to pull out the non-union districts and the emails collected from each. So the 'FinalEmailList A' should be all the non-union teachers from the emails

we've been able to gather."

It was the first example made public of Martinez administration officials using private email accounts to communicate about state matters. Martinez has since ordered a stop to that practice. The governor also asked the FBI to investigate Independent Source PAC, claiming the emails were illegally obtained. The results of any such investigation haven't been released.

Both Behrens and McCleskey have said compiling the teacher lists was in response to

a request by McCleskey under the state's Inspection of Public Records Act.

"Like nearly every political organization, we request public information from all sorts of agencies throughout the state – Democrat and Republican," McCleskey said in May. "In this case, the list we received pursuant to the original request was nothing more than public school addresses and therefore unusable. We followed up with (a public records) request for the detailed list and that request was denied."

Cervantes scoffed at the idea that McCleskey's initial request was a normal public records request, noting that the Inspection of Public Records Act "does not require the state to put together lists, to create or compile information or data. Otherwise, (state employees) would spend all their time doing that."

SB136 would add one clause to the state law forbidding certain political activity by public employees. Public workers would be prohibited from "using public resources to support or oppose a candidate, political campaign or other political organization."

“ This bill would explicitly prohibit what most of us think is unethical. ”

JOE CERVANTES,  
state senator

## Cote offers election bills Lawmaker says concerns nonpartisan

Rep. Nate Cote, D-Doña Ana, Otero, has submitted three bills focused on reforming the election process.

House Bill 92 would ensure rural voters have easier access to voting locations.

House Bill 93 increases the efficiency and transparency of election campaign expenditure reporting.

House Bill 219 requires polling locations have enough trained poll workers and polling machines.

House Bill 92, Early Voting in Adjoining Counties, will authorize county clerks to enter into agreements allowing voters from adjoining counties to vote at alternate voting locations. This will ensure voters in rural areas of New Mexico are afforded the same opportunity to vote early that urban area voters receive and will increase both accessibility and efficiency.

The proposed legislation is the result of a decision by the Otero County clerk to not place an early vote location in two precincts. Chaparral has a high volume of new voter registrations, minority voters, and low income communities. The nearest early vote location in Otero County was located 85 miles away in Alamogordo. As a result of the decision many voters faced extreme lines on Election Day.

"Voter access to the polls is a nonpartisan issue," Cote said. "I am very concerned that this lack of access is suppressing voters' rights and every effort should be made between county clerks to afford access to the polls. This inaccessibility is not only in southern New Mexico, but also in the

western and northern parts of the state."

House Bill 93, Campaign Fund Transaction Recording, addresses the reality of election ethics reporting, which currently mandates all campaign expenditures are paid using campaign checks. HB 93 would allow the use of electronic forms of payments such as credit and debit cards as well as on-line wire transfers. This reform will allow for easy record keeping and a more streamlined and transparent reporting process.

"Our current statutes are out of date and these basic changes will allow for a more transparent and streamlined reporting process," Cote said. "Transparency in campaign expenditures is critical to a fair election process and I believe these reforms will help everyone running for office."

House Bill 219, Adequate Staff and Equipment at Polling Locations, will ensure polling locations have adequate equipment such as polling machines and booths as well as ensure there are enough trained poll workers. These requirements are aimed at preventing the long lines witnessed in the 2012 election cycle in Chaparral and Rio Rancho, among other areas around the state.

"HB 219 will address the problem of long lines witnessed around the state in 2012," Cote said. "Access to voting is a critical right and the long lines we witnessed harm everyone from any party. The elderly, those with families, the disabled and people who need to go to work should not be expected to stand in line for hours to exercise their civic duty."



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**Jessica Legge**

Sophomore, Swimming and Diving

Sophomore Jessica Legge won three individual events at Idaho, Jan. 18. She won both the 100 breaststroke (1:03.78) and 200 breaststroke (2:18.71) en route to breaking Idaho's pool records in the events. Legge also captured top honors in the 200 individual medley (2:07.83).



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# Looking Back

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Jim Hilley**  
Reflections

### 100yearsago

#### 1913

• A postal inspector was expected to visit Las Cruces and determine what would need to be done to allow free mail delivery in town. Necessary requirements were that houses be numbered in a systematic manner, that streets be named and marked, that sidewalks extend to all delivery areas and that streets be lighted in a "satisfactory" manner. "Las Cruces does not meet any of these requirements," the Rio Grande Republican said.

• Bishop Cameron Mann arrived in Mesilla Park to administer confirmation to 28 candidates at the St. James Episcopal Church, pastored by Rev. Hunter Lewis. There was a reception for the bishop at the church so the public could meet him.

### 75yearsago

#### 1938

• Las Cruces was to be headquarters

for the \$3 million canalization project along the Rio Grande between Caballo Dam and El Paso.

• Gov. Clyde Tingley extended the time New Mexico drivers could avoid penalties for not having a vehicle driver's license until Feb. 2. The previous extension expired Jan. 20. The state reported that about 60,000 New Mexicans had purchased permits and about 30 drivers had their permits suspended for traffic offenses.

• B. Frank Weisenhorn authorized the Las Cruces Daily News to inform the public that "his golf game had gone into involuntary bankruptcy." Weisenhorn said he had used approximately 1,976 useless strokes in the previous year.

• The Aggies continued their march toward a Border Conference title by defeating the Arizona State Teachers College 61-48.

### 50yearsago

#### 1963

• Excitement was building for a Golden Gloves boxing match between "Prince" Moore and local fighter Jesse Bellamonte, who was trained by Sammy Burke and Frank Mirabal.

• Delmar Roberts, 61, a veteran agricultural leader in the Mesilla Valley, died Jan. 12. He had been president of the Southwestern Irrigated Cotton Growers Association and chairman of the Board of Regents at New Mexico State University, past president of the New Mexico Farm Bureau, and held many other influential posts.

• The New Mexico Press Association elected Las Cruces Citizen publisher Gene Priestly as vice president.

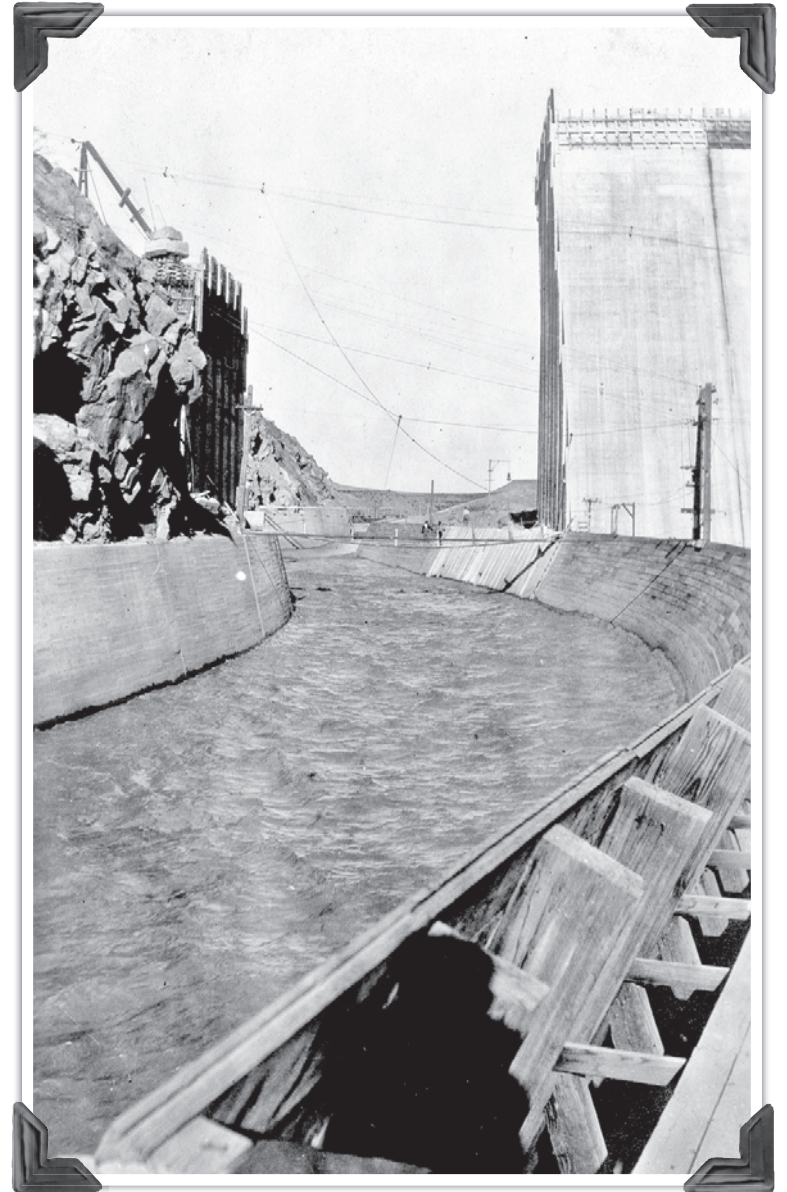
### 25yearsago

#### 1988

• Organizers said the seventh annual Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe was a resounding success, with more than 100 area residents descending on the state capital to meet with legislators, Gov. Garrey Carruthers and others.

• Club members gathered at the Las Cruces Country Club to celebrate the golf course's 60th anniversary and to dedicate the welcome arch, a dream of Lt. Col. And Mrs. Frank Hollar, long-time club members.

*Information gathered from New Mexico State University Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections. Edited by Jim Hilley.*



New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo  
**A wooden flume carried Rio Grande water around the Elephant Butte Dam while the giant irrigation project was under construction between 1910 and 1915.**

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## In the news

### Six run for school board

Early voting began Friday, Jan. 11, for three seats on the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education.

Early voting in the school board election, which does not include a bond issue, will end Friday, Feb. 1. Tuesday, Feb. 5, is election day.

All ballots cast during early voting must be done in person at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Friday, Feb. 1, is the last day to apply for an absentee ballot. Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins has recommended that absentee voters not wait until the last minute to apply for an absentee ballot, as ballots may not be delivered to voters in time for them to be returned to the county Bureau of Elections by election day.

Only those voters who live in districts 1, 2 and 3 can vote in the election. Districts 4 and 5 will next be up for election in 2015. The last day to register to vote in the election was Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Visit [http://lcp.s.k12.nm.us/maps/BoardDistricts\\_Adopted\\_Feb2012\\_wStreets.pdf](http://lcp.s.k12.nm.us/maps/BoardDistricts_Adopted_Feb2012_wStreets.pdf) for a map of school board districts.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

Incumbent board members Chuck Davis (District 1) and Maria Flores (District 3) have opponents. Board member Barbara Hall (District 2) did not draw an opponent.

The challengers to Davis in District 1 are Len Hampton and Brian King Marshall. The challenger to Flores in District 3 is Beverly Hine.

For more information, contact Ellins at 647-7421 or [lynnne@donaanacounty.org](mailto:lynnne@donaanacounty.org).

### Garza given raise, more vacation time

The Las Cruces City Council approved a raise and more vacation time for City Manager Robert Garza at its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Garza's salary will increase from \$157,000 a year to \$166,260 and he gains two more weeks of "executive leave" in addition to the four weeks of annual leave he already has.

Before the vote, Councillor Greg Smith said he's heard criticism about giving Garza a raise when the economy is still uncertain. He said a raise and more leave is an appropriate way for the council to acknowledge the steady leadership Garza has provided the city.

Las Cruces resident J.D. Rodriguez is contesting the action, saying the extra leave is a benefit not available to other employees and the raise is not budgeted.

### MVD offers new online service for licenses

Gov. Susana Martinez unveiled a new customer service program Wednesday, Jan. 23, that allows tens of thousands of New Mexico drivers to renew their driver's licenses online without having to visit a Motor Vehicle Division office.

New Mexicans can also renew their state-issued identification cards using this new online program that can be accessed by smart phones and electronic tablets.

Using this online program, more than 180,000 New Mexicans will be able to renew their driver's licenses and an additional 40,000 can renew their identification cards each year.

"This is just one of our efforts to modernize and improve MVD operations while providing easy and practical options to New Mexicans," Martinez said. "We have to take advantage of available technology to ensure that state government agencies like MVD are doing everything they can to improve service to their customers – New Mexico taxpayers."

Martinez urged New Mexicans to take advantage of this new program and avoid waiting in line at a local MVD office.

"I encourage anyone who is able to renew their license online to do so. Individuals can renew a driver's license online in less than five minutes," she said. "The process is quick, easy, and secure."

State Taxation and Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla said her goal is to reduce foot traffic in MVD offices by offering more online services and options to reduce wait times.

MVD renews nearly 1,500 driver's licenses each day in various field offices, averaging between 15 and 30 minutes per renewal.

The online renewal program accepts all major credit cards and New Mexicans have an option to renew their driver's licenses for a period of four or eight years. This program was designed by the Taxation and Revenue Department's internal IT staff with no added costs to the state. Because of state and federal laws, another half of the 1,500 licenses renewed each day still have to be processed in-person at an MVD office.

To be eligible to renew driver's license online:

- You must be 18 years and older with a valid driver's license and no pending traffic citations, traffic citation-related arrest warrants and medical holds.
- You must have obtained your current driver's license in person after September 2008 when a new photo of you was taken.
- Your driver's license has been expired for less than a year.
- Your driver's license was lost or stolen. You can't register online if:
- Your driver's license is suspended, revoked, surrendered, denied, disqualified or cancelled.
- You have outstanding traffic citations, traffic citation-related arrest warrants and outstanding child support payments.
- You are 75 years and older.
- You have obtained your current license before October 2008.
- You have a current or previous medical condition that has been reported to MVD.
- You are a commercial driver's license holder.
- Your last-issued driver's license has been expired for more than a year.
- You are a foreign national with no Social Security number.
- Your last driver's license renewal was done online.

### NMSU reorganizes provost office

In an effort to increase efficiency and focus some roles and responsibilities, several changes are being made in the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost at New Mexico State University.

Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Jay Jordan said a variety of organizational adjustments are being made:

- The Office of the Associate Provost will be renamed the Office of the Associate Provost for Accreditation, Outcomes Assessment and Academic Program Review. Associate Provost Roberta Derlin, who previously also served as interim dean of the College of Extended Learning, will now focus her efforts on systemwide responsibilities related to accreditation, outcomes assessment and academic program review.
- College of Arts & Sciences Dean Christa Slaton will assume the role of interim dean of the College of Extended Learning. Donna Alden, who has been serving part-time as the associate dean for the College of Extended Learning, will continue in that role, reporting to Slaton.
- The College of Arts and Sciences will now function as the "gateway" college for students entering the university who have not yet declared a major. Students who wish to pursue a flexible bachelor's degree program,

such as a Bachelor of Individualized Studies or Bachelor of Applied Studies, will now be able to do so through the College of Arts and Sciences. This change will give these students expanded access to advising and counseling.

- Academic professional development units will be reorganized under the Office of Associate Vice President and Deputy Provost Greg Fant. This will include programs such as the Teaching Academy, the Instructional Innovation and Quality program and programs that assist faculty in teaching Distance Education courses.
- Several minor changes also are being made, such as moving the distance education course entry responsibility to the

Registrar's Office; transferring administration of the Albuquerque Center to Student Affairs due to its primary role as a student services center; shifting Academic Budget Management operations to the Division of Administration and Finance; and transferring International Student and Scholar Services from Student Affairs to International Programs.

Jordan said the reorganization of administrative functions aims to better serve student needs.

"Our top priority is making sure that students come first," Jordan said. "I am confident these changes will best reflect that goal. We will work with dispatch in implementing all these changes this semester."

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# Nursing program report completed

## NMSU details steps for regaining DACC accreditation

A New Mexico State University commission's report summarizes steps to be taken to begin the process of regaining accreditation for the Doña Ana Community College nursing program.

The Commission on Nursing Accreditation Oversight, led by College of Education Dean Michael Morehead, also provided a summary of the situation in 2012 that led to the loss of National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accreditation for the DACC nursing program.

"The committee, which included both internal and external reviewers, developed strong recommendations concerning institutional accreditation processes," NMSU Interim President Manuel Pacheco said.

Actions based on the recommendations include:

- Roberta Derlin, associate provost for accreditation, outcomes assessment and program review, will be responsible for developing a systemwide approach to monitor accreditation status and preparation.
- Two full-time master of science in nursing credentialed faculty members have been hired for the DACC nursing program.
- To help build faculty stability and retention in the nursing program, DACC has implemented a compensation plan for nursing faculty that includes sign on bonuses, retention bonuses and market competitive salaries.
- Efforts to streamline all NMSU faculty hiring are also under way. NMSU's Human Resource Services is currently implementing a new recruitment and hiring system for faculty,

which will simplify the process. Also, Interim Provost Jay Jordan and Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry have initiated steps to expedite the process and have determined it is no longer necessary for faculty hires to be approved by the Provost's Office. This will help departments to proceed in a more timely manner.

- The university will implement the recommendation to form a systemwide Nursing Council to provide oversight and coordination for the nursing programs.

Pacheco thanked the many people at NMSU who worked on the commission to help address the situation.

"Dean Michael Morehead provided valuable leadership. Interim Provost Jay Jordan moved with dispatch to implement organizational changes at the Las Cruces campus that will address several of the issues raised," Pacheco said. "DACC President Margie Huerta, DACC Health and Public Services Dean Evelyn Hobbs and Nursing Program Director Tracy Lopez worked collaboratively with the committee."

Huerta praised the work of the commission members.

"The commission's report offered a very thorough review, and we recognize all the effort put forth through their recommendations," she said. "Many items in the report were also recommendations by the NLNAC, and these items have already been addressed or are in the process of being addressed. The commission's findings indicate DACC is on the right track with how we are best benefitting the students and the program. We appreciate all the hard work and time put forth by community members who served on the commission. This level of dedication demonstrates a strong commitment to our students, the program and our community partnerships."

The commission's report can now be viewed at [www.nmsu.edu/president](http://www.nmsu.edu/president) under Presidential Reports.

Meanwhile, one of the program's instructors was struck by a car on the NMSU campus Thursday, Jan. 17, the same day the report was released.

Lucy Montes-Sandoval, 53, is in critical condition at an El Paso Hospital with severe head injuries and a collapsed lung after she was struck by a vehicle as she crossed Stewart Street.

## Jornada research funding renewed

### NSF awards \$5.88 million

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$5.88 million grant to New Mexico State University to fund the Jornada Basin Long Term Ecological Research program for a sixth six-year funding cycle.

The collaborative project involves NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service. NMSU administers the grant.

Landscape ecologist Debra Peters is the project's principal investigator. She is a research scientist with the USDA/ARS Jornada Experimental Range and an affiliated faculty member in NMSU's Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences and Department of Biology. She has been involved in the research enterprise since she arrived at NMSU in 1998.

Collaborating researchers include eight other faculty members, as well as scientists from Arizona State University, University of Arizona, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Texas at El Paso, University of California, Berkeley and the U.S. Geological Survey.

The project has been continuously funded since 1982, and is one of the seven oldest studies of its kind in a network that currently includes 25 such sites spread across the United States, the polar regions and the South Pacific. The network was created to allow studies of the dynamics of ecological change that could span decades, expanding our knowledge of the mechanisms of that change in a representative sample of diverse environments. The Jornada Basin, a mid-altitude semi-arid desert environment, allows the study of issues common to many deserts around the world.

The project's research site encompasses more than 250,000 acres of Chihuahuan Desert land comprising NMSU's Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center and the USDA's contiguous Jornada Experimental Range north of Las Cruces.

Peters said she and her colleagues are not only investigating how and why the landscape has changed, they also seek to understand what the consequences of that change have been and what the implications are for the future.

"We have these long-term data showing these dramatic changes in vegetation, and associated changes in air quality and wind and water erosion," she said. "I think once people understand how it's changed so dramatically, then they will have a sense that these landscapes may be very different in the future as well and that their own activities could influence those changes. I think their understanding of these human interactions with their environment is really important."



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# SeniorActivities



## SENIOR PROGRAMS

Programs at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., are for those age 50 and older. Membership is free and is required to participate in classes and activities.

Munson Center offers a variety of classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Some classes offered are: beginning jewelry, clay works, china painting, stained glass, creative writing, Spanish, woodcarving and quilting.

For registration information, call 528-3000.

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers age 55 or older. A certificate issued upon successful completion of the four-hour course may qualify the participant for a discount on insurance, depending on the driver's insurance policy. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door the day of class.

Participants need to bring their driver's license, a pen or pencil and correct change if paying with cash. AARP members must bring their membership cards to receive the discount.

Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis.

The next available class is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Encantada Park clubhouse, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) or call 505-830-3096.

## YOGA CLASSES

Yoga encourages proper body alignment and brings balance, strength and calmness. Classes are from 8 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

## THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Trips currently being booked include:

- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras Day Trip:** Feb. 8. Cost is \$30 per person.

- **Australia/New Zealand cruise:** March 4, 13 days, 12 nights. Inquire at Voyagers office.
- **San Antonio, Texas:** May 5-11, seven days, six nights, cost: \$620 double, \$800 single.
- **Eastern Mediterranean Cruise:** June 15-23, nine days, eight nights. Call for details.
- **Niagara Falls/Toronto:** Sept. 23-26, four days, three nights. Cost: \$1,647 double, \$1,972 single.
- **Mississippi Steamboat Cruise:** Nov. 8-16, nine days, eight nights. Call for details.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920 or 312-6152.

## AEROBICS

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a ball are offered for resistance; a chair is used for seated and/or standing support.

Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Meerschiedt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

## ZUMBA GOLD

Zumba Gold modifies Zumba moves and pacing to suit the needs of active older participants. It's a dance-fitness class that feels friendly and, most of all, fun.

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## CARDIO, CORE & MORE

The core muscle group is often referred to as your "trunk" and involves all of the muscles surrounding the trunk. A weak core can contribute to lower-back pain, poor posture and loss of balance.

Basic classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Intermediate classes are from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

For more information, call 541-2782

## 50+ SINGLES BREAKFAST CLUB

The 50+ Singles Saturday Morning Club meets at 9 a.m. the first and third Saturday of the month at Furr's Family Dining, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Cost of the breakfast buffet is \$6.69. The club is intended as a way for singles age 50 and older to meet new people.

## ENHANCE FITNESS

Enhance Fitness class is from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Madrid St., in the auditorium. The class focuses on stretching, flexibility, balance, low-impact aerobics and strength-training exercises. The class requires pre-registration and is available only to seniors age 60 and older. The instructor is Lisa Ortega.

A \$1 donation is suggested.

## TAI CHI-BALANCE FOR BETTER HEALTH

Tai Chi-Balance for Better Health class is from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Madrid St., in the auditorium. Tai Chi-Balance for Better Health was developed by Dr. Fuzhong Li of the Oregon Research Institute. The drop-in class is available only to seniors age 60 and older. The instructor is Jason Shoberg. A \$1 donation is suggested.

## ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AQUATIC PROGRAM

The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. This drop-in program was developed for people with arthritis according to the guidelines and procedures set forth by the Arthritis Foundation.

The class is available only to seniors age 60 and older. A \$1 donation is suggested.

## SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court. Ave. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome, light refreshments will be provided. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing is from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6.

For more information, call 523-1871.

## MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for men ages 50 and older is held the last Wednesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is from 8 to 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners. For more information, call 541-2550.

## WOMEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for women ages 50 and older is held the first Monday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is at 8 a.m. and play begins from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-

place winners. For more information, call 541-2550.

## SENIOR GAMES KICKOFF IS JAN. 26

The kick-off and registration for the 35th annual Doña Ana County Senior Games will from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Trails West, 1450 Avenida De Mesilla, in the clubhouse.

County residents age 50 and older are encouraged to participate in one or more of the 26 sport and activities conducted during February, March and April. Beginners

as well as experienced senior athletes are invited. All athletes must register in advance.

For more information, call 541-5171.

## GOING SOLO SINGLES

Single seniors; join Going Solo Seniors. The group is a way for seniors to meet new friends and stay active. Activities include dining out, potlucks, game nights and day trips.

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# Eagle Scout rank earned



Jake Brooks, son of Jeff and Teri Brooks, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. A junior at Mayfield High School, he is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 173 that meets at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. His Eagle project was the construction of a sunken rock fire pit surrounded by split log benches, the wood coming from three oak trees the church had to cut down. Also, he has restored a 1957 Endocraft small cabin cruiser and now is working on a 25-foot Coronado sailboat. He is a member of the Rio Grande Yacht Club at Elephant Butte.

# Neighbors We've Lost

## OBITUARY

### LILA EILENE JUUL

*November 6, 1926 - January 14, 2013*

Lila Eilene Juul passed away January 14, 2013 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She was born November 6, 1926 in Nebraska to Clyde and Doris Fitzpatrick.

She was a bon vivant, wayfarer, impresario, epicure, dedicated wife and mother, indomitable spirit and faithful servant of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, John (Jay) Juul and is survived by her children, John Juul, wife Roxie of Colorado, and her daughter Rebecca Wible, husband Thomas Wible of Washington, several cousins and great friends whose lives she touched in Florida and New Mexico.

Lila and Jay established the first dinner theater in the state of Colorado, in Nederland, where Lila could practice her Cordon Bleu chef skills. There, she was able to oversee restaurant operations while also taking John skiing at the lunch hour in winter and hauling horse trailers in the summer so



Rebecca could participate in parade events. She and Jay also established and operated a large pistachio orchard in Tularosa. Widely traveled, Lila visited every continent and, with her magnetic personality, made friends at every stop. She climbed the Great Wall, cruised the Neva River in Russia and visited Stonehenge where it's reported she rearranged the rocks to be more artistic.

She lived a National Geographic life and never made cupcakes when she could make cream puffs.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at St Mary's at Hill Anglican Church, 7985 Dona Ana Road, Las Cruces NM 88004 at 9 a.m. on Sunday January 27. A reception with light refreshments will follow the service.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### BACHMAN

Thomas C. Bachman, 67, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013. He was born Feb. 25, 1945 in Brownsville, TX.

He is survived by his sons, Thomas and Erick; daughters Crystal, Naomi and Tammy as well as by 2 brothers, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services have been held.

Arrangements are with Getz Funeral Home, 1410 E. Bowman Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. To sign the local online guest book visit [www.GetzCares.com](http://www.GetzCares.com) 575-526-2419

### HENDERSON

Robert "Larry" Henderson, 56, of Winston, New Mexico, passed away on January 19, 2013. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

### MUTCHNIK

Frances Mutchnik, 74, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013. Fran, as she was fondly known, was born Aug. 17, 1938. She is survived by her two sons and two daughters.

At her request cremation will take place and her remains will be laid to rest next to her loving husband, Lewis at Hillcrest Cemetery at a later date.

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### MUÑOZ

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, Rosa Maria Ortiz Muñoz, 83, of Berino. She went peacefully to her heavenly home in the early morning hours of December 14, 2012 surrounded by her loving family.

Services have been held.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces 575-527-2222. For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)

### GARCIA

Aurora V. Garcia, 74, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, January 21, 2013. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 25, 2013 from 5-7 p.m. at Getz Funeral Home with a prayer service to follow at 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be at 12 p.m., Saturday January 26, 2013 at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church with burial to follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

### CORRAL

Guillermo F. Corral, 85, of Anthony, New Mexico, entered eternal life Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Services have been held.

The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Anthony Catholic Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

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### FABELA

Marcelino Fabela, 66, of Mesquite, New Mexico, entered eternal life Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation for Mr. Fabela will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2013 in the Church of God of Prophecy, 208 Emerson Street in Mesquite where the Evening Service is scheduled for 7 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held Friday, January 25, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the same church with Pastor Luis Lara officiating. Concluding Service and Interment will follow in the Missionary Ridge Cemetery in Mesquite where he will be laid to rest.

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### NARVAEZ

Juan Roberto "John" Narvaez, 57, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was taken on Silver Wings to be with our Lord on Friday, January 18, 2013. He was a Marine, a Vietnam Combat Veteran, and was awarded the National Defense Medal, Meritorious Mast, and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. He served his country valiantly. At the time of his death, John was employed as an Engineer Technician at White Sands Missile Range for over 30 years.

Services have taken place. Cremation followed and Inurnment of Remains will take place at a later date. Military Honors were accorded by the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

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### BENNETT

Charles Wesley Bennett, 79, passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at his home.

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### THIBODEAU

George Ernest Thibodeau, 86, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. George served his country honorably in the Armed Forces, attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel, with service during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He retired as an educator, serving as Assistant Principal at Alameda Junior High, and was an active member of the Sunrise Lions Club and the VFW.

At his request, cremation took place and inurnment of remains was held at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Ave.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Las Cruces Sunrise Lions Club, P.O. Box 6686, Las Cruces, NM 88006.

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### CORRAL

Jose Luis "Louie" Corral, 54, lifelong resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico, went home to be with his heavenly Father on Monday, January 21, 2013.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2013 at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, 100 S. Espina Street. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m., Friday, January 25, 2013 in the same church with the Reverend Ricardo Bauza officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery where he will be laid to rest in the family plot.

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### ARREY

Aurelia Isabel Arrey, 87, of Arrey, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, January 20, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Aurelia was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Visitation for Mrs. Arrey will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2013 at Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. with Deacon Ramon Vaquera officiating.

At her request cremation will take place and inurnment of remains will be held at a later date.

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### CREWS

Francis Theo Crews, 66, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, January 18, 2013 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. He retired as an Industrial Engineer from McDonnell-Douglas.

At his request cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service has been held. Military Honors were accorded by the New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League- El Perro Diablo Detachment.

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### LUCERO

Sandra "Sandy" Jean Lucero, of Mesilla, New Mexico, has been called by the Lord at the young age of 33. Sandy entered eternal rest on the early morning of January 16, 2013.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the San Albino Cemetery where she was laid to rest.

The Lucero Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces to direct funeral services. 575-527-2222 Your exclusive providers of "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)

### MORALEZ

Clemente Moralez, 96, of Doña Ana, New Mexico, entered eternal life Saturday, January 19, 2013 surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 77 years, Ramona "Mona" Moralez of the family home; twelve children, and two granddaughters he raised as his own. Other survivors include 23 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; 4 great great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services have been held. Cremation followed and Inurnment of Remains will take place at a later date.

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### MARRUFO

Leo George Marrufo, 59, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, July 18, 2013 at his home.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho where he was laid to rest.

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# Community renews Military covenant

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White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham signs the military covenant during halftime at the New Mexico State University men's basketball game Saturday, Jan. 19. The pact was signed by local officials and community leaders to promise support and cooperation with local military installations and those serving.



Yaritza Ayala, Navy Lt. Ruben Ayala and Army Col. Dan Stark chat at a reception before the start of the game at the Pan American Center.



Members of the Las Cruces community and members of the military gather on the court during halftime to display the covenant.



NMSU Athletic Director McKinley Boston hands New Mexico National Guard Brig. Gen. Andrew Salas a game ball during the covenant ceremony.

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## Please, don't sneeze on me



**Alta LeCompte**  
Around the valley

Bulletin News Editor Todd Dickson pushed his swiveling desk chair out of his office and into the hallway, where he planned to "attend" an editorial staff meeting in the adjacent conference room.

Dickson said he felt he was fighting off illness and didn't want to expose his coworkers to whatever he was incubating.

In great detail he described his game plan – including frequent use of hand sanitizer and avoiding touching page proofs others would have to read.

We smiled and invited him into the conference room, but the invitation may have been a bit disingenuous.

We appreciated his consideration.

And we hoped if he did get sick he would stay home.

Many workers, however, go to the office when they're sick because they are worried about losing their jobs, employer-consulting firm CEO John Challenger recently told the Associated Press.

Other employees report for work out of financial necessity, since roughly 40 percent of U.S. workers don't get paid if they are out sick. Some simply have a strong work ethic and feel obligated to show up.

At the national level, the 2012-13 flu epidemic has given rise to discussion about how flu-related absenteeism cuts productivity.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the illness annually costs businesses \$7 billion in sick days and lost productivity and \$10.4 billion in hospitalization and outpatient treatment.

A CDC study pegs the annual total economic damage at about \$87 billion.

Here in the City of the Crosses, Bill Allen, president/CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, stayed home when hit by the flu.

Business went on as usual at the chamber, because staff was prepared to step up and keep things running.

"We're small enough that we have everybody cross trained," he said. "It shouldn't matter who's not there."

Joel Courtney, chamber communication and leadership director, said by staying home Allen protected the staff.

"We were very happy he did," Courtney said.

Courtney was, however, a little less rosy in his description of what went on

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## A shred of prevention

### Citizens Bank shred day draws attention to a growing problem

By **David Salcido**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Identity theft: It's a topic that haunts us as more and more horror stories make their way into news feeds with each passing year.

Whether it's credit card information being fished out of trashcans, mail disappearing from mailboxes or online scams designed to cull vital customer information, identity fraud is a serious crime that can wreak havoc on personal finances, credit history and reputation. But there are ways to combat this scourge of the technological age.

On Friday, Jan. 18, Citizens Bank at 505 S. Main St. held a community shred day, in which anyone with documents to destroy was invited to bring them to the parking lot outside the bank and do just that, free of charge.

Grant Buck, marketing officer for Citizens Bank, conceived the idea because he believes it is the responsibility of banks to not only inform their customers of ways to protect themselves, but also offer services to illustrate the importance of doing so.

"Identity protection is important and we feel that we can definitely help out," he said. "We're pleased to offer this not only to our customers, but anyone in Las Cruces who wanted to come out. I don't know if it's been done like this before, but really, who doesn't have at least one bag of documents that they would like to shred?"

The concept, it turns out, was a popular one.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

A line of people await their turn to have documents shredded during Citizens Bank's community shred day on Friday, Jan. 18.

Hundreds of conscientious people showed up during the five hours that Citizens sponsored the shredfest. Some came as representatives for small companies with boxes of customer documents to destroy, while others came with personal effects they no longer had use for.

One such attendee was Charles Bisbee, who

arrived with his vehicle loaded down with boxes filled with documents, some personal, some from his company, Sew What's New.

"I've been holding these old records in my garage for years," he said. "They're all about six or seven years old. I heard that Citizens Bank

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## Retailer picks Mesilla Valley Mall

### Credit is hallmark of Conn's regional chain

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Conn's Inc., a Texas-based appliance, electronics and furniture store with a distinctive business model featuring in-house financing, is preparing to open a Las Cruces store this spring in the former Bealls department store in Mesilla Valley Mall.

Remodeling is underway at the store, situated between Sears and the food court at the mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

The company plans to start hiring in late February or March for a projected May opening, said David Trahan, vice president of retail operations.

The Las Cruces store should support about 40 associates. The majority will be in sales and work on commission.

"According to our research, this is a good central location relative to our core customer," COO Mike Poppe said. "Because of the value we deliver through financing we don't have to be right around the corner."

Conn's market niche is selling appliances, electronics, furniture and mattresses providing in-house credit. Its target market is households with annual incomes of \$40,000 to \$60,000, Poppe said.

He said Conn's seeks out communities with a high population density and a stable workforce.

"We're excited to be here," he said.

Originally a plumbing and heating company

founded in 1890 in Beaumont, Texas, Conn's started selling refrigerators and gas ranges in 1937.

C.W. Conn added appliance service in 1962 and in 1964 co-founded Conn Credit Corp. to finance purchases of items customers bought for their homes.

Poppe said Conn's got into the financing business because it was located in the heart of the Texas oil fields where walkouts were a common occurrence.

"When they were out on strike and the washing machine broke down, we could help them purchase one through our financial services as integral part of the process," he said.

### Company returns to core

Conn's management team in 1998 bought the company, which had been in the Conn family since 1934.

Following management buyouts, Conn's was positioned for growth, Poppe said. That year it added 20 stores. Continuing to grow, it opened five to eight stores a year until the recent recession brought rising unemployment and falling sales, he said.

"The company kind of hunkered down," Poppe said.

He said Conn's went through a series of changes in top management in 2010 and 2011.

A "thorough review of our business plan and competitive advantage" followed, Poppe said.

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Northridge Electric employees wire the interior of what will be home to Conn's, a Texas-based regional chain of appliance and furniture stores that offers in-house credit with terms to fit customers' needs.

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# Shred

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was shredding, so I thought, why not take advantage of that?"

Almalinda Rodriguez, who arrived with documents from Farmer's Insurance on Commerce Drive, was also taking advantage of the offer.

"We shred a lot," she said. "We usually do it about once a month, but we got an email invitation from Citizens Bank, so here I am."

"I would love it if Citizens did this on a regular basis. If people have a place to bring their documents, they would be more likely to destroy them instead of just throwing them away."

On hand to provide the service for Citizens Bank was the on-site shredding truck owned and operated by Richard Jackson, CEO of American Document Services LLC.

"We started at 12 o'clock and within an hour had already made nine or 10 dumps of about 300 pounds each," he said. "So, we figured we shredded about 3,000 pounds within the first hour."

Jackson fills a need that has become more prominent as the years have progressed. He founded the company 11 years ago, and it has grown to service all of southern New Mexico as far west as Lordsburg, north to Socorro, east to Ruidoso and south to Sunland Park. The truck he brought to the community shred day, he said, is on the road at least eight hours a day.

"The No. 1 crime being committed today is identity theft," Jackson said. "You need to be very conscious of protecting your information."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

**Grant Buck, marketing officer for Citizens Bank, offloads boxes filled with documents to be shredded.**

Whether you do it at home with a small shredder, or you bring it down to us, shredding works. Don't just throw your information in the trash. Dumpster diving is alive and well. They hit your dumpsters, they hit the landfills – any place where you can throw your mail is unsafe. Your identity can be stolen within five minutes, but it can take up to five years to get it back."

For his part, Buck agrees with Jackson.

"The Internet gets a bad rap for being the

place where people can steal identities," he said. "But a lot of identities are stolen from the mail or because people leave old documents lying around. If you don't need them anymore, they should be shredded."

In the end, Buck reported the final tally for the day was 10,000 pounds of paper, or an average of 1 ton an hour. The shredded paper was then baled by Jackson and sent to a recycling plant where it was recycled into brown paper sacks and off-colored napkins.

## The bigger picture

Although events such as Citizens Bank's community shred day are great ways to raise awareness of a growing problem, some wonder if they are enough. Statistics show that, despite a proliferation of warnings in the media and online, people still don't quite understand the enormity of the situation, until it affects them directly.

According to the 2012 Identity Fraud Report, the latest in the on-going series of reports from fraud watchdogs Javelin Strategy & Research, identity theft increased by 13 percent in 2011, with more than 11.6 million adults becoming victims in the United States alone.

Among the findings of the report was an eye-opening look at social and mobile behaviors, where it was discovered that LinkedIn, Google+, Twitter and Facebook users had the highest incidence of fraud. The reason appears to be that despite repeated warnings that social networks are a great source for "fraudsters," consumers are still sharing a significant amount of personal information.

According to the report, 68 percent of people with public social media profiles share their birthday information, including month, date and year; 63 percent share their high school name; 18 percent share their phone number and 12 percent share their pet's name.

All innocuous information until one realizes that these are exactly the types of personal information a financial institution or online retail business would use to verify the identity of a customer. Once this information has been obtained, hacking into an account becomes easy.

"Consumers must be vigilant and in control of their personal data as they adopt new mobile and social technologies in order to not make it easier for fraudsters to perpetrate crimes," said James Van Dyke, president and founder of Javelin Strategy & Research.

"Our survey found data breaches are

increasingly putting consumers at risk. Consumers and organization should always carefully and actively monitor accounts, but they should also pay particular attention after an incident."

## Combating the problem

Even with the rise in numbers reported above, the three most common ways that people become victims of identity fraud continue to be the theft of credit card numbers, debit card numbers and Social Security numbers.

Which is why entities such as Javelin Strategy & Research, the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have become actively involved in making sure people understand the importance of not only protecting their information, but acting quickly should they suspect that their identity has been stolen.

The CFA offers several suggestions to protect people from fraud. Among them are using a public mailbox rather than a home mailbox to send bill payments and other mailings containing sensitive information.

They also suggest people stop all pre-screened credit and insurance mailings by calling a toll-free number, 888-567-8688, and asking to have your name removed from such mailing lists.

Other suggestions include keeping personal records locked away, shredding documents that are no longer needed, using anti-virus and anti-spyware software on the computer and checking credit reports regularly.

Taking steps to protect personal information is vital, but if and when identity theft occurs, the best course of action is to place a fraud alert immediately. A downloadable pdf titled "Taking Charge: What do to if your identity is stolen" is available from the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft). In it are step-by-step instructions, as well as worksheets, blank forms and sample letters to guide consumers through the recovery process.

As always, knowledge and vigilance are the key ingredients to safety. Taking advantage of shredding services offered by companies such as American Document Services and paying attention to news alerts from consumer protection agencies help immensely. The bottom line is, nobody can protect your identity better than you can. If you don't take the problem seriously, there will be no one but yourself to blame when that problem becomes personal.

# Sick

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at the office in Allen's absence.

"It was a very challenging week for us," he said.

Courtney quickly added, "We've got a good team and everybody pitched in. You just have to have your team trained and prepared."

"At a training event I go to every year, one of the speakers said the fact a staff operates efficiently without you is a sign you're a good leader. They should be able to do the day-to-day stuff without you."

Cross training and teamwork help Las Cruces Academy deal with absence, as well, Development Director Marcus Crawford said.

"The early childhood teacher is a Spanish speaker, so she can substitute in Spanish," he said. "I can go in and supervise free reading. We're a team. When one of us is incapacitated, the others can keep things going."

An emphasis on staying home while sick may help thwart the spread of germs.

"If I have a fever and sore throat, there is no reason for me to be in this building," Crawford said. "It's even in our handbook: 'If your kids are sick, don't bring them to school.'"

He said that in spite of the dubious hygiene practices of young children and their need for frequent reminders, the school has been spared a wave of illness this winter.

"The worst morning we've had for absences was when Valley Drive was shut down and people couldn't get here," he said. "We were wondering if anyone was going to show up."

Not every local workplace has been as lucky.

"Everybody I've talked to has dealt with it this year," said Allen after recovering from his bout. "Everybody has been 'fortunate' enough to have to deal with it."

"It's making its way through a lot of local businesses," Courtney said.

If you're collecting suggestions for coping with a winter ailment, Allen and

Dickson both have some thoughts.

"Lots of sleep and lots of blankets," Allen advised.

"Energy drinks, colloidal silver, vitamin C and lots of green chile," Dickson said.

When he got to the green chile, I must have shot him a skeptical stare. As a relatively recent Mesilla Valley transplant, I'm frequently surprised by the intensity of green chile fervor.

Dickson was ready with an answer, and it actually sounded credible.

A professor at New Mexico State University has done research showing hot foods – i.e. green chile – increase the flu patient's metabolism, producing a fever-like reaction that is the body's second line of defense against the virus.

"I made it a point to get a burrito this morning," he said.

Personal efforts such as his to prevent the spread of illness may help protect the workplace from losses in productivity and profits.

Equally important is a workplace plan for dealing with absences, incorporating initiatives such as cross training.

The Centers for Disease Control has an online tool kit for businesses that provides tips for preventing outbreaks.

Suggestions include hosting a workplace clinic to give flu shots, giving employees time off to get immunized and promoting immunizations in the community.

At Carriage Ford, Vice President Marty Book said the company plans to make flu shots mandatory for all employees, according to the Associated Press.

Linda Doyle, CEO of the Northcrest Community retirement home in Ames, Iowa, said the company took that step this year for its 120 employees, providing the shots at no cost. It is also supplying face-masks for all staff.

And no one is expected to come into work if sick, she said.

The CDC continues to encourage people to get a flu shot, even at this point in the season.

Maybe it's time to get a shot, focus on cross training and load up green chile to toss into the chicken soup, just in case.

# Conn's

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"We made meaningful changes in our business plan, going back to focus on our core customer – blue collar, ethnically diverse, with an annual income of \$40,000 to \$50,000 and not good access to credit. Our distinct advantage is through financing," he said. "Customers are able to buy quality goods for their home."

Refocusing led to getting rid of small appliances and electronics and expanding better quality, higher price point appliances and furniture.

"We closed stores in areas with high disposable income," he said.

A number of stores were closed in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, as well as in Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Houston and throughout the market, he said.

"We refashioned our merchandise mix and improved our marketing message. We remodeled stores to make them better, brighter, easier and friendlier. Now we're back on the path of opening stores."

The typical store is about 30,000 to 35,000 square feet, Trahan said. Older ones are about 22,000.

"The Las Cruces store will have a bigger footprint to accommodate furniture and mattresses," he said.

## Conn's expands in Southwest

Among recent openings were stores in Albuquerque and El Paso, Poppe said. The new Las Cruces store will be served by a distribution center in El Paso, but staffed with its own local team.

Tucson, Ariz, and Waco and Lake Worth, Texas, are other expansion sites.

"Customers want value, and you create value by giving a higher level of service," Trahan said. "We can deliver the next day, and we customize monthly payments to get the customer comfortable."

He said the stores can offer high-quality merchandise at competitive prices because Conn's is a member of one of the largest purchasing groups in the U.S.

"Conn's does \$800 million itself, plus there are the 14 other largest independents. That's how we can buy and compete with the national chains," he said.

The company offers to match the lowest advertised of its competition.

Because Conn's specializes in big-ticket items, customers rely on its website for research and to obtain pre-approval for credit rather than to make purchases, Trahan said.

"Ninety eight percent of our business is still in bricks and mortar stores," he said. "Customers really want to feel and touch a product. They still want to lay down on a mattress."



# By the Numbers



## Building Las Cruces



**Jack in the Box**

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp

Construction has been completed on the Jack in the Box at 4615 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. According to owner Mike Norwich, the fast food restaurant will open the weekend of Jan. 26-27 and, once open, will offer an outdoor patio and 24-hour service.

### Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

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Dec. 28	<b>Interstate 10 eastbound ramp construction</b>	Interstate 10-Motel Boulevard exit	525-7300
Dec. 21	<b>Conlee Elementary School renovation</b>	1701 Boston Drive	527-5800
Dec. 14	<b>Dunkin' Donuts</b>	2513 N. Main St.	781-737-5200

### Our numbers

#### Identity theft

**8,571,900**

Average number of U.S. identity fraud victims annually

**7**

Percent of U.S. households reported some type of identity fraud

**\$4,930**

Average financial loss per identity theft incident

**\$13.2 billion**

Total financial loss attributed to identity theft in 2010

**64.1**

Percent of reported identity thefts via misuse of credit cards

Source: [www.statisticbrain.com](http://www.statisticbrain.com)

### Gas update

#### Monday, Jan. 21

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 0.3 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$2.93** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has increased 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week to **\$3.26** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Jan. 21**, were **8.9 cents** per gallon **lower** than the same day one year ago and are 10.8 cents per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **increased 1.9 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **8.9 cents** per gallon **lower** than this day one year ago.

<b>1. Sam's Club</b>	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.81
<b>2. Dylan's</b>	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.83
<b>3. Alon</b>	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$2.86
<b>4. Bradley's</b>	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.86
<b>5. Murphy Express</b>	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$2.86

Source: [www.newmexicogasprices.com](http://www.newmexicogasprices.com), as of Monday, Jan. 21

### Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
<b>Albuquerque</b>	\$137.80	US Air
<b>Atlanta</b>	\$130.80	US Air
<b>Austin</b>	\$121.80	United
<b>Chicago</b>	\$187.80	US Air
<b>Dallas-Love</b>	\$127.80	US Air
<b>Houston</b>	\$127.80	US Air
<b>Las Vegas</b>	\$90.80	United
<b>Los Angeles</b>	\$139.90	American
<b>Phoenix</b>	\$68.89	US Air
<b>San Antonio</b>	\$80.80	United
<b>New York City</b>	\$180.80	United
<b>Orlando</b>	\$160.80	Delta
<b>San Diego</b>	\$109.30	United
<b>Seattle</b>	\$120.80	US Air
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	\$160.80	American
<b>London roundtrip</b>	\$834.80	United
<b>Paris roundtrip</b>	\$975.50	American
<b>Rome roundtrip</b>	\$931.10	Delta

Source: Adventure Travel \*Prices effective Jan 22-29 \*Restrictions apply\* Holidays

### Money

#### Comparing the U.S. dollar

##### Euro

\$1.33138 in U.S. dollars  
0.75110 per U.S. dollar

##### Mexican Peso

\$0.07869 in U.S. dollars  
12.70800 per U.S. dollar

##### Japanese Yen

\$0.01115 in U.S. dollars  
89.67999 per U.S. dollar

##### Canadian Dollar

\$1.00773 in U.S. dollars  
0.99233 per U.S. dollar

Source: [www.msn.com](http://www.msn.com) as of Monday, Jan. 21



#### Market snapshot

For the week of Jan. 14-18, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
<b>DJIA</b>	13488.43	13649.70	161.27	1.2	4.2
<b>Nasdaq</b>	3125.63	3134.71	9.08	.3	3.8

**Strong:** Industrials, materials

**Weak:** Financials, technology

Source: <http://llbriefing.com>

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# In Good Company: *Samson Equipment Inc.*

## Las Cruces business goes global

### Building a world market in muscle building

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When the University of Ulster rugby team equipped the weight room with high-quality, custom equipment made at Samson Equipment Inc. in Las Cruces, the coach started a movement that swept through Ireland.

The highly motivated Ulster Rugby Club saw the new equipment and had to have some, too. The Ulster pro club placed an order for racks, weights and platforms befitting its elite status.

"They had plans to expand their weight room, but this really sped them up," said Samson sales manager Brian Schroeder. "They're really very competitive and they're fun to deal with."

Arch-rival Leinster Rugby, competing head to head, was not to be outdone and also ordered Samson's premier custom-designed and built weight room equipment.

It didn't stop there.

When Schroeder did a walk-through at the shop on Thursday, Jan. 17, components of a special order – from weights to racks and benches to flooring – were being worked on throughout.

Each weight, rack and floor bore the brand of the Irish national team. Most conspicuous was the green logo on the gleaming oak floor mats.

Every customer, from a local high school coach to the leader of a national team about to carry the colors into a world competition, invests in Samson quality and durability for the same reason: They know their team's needs.

"We deal directly with the end user, the strength coach," Schroeder said. "From there, it moves up through purchasing."

Brian's brother Scott, the sales and marketing director, sitting at a nearby desk in the open-concept office, spoke up.

"Everyone we've worked with has been really nice," he said.

#### Coaches know the drill

Because they grew up in the family business and then coached for a living, Brian and Scott Schroeder know how to work with coaches.

Brian Schroeder was the assistant strength coach at University of Hawaii while working toward a master's degree in kinesiology. He later coached high school football and did personal training in St. Louis before coming back to Las Cruces and Samson.

Scott Schroeder, studied exercise and sports science at

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www.samsonequipment.com



**Brian and Scott Schroeder carry on the family tradition, equipping weight rooms for presidents and pros.**

Southern Arkansas University and was the football strength coach at Texas State University.

Their parents, Linda and Dave Schroeder, who founded Samson Equipment in 1976, also coached professionally.

The reason they segued from coaching to manufacturing is they couldn't find a place to buy the high-quality, durable equipment they wanted to provide their athletes.

At the time, Dave Schroeder was coaching at Gadsden High School. He had been a lineman and a graduate assistant at New Mexico State University, and later coached high school football, wrestling and track in Texas and New Mexico.

A pioneer in incorporating weight training into his athletes' training regimen, he was faced with the challenge of equipping a facility with a limited budget. Invariably the equipment was expensive and lasted only a few years.

Linda Schroeder coached swimming, gymnastics and field hockey at NMSU and shared her husband's training philosophy.

They decided to invest \$2,000 to create a company that would make the kind of equipment they wanted to buy.

#### Going pro

Dave Schroeder said in lieu of a marketing budget he relied on networking with football coaches to get the word out about his product line.

In 1985 they accelerated into the college market.

In the next 22 years, dozens of universities, hundreds of high schools and 23 NFL teams became Samson customers. Their client list also includes 11 NBA teams, five NHL teams and 16 MLB clubs.

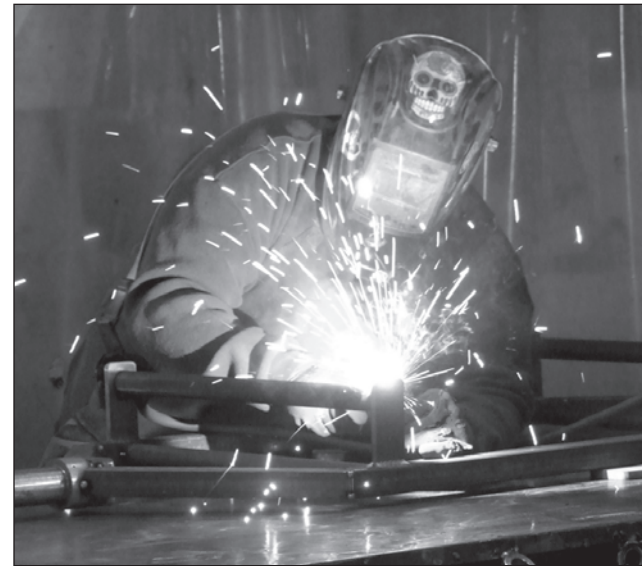
NMSU and all the local public high schools are equipped by Samson.

Many times, the Schroeders start a custom job with basic information – the number of athletes, the amount of space and the type of training that will be done. Design, now done in 3-D with CAD software, evolves from there.

Brian and Dave Schroeder, the company president, are the design specialists.

"We are problem solvers," Brian Schroeder said.

"We make standard racks and machines, but the thing they lock onto about us is not just the quality and durability of our equipment but the custom work. We don't pre-manufacture. On a contracted job, we incorporate the school colors and logo. If you have a low ceiling, we can make a rack



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Alta LeCompte  
**Skilled welders are essential to the manufacture of strength training equipment at Samson Equipment in the West Mesa Industrial Park.**

to fit," he said.

The equipment is made on location in the West Mesa Industrial Park using extra-thick steel tubing, sealed ball bearings, super-dense neoprene padding and three-quarter-inch red oak flooring.

In addition to schools, Samson's clients include individuals, many of whom were introduced to the equipment while working out at a pro or college weight room.

#### Presidential purchase

"President Bush used to train on our equipment at the University of Texas when he was governor," Scott Schroeder said. "So he could train at home, he ordered a home gym unit for the governor's mansion. Shortly after he was elected president, we received an order from the White House for the same type of unit."

Although they personally travel to most sites to supervise installation of their equipment, the Schroeders did not go to the White House, he said.

They shipped the equipment and it was installed by local technicians.

"We had to pass a bunch of FBI inspections and background checks," Brian Schroeder said.

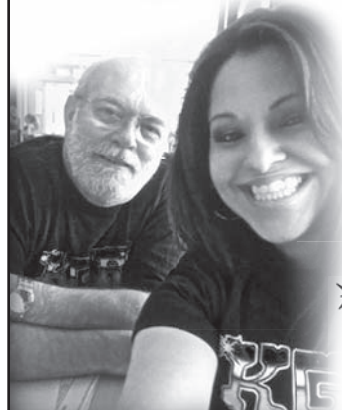
Samson's clients include Monta Ellis of the Milwaukee Bucks, LeBron James of the Miami Heat and Pittsburgh Steelers Troy Polamolu and Joey Porter, who pushed the equipment up his driveway, the astonished Schroeders learned from their client.

In addition to buying equipment for themselves, a number of professional athletes buy for organizations in their communities as a way of giving back, Scott Schroeder said.



**The Ireland national rugby team will soon receive a large shipment of equipment made at Samson.**

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**Profile**

# Beck Rosnick: A permanent coffee high

There's an art to brewing the perfect coffee; meet the artist

By **David Salcido**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

There's no doubt about it, coffee is on the rise, but don't take my word for it. According to a Jan. 18 article in Atlantic Monthly, the consumption of coffee has increased 50 percent in the past 10 years, whereas soda guzzling has dropped 40 percent.

**Details**

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Coffee roaster/barista

**Company**  
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How is this possible? Well, for one thing, Americans are becoming more health conscious. For another, coffee roasting is no longer a mystery, carried out by secretive coffee scientists in hidden java labs run by Procter and Gamble.

In fact, the art of coffee roasting is alive and well in a little warehouse off Harrelson Street in south Las Cruces, where veteran barista Beck Rosnick works her dark aromatic magic. She can be found most Wednesdays and Saturdays, plying her trade at the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market on Main Street just south of the Rio Grande Theatre.

Hers is a passion that becomes evident in every sip, savor and swallow.

"I love it. I always say that the barista is the bartender the morning after the night before," she said. "I love coffee. Really that's the number one reason. You've got to have a passion for the product. I've just always really enjoyed it."

Rosnick started her love affair with the coffee bean when she was 15 years old and stumbled into a job as a barista at a shopping center in her home city of Brisbane, on the east coast of Australia. She hasn't looked back since.

"I just sort of fell into it and it felt like home," she said. "I loved it. I loved that I could be a barista anywhere in the world. I've worked as a barista in Ireland, in London, in Brisbane and Las Cruces."

It wasn't until she hit Las Cruces

in 2000, however, that the real love affair began. Taking jobs working with everyone from Starbucks to Spirit Winds, she explored the ins and outs of coffee culture. Then she went to work for Bernie Digman at Milagro Coffee y Espresso.

"That's where I learned how to roast," she said. "Bernie is my mentor when it comes to roasting. I apprenticed with him for about two years, before becoming Milagro's roaster and manager for four years."

For some, it's hard to imagine that Beck's Coffee has only been around for two and a half years.

Rosnick purchased her first roaster in May 2010, when the owners of The Bean in Mesilla decided they needed to upgrade and sold her theirs.

By her own admission, everything just sort of fell into place at that point and, by July, she was in business.

"My original plan was to serve and deliver coffee to businesses in town, but so many individuals at the businesses I was serving wanted the coffee and I wasn't about to say no."

Somebody suggested the Farmer's Market and after working out the logistics of how to brew without electricity (she uses a turkey boiler to heat the water) she was in her familiar location by October. Demand grew exponentially from that point on.

In fact, demand has been so high for Beck's Coffee that its owner recently had to upgrade to a larger roaster. She has been using her new Diedrich IR5, a five kilo roaster since



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Alta LeCompte

**Beck Rosnick of Beck's Coffee brews coffee at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market Saturday, Jan. 12.**

just before Christmas and finds herself roasting every day, except market days and usually twice on Fridays and Tuesdays.

By her estimate, Beck roasts at least 50 pounds of coffee a day. "I guess I do about 500 pounds a week total," she said.

Such volume is necessary, not just because of individual demand at the Farmers Market and from regular customers to whom she delivers on a daily basis, but because these days she also supplies her coffee to various retail locations and restaurants in town.

"I have 12 different varieties at the

Co-op," she said. "I have it at Main Street Bistro, I have it Josefina's Gate, I have it at Spirit Winds and I'm going to have it at the Co-op's new café that's opening on Water Street. I used to have it at SB's Lunchbox, when it was in that location."

It's a local success story that any city would be proud of, but Rosnick loves to point out that none of it would be possible without her customers.

"My customers, for the most part, are just phenomenal," she said. "Really lovely people. The people you get to interact with are just really special, in my experience. I couldn't imagine doing anything else."

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# Music on MainStreet for the month of February

DLCP and DAAC present an eclectic winter concert series

## Carrie LaTour

Executive director,  
Downtown Las  
Cruces Partnership



Downtown Las Cruces Partnership is collaborating with the Doña Ana Arts Council to bring the first-ever Music on MainStreet performance series for February.

During the entire month of February, you will be able to find live music every Tuesday and Friday evening on Main Street, with two special performances on Valentine's Day. The series will wrap up during the Friday, March 1, Downtown Art Ramble.

Music on MainStreet is made possible by a grant from US Bank, with additional support from Insta-Copy Imaging.

Many events are free to the public, with a few requesting donations. The performance schedule for Friday, Feb. 1, through Friday, March 1, follows.

## Friday, Feb. 1

**C.W. Ayon Live:** A musician with enough old-school mojo to power a roadhouse for a month, C.W. Ayon is a one-man band playing music from the heart without sweetness or frilly lace – just hard-hitting songs about love, life and the blues. Inside The El Paso Electric Gallery, off the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre. Showtime is 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

**RGT Live! Open Mic:** All are welcome to participate or just listen from the audience as DAAC presents RGT Live! Open Mic, during which acoustic musicians, singers and songwriters are invited to bring their work and become part of the showcase that proves Las Cruces has got talent. Sign-up is at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is 7 p.m. Admission is free. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

**Mesilla Valley Swing Combo:** Hosted by the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society and directed by Bob Burns, the combo brings back swing music from the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Showtime is 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. At the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St.

**Randy Granger:** Award-winning singer-songwriter Randy Granger's acoustic-based music blends Native American and world flutes, ethereal instruments such as the Hang and Moyo percussive instruments and emotive vocals. Showtime is 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. At the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St.

**The Dusters:** Classic rock 'n roll and oldies



Chris Sanders, Steve Smith and Anne Luna are the Hard Road Trio, scheduled to perform 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Rio Grande Theatre as part of Music on MainStreet.

will be presented at Gina's Cantina (formerly Ono Grindz), Showtime is 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Live music every Friday night at Gina's Cantina, 300 N. Main St.

## Tuesday, Feb. 5

**Every Other Tuesday – Bruce Carlson:** Las Cruces singer-songwriter Bruce Carlson presents acoustic folk songs about love, life and landscapes from his CD "Heartache and Dust." Every Other Tuesday is a showcase for local performers, beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

## Friday, Feb. 8

**Feral Root:** The group formed in 2008 with a vision for setting the Southwest on fire with its enveloping rhythms, poetic melodies and ability to catch the ears of music fans from all walks of life. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. A suggested donation of \$3 will be accepted at the door. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

## Tuesday, Feb. 12

**Tommy Dorsey Orchestra:** In big band history, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra is recognized as one of the best all-around. Tommy Dorsey, "The Sentimental Gentleman of Swing," was a master at creating warm,

sentimental and always musical moods – in superb dancing and listening tempos. The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra is still traveling throughout the country, playing for the kids of all ages. Terry Myers conducts for this lively, upbeat, not-soon-to-be-forgotten performance. Part of the Doña Ana Arts Council's 2012-13 Performance Series. Tickets are \$40 and \$45 at [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show time is 7 p.m. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

## Thursday, Feb. 14

**MST Jazz Trio:** Las Cruces' premiere jazz combo, featuring the stylings of Anthony Movsesian on bass, Joe Seltzer on drums and Miguel Torres on keyboards. Showtime is 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. At the Main Street Bistro and Ale House, 139 N. Main St.

**Bob Diven:** Bob Diven plays guitar and Irish percussion while singing original songs about life, love and road-kill animals. Showtime is 7 to 9 p.m. A suggested donation of \$5 will be accepted at the door. At the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

## Friday, Feb. 15

**The Dusters:** The Dusters perform classic rock 'n roll and oldies. Presented at Gina's Cantina (formerly Ono Grindz), where there is live music every Friday night. Showtime

is 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. At Gina's Cantina, 300 N. Main St.

## Tuesday, Feb. 19

**Every Other Tuesday: Soulshine:** Soulshine is a two-piece band playing an eclectic mix of originals and covers that encompasses blues, folk, classic, Southern rock and soul. Every Other Tuesday is a showcase for local performers, beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

## Friday, Feb. 22

**The Hard Road Trio:** With an acoustic Americana bluegrass sound, the Hard Road Trio featuring the song-writing talents of Steve Smith – one of this generation's mandolin masters – Minnesota songbird Chris Sanders and bassist Anne Luna. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

**Dusty Low Trio:** This four-piece alternative country band features the Sullivan brothers – Jesse, Sam and Danny – alongside local jazz legend Tony Movsesian. Showtime is 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is free. At the Main Street Bistro and Ale House, 139 N. Main St.

## Tuesday, Feb. 26

**Alma y la Tierra Muerta:** Folk and Americana come together with an eclectic flair under the direction of Audra Rodgers, David Tucker and Neeshia Macanowicz. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show begins at 6:30 p.m. A suggested donation of \$3 will be accepted at the door. At the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St.

## Friday, March 1

**Downtown Art Ramble:** Some of Las Cruces' best musicians will be performing at participating galleries and museums during the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. on Main St. Admission is free. Musicians include: We Are One Dance & Drum, Doña Ana Lyric Opera, flute-guitar duo of Lisa Van Winkle and Kerry Alt and La Cella Bella.

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# Future growth

## New Mexico USDA offers new land transfer program

New Mexico USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Lawrence Rael reminds landowners that the Land Contract Guarantee Program is available to those who wish to transfer farm real estate to the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

The Land Contract Guarantee Program provides a new approach for landowners willing to sell their land to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers because it reduces the seller's financial risk if the buyer defaults on the contract payments.

The buyer must provide a minimum down payment of 5 percent of the purchase price, plan to operate the farm and

demonstrate the ability to make the land contract payments.

The national program offers two options, one that guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract and one that guarantees 90 percent of the unpaid principal of the contract. Guarantees can be used for financing the purchase of a farm with a purchase price up to \$500,000 on a new land contract.

"Landowners can use any escrow agent that meets the program qualifications to service the land contract," Rael said. "Landowners interested in the Land Contract Guarantee Program can contact their local farm loan office to obtain a list of available nationwide escrow agents that can be used with this program."

FSA credit programs are designed to provide credit to eligible producers when conventional or commercial credit is not available or does not meet their credit needs.

"FSA programs create opportunities for farmers and ranchers – the backbone of our rural economy," Rael said.

For more information about the Land Contract Guarantee Program, contact the local county FSA Office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/nm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nm).

“ FSA programs create opportunities for farmers. ”

LAWRENCE RAE, state executive director



U.S. Department of Agriculture photo

New Mexico USDA Farm Service Agency provides opportunities to the next generation of farmers.

## Briefs

### WESST announces networking luncheon

The first Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST) networking lunch meeting for 2013 will be at noon Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, 150 E. Idaho Ave. The cost is \$5 per person with lunch provided. Interested women should RSVP at 541-1583 by Friday, Jan. 25.

In 2012, Empowering Women in Business through Networking has grown to include as many as 65 women. The group is designed to provide business women a supportive networking environment where they can share ideas and opportunities.

This networking meeting will include an opportunity for businesses to give their 30-second elevator speech along with a five-minute overview from Katia LeMone, a networking coach, who will be teaching an upcoming networking class in February during which participants will learn techniques for networking effectively.

WESST is a nonprofit helping to grow small businesses statewide. For more information, call 541-1583.

### PRC qualifications raised

Future candidates for the Public Regulation Commission will need a college degree or have worked in a field relevant to the regulator's duties under a bipartisan legislative proposal.

The measure would implement a constitutional amendment approved by voters to increase qualifications of PRC members, who currently need only to be 18 years old and state residents.

The House proposal is sponsored by Republican and Democratic lawmakers. It would require PRC candidates to have at least a bachelor's degree in a relevant subject such as accounting, engineering or finance, or seven or more years of professional experience in a similar field.

The standards would not apply to the current five members on the commission, which regulates utilities and telecommunications.

Continuing education also would be required of commissioners.

### LifeSupport Medical offers free networking event

Health care professionals in New Mexico and west Texas are invited to attend "A Night to Remember," a free networking and

educational event at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The event, hosted by LifeSupport Medical, will focus on caring for older adults and the current state of the health care industry. At the event, physicians and other medical professionals will learn of new ways to supplement their income and learn more about LifeSupport Medical.

The free event includes a full-course dinner, on-stage entertainment, a legislative update, presentations from LifeSupport Medical staff, tabletop entertainment, a cash bar and a night of dancing and networking with other peers in the health care industry. The event ends at midnight Sunday, Feb. 3.

All medical professionals are invited to attend. The event is free. To RSVP, visit [lifesupportmedical.com/lcevent](http://lifesupportmedical.com/lcevent).

For more information, call Gabe Vasquez, 484-639-4534, or reach him by email at [gvasquez@lifesupportmedical.com](mailto:gvasquez@lifesupportmedical.com).

### NMSU College of Business global accreditation renewed

The New Mexico State University College of Business maintained its global accreditation with a seal of approval by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. Otherwise known as the AACSB International, it is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees in business and accounting.

According to the AACSB International website, less than 5 percent of the world's 13,000 business schools have earned this accreditation in either business and/or accounting.

Prior to this year's accreditation, the college was one of the last business schools to possess a 10-year accreditation. In recent years, AACSB International has switched to a five-year accreditation. The college has maintained certification of its undergraduate programs since 1972 and added graduate level programs in 1981. The college was founded in 1964.

### Angie's List honors local company

Beehive Technical Services, 5189 Navajo Trail, has earned the 2012 Angie's List Super Service Award, an honor awarded annually to approximately 5 percent of all the companies

rated on Angie's List, the nation's leading provider of consumer reviews on local service companies.

Angie's List Super Service Award 2012 winners have met strict eligibility requirements, including earning a minimum number of reports, an excellent rating from their customers and abiding by Angie's List operational guidelines.

Service company ratings are updated daily on Angie's List. Companies are graded on an A-through-F scale in areas ranging from price to professionalism to punctuality. Members can find the 2012 Super Service Award logo next to company names in search results on [www.angieslist.com](http://www.angieslist.com).

More than 1.5 million paid households use Angie's List to gain unlimited access to local ratings, exclusive discounts, the Angie's List magazine, and the Angie's List complaint resolution service.

### Picacho Hills Country Club under new management

Dallas-based Eagle Golf has reached an agreement with Organ View Properties LLC to manage Picacho Hills Country Club. Eagle Golf assumed management of the club, the ninth private course in its portfolio on Jan. 1.

Eagle Golf's initial focus will be on growing the membership, enhancing the food and beverage service, providing professional development to the club staff and improving the views and aesthetics on the golf course.

Eagle Golf has been in operation for more than 28 years. Based in Dallas, the company provides a full suite of golf course management services to 30 golf courses located in major metropolitan areas in seven states. Eagle Golf's portfolio includes seven private country clubs and 23 properties classified as premium or moderately priced daily fee courses. More information can be found at [www.eaglegolf.com](http://www.eaglegolf.com).

### Job Training Incentives Program creates 11 high-wage jobs

The New Mexico Economic Development Department's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) Board approved more than \$214,000 in funds during its January meeting. The funds will help cover the cost of training 11 employees at four different companies. All 11 jobs created are high-wage jobs with the average wage of the JTIP-approved positions being \$31.76

an hour. The next JTIP Board meeting will be held on Feb. 8, in Santa Fe.

"The JTIP program encourages technology-related companies to create high-wage jobs and hire and train New Mexico workers for those jobs," said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "As a result of this effort, the average wage of JTIP trainees over the last several months has been more than \$30 an hour and nine technology-intensives companies, which are critical to New Mexico's economy, have been assisted."

This month's JTIP recipients are: Energy Control Inc. (one job) and HT MicroAnalytical, Inc. (five jobs), both of Albuquerque; New Mexico Consortium (one job) of Los Alamos and Ideum Inc. (four jobs) of Corrales.

### SBA announces changes to contracting program

Women-owned small businesses will have greater access to federal contracting opportunities as a result of changes included in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 (NDAA) to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program.

The NDAA removes the anticipated award price of the contract thresholds for women-owned small businesses (WOSB) and economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses (EDWOSB) to allow them greater access to federal contracting opportunities without limitations to the size of the contract.

Prior to the new law, the anticipated award price of the contract for women-owned and economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses could not exceed \$6.5 million for manufacturing contracts and \$4 million for all other contracts.

The Women's Federal Contract Program allows contracting officers to set aside specific contracts for certified WOSBs and EDWOSBs and will help federal agencies achieve the existing statutory goal of 5 percent of federal contracting dollars being awarded to WOSBs.

The law also requires the SBA to conduct another study to identify and report industries underrepresented by women-owned small businesses.

As a result, more eligible women-owned businesses may be able to participate in SBA's Women's Federal Contract Program and compete for and win federal contracts.

The SBA is working with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy under the President's Office of Management and Budget on the implementation including changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulations.



# Rental fraud plagues Las Cruces

## Identity theft may follow

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A couple of years ago, the Las Cruces Police Department reported that three local families had fallen victim to rental fraud.

In one case, a family relocating to Las Cruces from California was scammed out of \$1,000 while trying to rent a home listed on craigslist. A few months ago, friends of mine related a similar story in which a New Mexico State University student was conned out of \$500 by someone pretending to be the owner of a property.

This is not breaking news.

Last summer, New Mexico Attorney General Gary King reported that rental fraud was on the rise statewide. Both the Office of the Attorney General and LCPD have asked landlords and tenants to be especially diligent when transacting business to rent or lease a home.

The warnings apply to both landlords and tenants because both are subject to being scammed.

Here are a couple of examples of how the rip-offs are perpetrated.

In Taos, a landlord became suspicious when he was issued a "Check Payment of \$5,000" by a craigslist rental applicant for a property for which he was only requiring a deposit of \$1,500. The prospective renter later emailed the landlord that his "sponsor" had uncovered the overpayment "situation" and instructed the landlord to wire transfer the \$3,500 difference to a furniture company that was handling the move for the tenant. As you might have guessed, the check payment was bogus. The landlord was lucky he uncovered the scheme before sending the perpetrator \$3,500 of his hard-earned wages.

In another case, an Albuquerque man nearly fell victim to tenant rental fraud when he responded to a craigslist ad for a two bedroom, two bath home in the Northeast Heights area. The notice was purportedly placed by a renter whose ad read: "Just transferred to West Africa, we are looking to rent this home to a reliable trustworthy tenant."

After unsuccessful attempts to locate the property in question, the wise tenant decided to terminate negotiations with the fictitious landlord.

This was the very scam used to steal the \$1,000 from the California couple.

Situations such as these constitute a majority of the run-of-the-mill types of con jobs that have been perpetrated against landlords

and tenants for decades. Over the past few years, however, cases in which homeowners defraud their own renters have also been reported to authorities. In those instances, homeowners fleece their tenants by contracting to rent or lease their homes to them while knowing that their property is in foreclosure and that it will be just a matter of time until the tenant is evicted. The owner pockets the rent but doesn't send the money to the lender.

How can landlords and tenants protect themselves from rental scam artists? The first step in rental fraud prevention is to look for the red flags.

Does the offer appear too good to be true? If so, it probably is. Is the landlord requiring cash-only payment or payment by wire transfer? While situations such as these do occur, they are few and far between and should be suspect.

Does the prospective tenant request a refund of an overpayment? This is one of the hottest scams currently around and should be avoided at all costs.

Is it impossible to meet the owner or the owner's representative because they are out of the country? If so, your money will soon flow to wherever the low-life resides.

Do you get an uneasy feeling about the people involved or the situation itself? If so, run.

The next preventative step is to obtain as much information about the other party as possible. In this day and age, it would not be out of the ordinary to ask if the property is in foreclosure. Foreclosure filings are posted under the property owners' names at [www.nmcourts.com](http://www.nmcourts.com).

Likewise, it would not be out of the question to ask the landlord for references to former tenants. Prospective tenants can also verify ownership through public records. In Doña Ana County, determining ownership of a property is as easy as logging on to [www.donaanacounty.org](http://www.donaanacounty.org) and researching the property address. It is also advisable to speak with the neighbors about the history of the property.

In addition to being on the alert for red flags, landlords and tenants should be on the lookout for green flags as well.

Does the owner's I.D. match the county's ownership records? Good.

Do the tenant's I.D. and Social Security card match the information on the application? Good.

If the owner is not present, is the owner representative a Realtor or property manager doing business out of a nearby brick and mortar location? Good.

Does the Realtor or manager have a written agreement to represent the owner? Good. Is the Realtor licensed by the New Mexico Real Estate Commission? Good.

Does the owner or manager have access to utility bills? Good.

Will you be allowed to review the rental or lease agreement prior to turning over any money? Good.

Do you feel positive about the situation? Good.

Since rental scams are perpetrated almost exclusively using vacant or nonexistent properties, it is important to note just how easy it is for a low-life thief to commandeer a home. According to the foreclosure experts at [www.realtytrac.com](http://www.realtytrac.com), 20 percent of all foreclosed homes are rental properties. In the Las Cruces area, 395 homes, townhomes and condominiums, representing 38.6 percent of the total of 1,027 homes currently listed for sale on our local MLS, are sitting vacant. All are terrific candidates for use in a rental scam.

Making sure you do your due diligence prior to entering into a real estate rental transaction can save you more than just embarrassment. It can save you rent and deposit money, moving expenses and, most important of all, it can save you from identity theft.

How so? You'll be less apt to complete an application containing your Social Security number, address, driver's license number, credit card numbers and other information to people who intend to use it for nefarious purposes if you've done your homework.

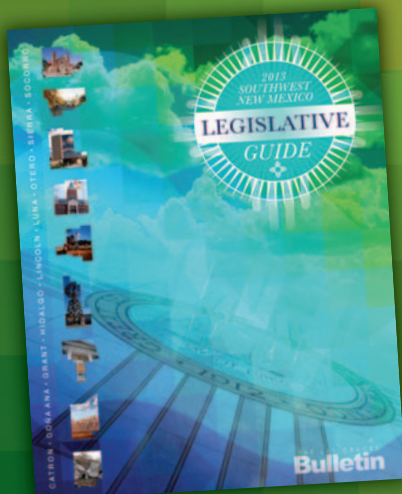
If you feel that you may have been victim of rental fraud, contact the authorities immediately. They'll be happy to track down the culprits for you.

See you at closing.

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### TUE. 1/29

12 p.m. **WESST networking lunch meeting**, Las Cruces Realtor's Association, 150 E. Idaho Ave. Cost is \$5 per person with lunch provided. RSVP by Friday, Jan. 25, at 541-1583.

### FRI. 2/1

7 p.m. **Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, "Hot on Business,"** at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

### SAT. 2/2

6 p.m. **LifeSupport Medical presents A Night To Remember**, the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Free. RSVP at <http://lifesupportmedical.com/icevent>.

### TUE. 2/5

11:30 a.m. **MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Luncheon**, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Guest lecturer Chris Erickson, associate professor of economics at New Mexico State University. Cost \$20. For more information, call 525-2852.

### THU. 2/21

3:30 to 5 p.m. **Economic Outlook Conference**, Health & Social Services Auditorium on the NMSU campus. Top national and state economists present their economic forecasts for 2013. Register by Friday, Feb. 15, by calling Judy Wetzal at 521-6849.

### TUE. 2/23

5:30 p.m. **Las Cruces Public School forum for school board candidates** at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

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# Death of a government watchdog

Economist's ideas have become powerful justifications of libertarianism



**Chris Erickson**  
State of the Economy

Earlier this month saw the death of Nobel Prize-winning economist James M. Buchanan, the founder of the public choice school of economics, which applies economic theory to what is traditionally considered political science.

Buchanan's contribution is among the most important for those of us who take a libertarian approach.

Economic textbooks promote a particular point of view, which is that markets generally work well to allocate resources, but they aren't perfect.

Market failure is a common phenomenon that justifies government intervention to correct the failure. The assumption is that a well-informed, well-intentioned government can fix the market through regulation or the direct provision of goods and services, making everyone better off. All that is needed is for economists to point the way.

Buchanan challenged this textbook view. He argued that the standard economic assumption that people are selfish and greedy applies equally to government officials as it does to business people and consumers; that human nature doesn't change when one begins to work for the government. Assuming that government officials are well informed and well intentioned just can't be justified. Better to assume that bureaucrats pursue their own interests, responding to incentives just as does the general public.

The above seems obvious when stated plainly, but Buchanan's approach was not the mainstream when he first started working in the 1950s and '60s. Rather, economists spent their time identifying market failures and proposing government fixes.

One application of Buchanan's approach

is to the analysis of bureaucracies. He assumed that bureaucrats are self-interested decision makers who seek to maximize their own income. They do this by maximizing the budget over which they have control. More people, more programs, the grander the bureaucrat's title, the higher will be his income. Thus government has a natural tendency to grow irrespectively of the benefits conferred on the general public.

Another application of Buchanan's approach is toward the theory of lobbying effort by businesses. If buying a government-favorable regulatory environment is cheaper

than is the cost of more efficient production, then businesses will expend their efforts in lobbying, reaping rewards independent of the businesses' contribution to social wealth and well-being. These lobbying efforts will inherently distort government policy away from public good toward the private gain.

The solution is to adopt an "economic constitution" that limits the role of government in the economy so as to minimize the potential for shenanigans by lobbyists.

Many of Buchanan's ideas about self-serving bureaucrats and rent-seeking lobbyists seem self-evident to us now. But in the '50s and '60s, when Buchanan first began his career, at the height of the power of the socialists in Europe and communism looming large on the horizon, pointing out the limits of government was not popular.

His ideas have power and have helped to teach a generation of economists that you can't take a benevolent government for granted.

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## Exploring quality of life

### Empowerment Congress growing stronger in Doña Ana County

A group of community members dedicated to helping residents become more civically engaged returned last week from Los Angeles where they attended the 21st Annual Empowerment Congress Summit.

David Garcia, Doña Ana County (DAC) County Commissioner; Silvia Sierra, Director, DAC Health and Human Services Department; Claudia Mares, DAC HHS Community Outreach Coordinator; Mary Ann Galindo, La Union resident (and trustee); Sister Maria Isabel Galbe, Chaparral resident and Leonel Meraz, Radium Springs resident, attended the summit to bring back valuable information and resources.

The Doña Ana County – Quality of Life Initiative is working to build a community-oriented Quality of Life Initiative and Empowerment Congress in DAC. So far, this has included a large-scale conference on the meaning of quality of life and community engagement, community meetings and an Empowerment Congress workshop.

Continuing with a mission to explore Quality of Life as Social Justice in greater depth, a local Empowerment Congress workshop was held the last week in September for community members. The Empowerment Congress workshop, subsequent to the J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium, included training on how to build a community institution to engage policy and attain improvement in quality of life. The keynote speaker for the event was Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, who founded the Empowerment Congress.

County Commissioner Billy G. Garrett was a key player in creating the local initiative.

“We know there are situations in the county

where people are struggling,” Garrett said. “What's important is that most of our current challenges have been around a long time. We want to take a fresh look at our situation and see if that won't lead to better results.”

The Empowerment Congress is an ongoing effort in participatory government, founded on the principle that elected officials are most effective when the constituents they serve are actively involved in the decision-making process.

With support from the Kellogg Foundation, the Empowerment Congress workshop is working with the Quality of Life Initiative to tailor the Congress model to improve conditions, engagement and quality of life for all in DAC.

Funding to support the initiative is managed by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM).

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# Representing the underserved

## Local attorney joins state bar of Texas committee



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Henry Paoli, a shareholder at ScottHulse, a full-service law firm with offices in El Paso and Las Cruces, has accepted an invitation to join the State Bar of Texas Appellate Law Section's Pro Bono Committee.

The Pro Bono Committee's goal is to match clients who cannot afford legal representation with volunteer lawyers who agree to serve without expectation of

compensation.

In the Pro Bono program, qualified clients obtain appellate counsel to help them navigate the often complicated appeals process. The program is designed to give persons who have appeals that are pending in the appellate courts of Texas an opportunity to have legal representation that they might not otherwise have.

Paoli practices in the areas

of litigation, appeals and construction law. He has experience in handling various types of commercial lawsuits, including breach-of-contract claims, construction claims and disputes between business entities. He regularly advises construction companies, contractors, and real estate professionals. Paoli received his J.D. from Baylor University School of Law.



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# SCORE awards



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Marion Adkisson and Tom Heilpern of SCORE each received plaques for their service at the organization's annual banquet, Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Picacho Hills Country Club. SCORE is a local group of retired business professionals who provide mentoring and expertise. SCORE is located in the Loretto Towne Center, 505 S. Main St. The phone is 523-5627.

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# Ribbon cuttings

## Promote new businesses



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SportClips Haircuts celebrated its grand opening at 3851 E. Lohman Ave. with a ribbon cutting Saturday, Jan. 19. Cutting the ribbon was manager Robin Blalock, while holding the proclamation to her right was co-owner Jodi Reyes and to her left were co-owner Rod Reyes and son Caleb. Flanking them are members of the SportClips staff and Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores.



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce photo

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, One Source Federal Credit Union celebrated its grand opening at 1375 E. Boutz Road with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Cutting the ribbon is One Source FCU CEO Bob Peterson, while Marketing Director Melissa Gutierrez holds the proclamation to his right. Flanking the two are members of the One Source FCU staff and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores.

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# NMSU receives scholarships, internships

## Innovative company rewards university students

New Mexico State University's College of Business has a new scholarship and internship program.

OneEighty, a startup company located at the Arrowhead Center Technology Incubator, will provide three scholarships annually to cover in-state tuition and internships for undergraduate marketing students.

A check presentation and reception for the first recipients took place Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the lobby of the NMSU Business Complex.

Receiving the check was Garrey Carruthers, dean of the NMSU College of Business and vice president for economic development.

"We like that you are supporting

students right now and they are going to go right into a startup company and get a direct learning experience," Carruthers said. "I think you'll find our students are very creative when it comes to marketing."

A trio of partners – Jon Forrest, chief executive officer and co-founder; Tim Swope, chief operations officer and co-founder; and Anthony Juarez, Latin American marketing director – established the company.

OneEighty provides main street merchants with a way to broadcast and pre-sell exclusive offers to targeted local consumers using only SMS text on a regular cell phone or a smartphone.

"It's a big win to work with NMSU and give students the opportunity to be right at the tip of the sphere, making (the idea) work on campus," Forrest said.

He said the collaboration with NMSU and the confirmation of the scholarship program reflect the true meaning of the company's slogan, "With OneEighty everyone gets a great deal." He said the scholarship and internship program is another way to live up to the slogan.

"The three students chosen for this spring internship and future scholarship recipients will be pioneers," Forrest said.

He said the company is excited about the opportunity and is looking forward to a long-term relationship with NMSU, the College of Business and the Arrowhead Center.

"In all my corporate career, I never had a reception at the level of advocacy and support I'm getting here at NMSU," he said.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Tim Swope and Jon Forrest of OneEighty flank New Mexico State University College of Business Dean Garrey Carruthers at a check presentation on Tuesday, Jan. 22. At right is internship applicant Mariah Allen, a senior marketing major.

## Water tables at a historic low

### Groundwater levels continue to drop with no help in sight

By **Marvin Tessneer**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Operating expenses are expected to increase during the coming crop season for irrigation farmers unless they receive an adequate snow pack runoff, said Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, manager of the Interstate Streams Commission.

The commission extends from Alamosa, Calif., to Fort Quitman, Texas.

Schmidt-Petersen referred to the added energy costs of pumping ground water that will be required for field irrigation.

"Water is at a historic low for this time of year throughout the Rio Grande Basin," he said. "It looks like there will be very little surface water so far, which means farmers will have to rely on ground water again, and the water table continues to drop. And if the water table continues to drop, the cost of irrigation water will go up because of energy costs to lift the water, the quality of water will go down and it'll take longer to irrigate fields."

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported that the storage in Elephant

Butte Reservoir is less than 10 percent of normal for this time of year, 170,600 acre feet, and the storage for Caballo Reservoir, where the irrigation water is released, is 7,900.

Water agencies are reporting that some water is flowing down the Rio Grande, but it's not recharging the aquifer that has been stressed from heavy pumping for the past few years.

Mountain snow pack accumulations also are below normal.

The latest report from the Natural Resources Conservation Service noted that the snow pack for the Upper Rio Grande Basin is 62 percent of average and for Sangre de Cristo Mountains, a major source for the basin, is 59 percent of average.

The Interstates Streams Commission water table graph illustrates the water table's decline.

The ICS recorded a sharp decline in the basin water table during 2011 and 2012, heavy ground-water pumping years. Although the decline was throughout the basin, it was more pronounced in some area than others. Some areas did not recover.

## State unemployment ticks up

### Local workforce data set for release

Bulletin Staff Report

Although lower than the national average, New Mexico's jobless rate ticked up slightly in December 2012.

A seasonally adjusted December rate of 6.4 percent, up from 6.2 percent in November 2012, was significantly lower than the national average of 7.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported Friday, Jan. 18.

Nearly 59,600 people in the state were jobless during the month, a 2,100-person increase from the 57,500 in November, the BLS said.

New Mexico's labor force increased to 933,700 in December, up from 928,800 in November, meaning more people were looking for work.

A switchover to a "fully integrated tax and claims system the first week in January did not affect December jobless numbers, but has caused some statistical irregularities in early January numbers that could complicate the gathering and analysis of this month's data.

A spokesman for the Department of Workforce Solutions said the new interface is up, running and working properly. But there is still a backlog of calls due to uncertainty about extended unemployment payments during the fiscal cliff negotiations.

To accommodate the increased call load, the state has doubled the number of customer service representatives to 90, said Joy Forehand, spokeswoman for the Department

of Workforce Solutions.

According to Hispanicbusiness.com, New Mexico's new system launched Sunday, Jan. 6. Residents collecting unemployment benefits were unable to recertify or file new claims for unemployment from New Mexico from Jan. 1-6.

Because of the shutdown, the number of claims the state reported to the federal government is sharply down for the week, according to the BLS, which is showing a 75 percent decrease in New Mexico claims for the week ending Jan. 5 from the previous week.

In a Jan. 6 news release, Workforce Solutions Secretary Celina Bussey said the New Mexico system was the first of its kind in the United States – with benefits for claimants, employers and the state. The staff "has achieved something no other state has done – simultaneously launching a fully integrated UI Tax and Claims system within a 36-month time frame," she said.

The system is supposed to make it easier to file and certify unemployment claims, better manage reports and notices for businesses and help the state with data collection and error prevention in such areas as overpayments.

"We have made amazing strides in the past two years with our unemployment insurance system, improving the process for employers and for New Mexicans relying on unemployment benefits until they find work," Gov. Susana Martinez said in the Jan. 6 statement.

"The new system we are launching will help New Mexico improve

the timeliness and accuracy of UI payments to unemployed workers and provide convenient, online services for employers, claimants and others who do business with the Department of Workforce Solutions. We have also included new analytical tools to help us identify and prevent fraudulent activities in the state's UI program."

In December 2012, unemployment nationally was lowest in North Dakota – 3.2 percent – and highest in Nevada and Rhode Island – 10.2 percent.

In addition, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 27 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 23 states. The largest over-the-month increase in employment occurred in New York – 35,100 – followed by New Jersey – 30,200.

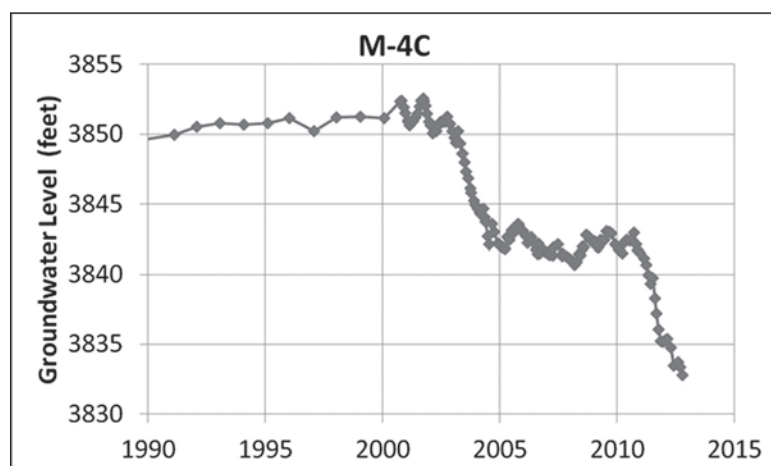
Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in December, according to the BLS.

Twenty-two states recorded unemployment rate decreases, 16 states and the District of Columbia posted increases and 12 states had no change.

Forty-two states and the District of Columbia registered unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, while six states experienced increases and two states had no change.

The national jobless rate of 7.8 percent was unchanged from November 2012 and was 0.7 percentage points lower than in December 2011.

December 2012 employment data for cities and metropolitan areas are scheduled to be released Friday, Jan. 25.





# LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. D-307-CV-201201641

### PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

ADAM EUGENE  
WHITEFIELD AND ANN J.  
WHITEFIELD, Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 29, 2013 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 84 in Block numbered of SIERRA NORTE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sierra Norte Heights Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 5, 2007 in plat Book 22, Folio 142-144.

The address of the real property is 7568 Vista de Oeste Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 6, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$172,458.69 plus interest from August 27, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake  
Special Master  
Southwest Support Group  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-00859

BOKE, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor in interest by merger to BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DENIS ROMERO and SYLVIA C. ROMERO, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5147 Emerald Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK 16, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE IV-A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2138, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JULY 9, 1990, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 16, PAGES 315-318, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on February 8, 2013, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on December 18, 2012, in the principal sum of \$144,257.17, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through November 1, 2012, in the amount of \$10,518.76 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$24.70 per diem, plus late charges of \$290.86, plus escrow advances of \$2,206.06, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through November 1, 2012, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through November 1, 2012, in the sum of \$739.36, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.250% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.  
/s/ Faisal Sukhyani,  
Special Master  
c/o Leverick and Musselman,  
L.L.C.  
5120 San Francisco Road NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
87109  
(505) 858-3303

Pub # 12610  
Dates 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25,  
2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01831

BOKE, N.A. dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JENNIFER I. VALLEJOS and the NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4122 Calle Libertad, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 33, MI TIERRA SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 8, 1999, IN BOOK 19, PAGES 258-259 PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on February 6, 2013, in front of the main entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of

America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKE, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on December 18, 2012, in the principal sum of \$65,712.43, plus outstanding interest through December 1, 2012, in the amount of \$3,449.88 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$9.45 per day, plus late charges of \$363.73, plus escrow advances of \$1,530.10, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through November 1, 2012, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through December 1, 2012, in the sum of \$549.70, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.250% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ John A. Darden, III  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578  
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 12611  
Dates 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25,  
2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02112

BOKE, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Albuquerque, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

BRITA ANN MILLIGAN, Personal Representative of the Estate of William Lawrence Reitmeyer, deceased, Defendant.

### NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2331 Cheyenne Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 41 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF CIMARRON HILL NUMBER FOUR REPLAT, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID CIMARRON HILL NUMBER FOUR REPLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 1, 1985 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 376-377.

The sale is to begin at 11:50 a.m. on February 8, 2013, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKE, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on December 19, 2012, in the principal sum of \$195,709.67, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through November 1, 2012, in the amount of \$6,238.26 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$22.79 per diem, plus late charges of \$275.54, plus escrow advances of \$3,057.35, plus cost advance of \$833.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through November 1, 2012, in the sum of \$900.00, and costs through November 1, 2012, in the sum of \$540.15, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 4.250% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Special Master  
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
87120  
(505) 228-8484

Pub # 12616  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1,  
2013

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

Cause No. CV 2012 - 2054  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

### MOUNTAIN STAR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM P. BARELA, III and SUE H. BARELA, husband and wife, and BANK OF AMERICA, NA, a National Association, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a real action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on certain real property titled in the name of the defendants, more particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, PALOMA KNOLLS NO. 8, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 16, 1990, in Book 16 Page(s) 200-201 of Plat Records, with a Parcel ID Number of 03-17430, and which currently has the street address of 6498 Queen Ann Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before February 23, 2013, judgment by default or other appropriate relief will be rendered in this cause against you, and you will thereafter not be permitted to contest Plaintiff's right to foreclosure against the property.

Name, address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Kelly P. Albers, Law Office of Kelly P. Albers, P.C., 650 Montana Ave., Suite D, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, (575) 527-9064.

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 21st day of December, 2012.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

By:  
/s/ Nancy Heavner  
Deputy

(SEAL)

Pub # 12617  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 28, 2012, Woody New Mexico, LLC, 671 Tumbleweed, Chaparral, NM. 88081, filed application numbered HU-246 with the State Engineer for Permit to Appropriate Underground Water within the Hueco Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County in the amount of 15.64 acre-feet per annum for irrigation purposes on 3.752 acres of land owned by the applicant in the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 6, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, NMPM, from existing

well HU-246 located in the NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section, 6. HU-246 was previously permitted in the subject location for irrigation purposes on 8 acres of land of which the applicant owns 6.473 acres with an appropriation of 26.99 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater. The subject application may enlarge the existing place of use to 10.225 acres of irrigated land and, increase the total diversion of shallow groundwater to 42.64 acre-feet per annum.

The subject acreage and well HU-246 can be found in the vicinity of Chaparral, NM approximately 0.36 miles east of the intersection of Zeus Drive and Red Stone Street.

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 88005-6598 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.

Pub # 12618  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 21, 2011, West Valley, Inc., 705 Kalmia Ave., Boulder, CO 80304, filed application numbered LRG-15153 POD1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well, LRG-15158 POD1, located at where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 55' 30.45"N, 106° 38' 36.22"W NAD83, on land owned by Triple D Farms, and drilling a replacement well

to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 55' 50.09"N, 106° 38' 37.13"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, 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 8.72 acres, owned by the applicant, located within the SE¼ NW¼ and NE¼ SW¼ of Section 28, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM. Well LRG-10075 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.

Pub # 12619  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2013



### 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

Pub # 12604  
Dates 1/4 - 12/27, 2013

### 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.

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well, LRG-15158 POD2, to a depth of 175 feet with 4 inch casing to be located within NE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 27 South, Range 03 East NMPM, and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 56' 53.406"N, 106° 38' 57.211"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one household. The site for proposed well, LRG-15158 POD2, is located east of La Union, approximately 0.43 miles southwest of the intersection of Hwy 28 and Maldonado Rd, and more specifically at the property address of 581 Maldonado Rd. Existing well LRG-15158 POD1 will be properly plugged.

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

Pub # 12620  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2013

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 22, 2012, Carmen Julieta Zamarripa, 2515 West O'Hara Road, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-687 POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-687 located within the SE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 1' 13.91"N, 106° 39' 30.17"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, 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 irri-

gation of 7.34 acres, owned by the applicant, located within the SE1/4 and the NE1/4 of Section 29, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM. The site for proposed well LRG-687 POD5 is located west of Anthony, NM and may be found at the physical address of 2515 West O'Hara Road. Existing well LRG-687 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.

Pub # 12623  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2012

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

No. D-307-CV-201001486

### BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

**MARTHA REYES DE GALINDO AKA MARTHA R. GALINDO AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARTHA REYES DE GALINDO AKA MARTHA R. GALINDO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 9M AND 9N IN BLOCK 13 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 OF SUBDIVISION 'C', BLOCKS NUMBER 12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF

DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 17, 1967 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 10 AT PAGES 10-12, PLAT RECORDS.

BEING THAT PARCEL OF LAND TO JUAN M GALINDO AND MARTHA REYES DE GALINDO, HUSBAND AND WIFE FROM MARTHA REYES DE GALINDO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY BY THAT DEED DATED 9/15/2003 AND RECORDED 9/23/2003 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 34949 OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGISTRY.

The address of the real property is 5070 Pueblo Trl, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on February 17, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$215,740.96 plus interest from October 26, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake  
Special Master  
Southwest Support Group  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Pub # 12636

Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02123

### WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

**AARON W. ELZA, NATIONAL CITY BANK AND FIRST LIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FKA FORT BLISS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendant(s).**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot Numbered 76 of Tierra Verde-Phase 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Tierra Verde-Phase 2, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 26, 1999 in plat Book 19, Folio 283-284.

The address of the real property is 2003 Via Tesoro, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 19, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$238,267.35 plus interest from October 1, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later

date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake  
Special Master  
Southwest Support Group  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM12-01683\_FC01

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Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201200926

### JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

**PAT O. CARDENAS AND MARIA S. CARDENAS, Defendant(s).**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOTS 14 AND 15, BLOCK 2, J.A. GUSTAFON SUBDIVISION NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 310 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 23, 1940, AND RECORDED

IN BOOK 6, PAGE 25, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 760 Williams Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005-2926. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 13, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$199,570.66 plus interest from May 31, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake  
Special Master  
Southwest Support Group  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-00989

### JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

**DAVID R. RAMIREZ, MARY RAMIREZ AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendant(s).**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 21, LOS VENADOS ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 2, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 18, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 490-491 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 126 Roe Deer Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 19, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$350,847.90 plus interest from November 28, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mort-

gagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake  
Special Master  
Southwest Support Group  
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2012-02630

### U.S. BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS- THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1998-1, Plaintiff,

v.

**MAX LOYA, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF MAX LOYA, DECEASED, DELLA LOYA, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF DELLA LOYA, DECEASED, GREEN TREE FIN SERV CORP, DOÑA ANA COUNTY TREASURER AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendant(s).**

### NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Max Loya, if living, if deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Max Loya, deceased.

**GREETINGS:** You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4245 Independence Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 12, Block 2, INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, in the City of Las Cruces,



# LEGAL NOTICES

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County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 11, 1995, as Plat No. 2712, in Book 18 Pages 330 and 331 of Plat Records.

And all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: VIN PH173150AB

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:  
Robert Lara  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Telephone: (505) 848-9500  
Fax: (505) 848-9516  
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 8th day of January, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy Heavner  
Deputy

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

Case No.  
D-0307-CV-0201202488

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**GUY WEIS AND THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE  
OF GUY WEIS, IF ANY,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Guy Weis, and the Unknown Spouse of Guy Weis, if any.

GREETINGS:  
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3901 Sonoma Springs Ave 1103, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Unit #1103, Casas De Soledad Condominium, in accordance with and subject to the Declaration for Casas De Soledad Condominium and the Condominium Plat recorded on January 10, 2007 in Book 778 in Pages 1283 through 1402 of Doña Ana County Clerk Records

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Robert Lara  
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Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Telephone: (505) 848-9500  
Fax: (505) 848-9516  
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of January, 2013.

James H. Dempsey  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:  
Deputy

NM12-02200\_FC01

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

No. D-307-CV-201202439

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JASON BALTHROP AKA  
JASON K. BALTHROP,  
LESLIE BALTHROP AKA  
LESLIE G. BALTHROP, FIA  
CARD SERVICES, N.A. AND  
SUNPORT FINANCIAL, LLC,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Jason Balthrop aka Jason K. Balthrop and Leslie Balthrop aka Leslie G. Balthrop.

GREETINGS:  
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 122 Blacktail Deer Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 7, Los Venados Estates Subdivision Phase 2, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 18, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 490-491 of plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:  
Elizabeth Mason  
Keya Koul  
Steven J. Lucero  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Telephone: (505) 848-9500  
Fax: (505) 848-9516  
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of January, 2013.

James H. Dempsey

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:  
Deputy

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

Case No.  
D-0307-CV-0201202664

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**PETER H. VAN ZANDT  
AKA PETE H. VAN ZANDT,  
INDIVIDUALLY AND  
AS TRUSTEE OF THE  
PETER H. VAN ZANDT  
TRUST, DATED 4-5-2011,  
IF LIVING, IF DECEASED,  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES  
OF PETER H. VAN ZANDT  
AKA PETE H. VAN ZANDT,  
DECEASED, GE MONEY  
BANK, THE STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF  
TAXATION & REVENUE,  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES  
OF THE PETER H. VAN  
ZANDT TRUST, DATED  
4-5-2011 AND EL RANCHO  
GRANDE HOMEOWNERS'  
ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Peter H. Van Zandt aka Pete H. Van Zandt, Individually and as Trustee of the Peter H. Van Zandt Trust, Dated 4-5-2011, If Living, If Deceased The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Peter H. Van Zandt aka Pete H. Van Zandt, deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Peter H. Van Zandt aka Pete H. Van Zandt, deceased.

GREETINGS:  
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2055 Rincon De Amigos Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 3, Block A, EL RANCHO GRANDE 3, CORRECTION PLAT, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 8, 1998, in Book 19 Page(s) 175-177 of Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:  
Robert Lara  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Telephone: (505) 848-9500  
Fax: (505) 848-9516  
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE MANUEL I. ARRIETA,

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of January, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy A. Heavner  
Deputy

NM12-03359\_FC01

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Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2013

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

Case No.  
D-0307-CV-0201202511

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**RUBEN BENAVIDEZ AND  
MARIBEL BENAVIDEZ,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendant Ruben Benavidez.

GREETINGS:  
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2952 Burgers Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 3, RILLITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3529, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on October 3, 2001, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 729-731, Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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Robert Lara  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Telephone: (505) 848-9500  
Fax: (505) 848-9516  
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of January, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy A. Heavner  
Deputy

NM00-05243\_FC02

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Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2013

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

**BOKE, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SARAH K. ELLIS and NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**

**TO DEFENDANT SARAH K. ELLIS:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on December 10, 2012, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1877 Newton Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK 6, COLLEGE PARK NO. 3 REPLAT, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 2, 1965, IN BOOK 9 PAGE(S) 69 OF PLAT RECORDS,

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendant Sarah K. Ellis is hereby notified that she has until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendant choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendant.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of said County, on January 8, 2013.

NORMAN OSBORNE  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

(SEAL)  
By: /s/ Mary E. Apodaca  
Deputy

Pub # 12645  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02611

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DORA ELIZONDO, if living, and the Unknown Heirs of Dora Elizondo, if deceased, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**

**TO: Dora Elizondo, if living, and the Unknown Heirs of Dora Elizondo, if deceased**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on November 8, 2012, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 205 Yucca, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2B, BLOCK 49A, MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION, PLAT 6, REPLAT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 49A.

THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED IS THE SOUTHERLY 6000 SQUARE FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 49A MEADOW SUBDIVISION PLAT 6, IN THE CITY OF SUNLAND PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN BOOK 8 AT PAGE 45, FILED ON 7/22/1959, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SAID 6000 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL IS THE PROPOSED LOT 2B, BLOCK 49A, MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION PLAT 6 NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY OF SUNLAND PARK, SAID 6000 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING FOR REFERENCE AT THE RECORD NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF SAID BLOCK 49A AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF VALLE VISTA STREET WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF YUCCA DRIVE; THENCE, WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF YUCCA DRIVE, SOUTH 00°00'00" EAST 75.00 FEET TO A SET 1/2" DIA. REBAR WITH PLASTIC CAP STAMPED TX 4297 NM 10472 AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE, WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 2, AND WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF YUCCA DRIVE, SOUTH 00°00'00" WEST 50.50 FEET TO A SET 1/2" DIA. REBAR WITH PLASTIC CAP STAMPED TX 4297 NM 10472 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING HEREOF;

THENCE NORTH 90°00'00" EAST 75.00 FEET TO A SET 1/2" DIA. REBAR WITH PLASTIC CAP STAMPED TX 4297 NM 10472;

THENCE, NORTH 86°37'36" EAST 32.61 FEET TO A SET 1/2" DIA. REBAR WITH PLASTIC CAP STAMPED TX 4297 NM 10472;

THENCE, WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 2, AND THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION PLAT 7, SOUTH 00°01'00" WEST 57.42 FEET TO A SET 1/2" DIA. REBAR WITH PLASTIC CAP STAMPED TX 4297 NM 10472 AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2;

THENCE WITH THE COMMON BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN LOTS 2 AND 3 OF SAID BLOCK 49A, NORTH 90°00'00" WEST 107.54 FEET TO A SET 1/2" DIA. REBAR WITH PLASTIC CAP STAMPED 4297 NM 10472 AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 (AND FROM WHICH SOUTHWEST CORNER A FOUND 1/2" DIA. REBAR AT THE COMMON EAST CORNER OF LOTS 24 AND 25, BLOCK 46 BEARS THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES: NORTH 90°00'00" WEST 43.00 FEET; WITH WESTERLY CURB LINE OF YUCCA DRIVE SOUTH 00°00'00" EAST 224.00 FEET, BEARING BASIS; AND, NORTH 90°00'00" WEST 7.00 FEET TO SAID 1/2" DIA. REBAR);

THENCE, FROM SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2, WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 2, AND WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF YUCCA DRIVE, NORTH 00°00'00" EAST 55.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 6000 SQUARE FEET;

THIS DESCRIPTION IS BASED ON A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF STEPHEN EARL COBB, NM PLS 10472. THIS DESCRIPTION CREATES A NEW PARCEL. THE USER OF THIS DESCRIPTION MUST COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF SUNLAND PARK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, OR AN APPROPRIATE CLAIM OF EXEMPTION TO SUCH SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS MUST BE FILED AND APPROVED,

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action. FURTHER, the above-named Defendants Dora Elizondo, if living, and the Unknown Heirs of Dora Elizondo, if deceased, are hereby notified that they have until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303, is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

NORMAN OSBORNE  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Nancy Heavner  
Deputy

Pub # 12646  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2011-01973

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MIGUEL A. CANO and, if married, JANE DOE CANO, (True Name Unknown), his spouse; CODY W. REIDHEAD; OAKWOOD ACCEP CORP; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE of NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 13, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1617 Choctaw Trail, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 1L, Block 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 6, 1966, in Book 9 Page(s) 97 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1998 Golden West DW, VIN No. GWCA21L25630AB.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 21, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$117,008.41 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from July 21, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,000.72. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assess-



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ments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

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Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01595

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Successor by merger to BAC  
Home Loans Servicing, LP fka  
Countrywide Home Loans  
Servicing, LP, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOSEPH N. MAIN, and if  
married, JANE DOE MAIN,  
(true name unknown), his  
spouse, Defendants.**

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Lot 2, Block 7, SANTA TERESA SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 5, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County as Plat No. 843 on 05/13/1976 in book 12 Page(s) 62 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 4, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$264,186.18 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from September 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$7,209.03. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Pub # 12648  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. CV-2011-1563

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
successor in interest to  
Washington Mutual Bank,  
FA, successor to Washington  
Mutual Home Loans, Inc.,  
successor in interest by merger  
to Fleet Mortgage Corp.,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PATRICIA M. VAN WART,  
if living; If deceased, THE  
ESTATE OF PATRICIA  
M. VAN WART, Deceased;  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES AND LEGATEES  
OF PATRICIA M. VAN WART,  
Deceased; and JOHN DOE A,  
(True Name Unknown), suc-  
cessor Trustee of the Patricia  
M. Van Wart Revocable Trust  
under Trust Agreement dated  
May 3, 1991, Defendants.**

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LOT 12, BLOCK 7, TELSHOR HILLS SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1963, IN BOOK 1 AT PAGE 22 OF PLAT RECORDS.

**THE FOREGOING SALE**

will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 19, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$72,022.82 and the same bears interest at 7.1250% per annum from October 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,912.06. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master  
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on November 28, 2012, Dan Graham, 2575 Redstone Street, Chaparral, NM 88081, filed application numbered HU-259 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Hueco Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well HU-246, located on land owned by Woody New Mexico, LLC and located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 6, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, NMPM and using existing well HU-259 located on land owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 6 for the continued diversion of 6.367 acre-feet/annum of shallow groundwater for the continued irrigation of 1.527 acres of land located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 6. The subject acreage and well HU-246 can be found in the vicinity of Chaparral, NM approximately 0.43 miles east of the intersection of Zeus Drive and Redstone Street. Well HU-246 can be found in the vicinity of Chaparral, NM approximately 0.36 miles east of the intersection of Zeus Drive and Redstone Street.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

Pub # 12649 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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ing (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 88005-6598 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.

Pub # 12650  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on November 28, 2012, Ernie & Maria Elena Ramos, P.O. Box 36 Chamberino, NM 88027, filed application numbered LRG-15420 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin Doña Ana County by discontinuing use of well LRG-15420 POD1 located at Lat/Long: 32°2'17.99"N 106°40'24.38" W WGS 84, which historically provided water located on land owned by the applicants, and drilling a new well to the depth of 160 feet with a 4-inch casing to be located at Lat/Long: 32°2'17.8"N 106°40'24.38"W WGS84 on land owned by the applicants for the continued multi-domestic use and the diversion amount of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum or that amount required for beneficial use whichever is less. The new well site will be located South of Las Cruces and may be found at the physical address of 9305 S. HWY 28 Chamberino, NM 88027. Well LRG-15420 POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can

be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12651  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2013

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 4, 2012, Matthew G. and Arlene R. Watson, 6625 Rio Bravo Drive, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-14308 POD2, OSE File No.: LRG-14308-1A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-14308 POD1 located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 12' 48.37"N, 106° 46' 11.55"W WGS84, on land owned by Salopek 6U Farms, Inc. and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 150 feet for 8-inch casing to be located within the NW1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 12' 29.37"N, 106° 45' 45.63"W WGS84, on land owned by the applicants, 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 14.97 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW1/4 and the NE1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-14308 POD2 is located northwest of San Miguel, NM and may be found approximately 1/4-mile southwest of the intersection of Valle Del Rio Drive and State Highway 128. Existing well LRG-14308 POD1 will be retained for other rights.

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be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12652  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2013

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on May 23, 2012, Mike O. and Veronica Caro, 4521 Lamar Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-3959 POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing wells LRG-3959 and LRG-3959-S, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 7.696"N, 106° 45' 30.148"W and 32° 15' 7.068"N, 106° 45' 31.46"W NAD 1983 respectively, on land owned by Joe & Janice Herman, and drilling a new well, LRG-3959 POD5, to a depth of 100 feet with 4 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 2.346"N, 106° 45' 31.876"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, 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 approximately 0.545 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-002-0047 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site for proposed well, LRG-3959 POD5, is located south of Las Cruces, approximately .4 miles north of the intersection of Pajaro Road and Lamar Road, and is further identified by the physical address of 4521 Lamar Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Existing wells LRG-3959 and LRG-3959-S 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.

Pub # 12654  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2013

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on July 10, 2012, Edward P. DeRuyter and Corry E. DeRuyter, PO Box 167, Mesquite, NM 88048, filed application numbered LRG-953 POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-953-S located within the

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on August 20, 2012, Jesus and Andrea Soto, P.O. Box 218, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-15370-POD 1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-5410, located on land owned by Reymundo & Elisaida T. Martinez Trust and located at X:1,326,836 and Y:641,866 (N.M.S.P. Central Zone, NAD83) and using proposed new well LRG-15370-POD1 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 100 feet with 8-inch casing on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,326,806 Y=642,644 ft. (N.M.S.P. Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District required for beneficial use, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 4.39 acres of land located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 8 Township 18 South, Range 4 West, NMPM. Well LRG-5410 is located approximately 600 yards SW of the intersection of Walnut Grove Road and Chile Farm Road and proposed replacement well LRG-15370-POD-1 is to be located approximately 400 yards SW of the same intersection both of which are in the vicinity of Garfield, NM. Old well LRG-5410 will be retained for the exercise of other water 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 88005-6598 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.

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SE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 9' 24.05"N, 106° 39' 35.56"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 300 feet for 10-inch casing to be located within the SE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 9' 24.75"N, 106° 39' 34.62"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 315.63 acre-feet per annum for domestic, irrigation, livestock watering, dairy and related purposes within Brightstar Dairy located within the S1/2 SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and within the E1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-953 POD3 is located southwest of Mesquite, NM and may be found approximately 0.6 mile northwest of the intersection of Stern Drive and Farmland Road. Old well LRG-953-S will be plugged.

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

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE PROBATE COURT  
DOHA ANA COUNTY**

No. 13-0005

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF HAROLD WAYNE  
PERRY II, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that CAROL K. PERRY 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth,



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2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: January 9, 2013.

CAROL K. PERRY 4  
709 Rimrock Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Prepared by:

ALAN D. GLUTH  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
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2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
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Facsimile: (575) 556-8446  
Pub # 12656  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2013

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

No. 13-0006

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA BLEA, DECEASED.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KATHLEEN DENISE BLEA 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: January 11, 2013.

KATHLEEN DENISE BLEA  
608 Vermilion Ct. NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
87120

Prepared by:

ALAN D. GLUTH  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Pub # 12657

Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2013

## Montana Ave. Self Storage 389 Montana Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005

TO:

Maria E. De La Riva  
811 W. Mathews  
Roswell NM 88201

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage Unit A-153 and A-154 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$730.00. which includes legal costs and fees.

The unit contains various household items.

Date of Auction:  
January 26, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

To:

Rudy Aragon  
449 Yale Dr.  
Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage

Unit, B 241 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$490.00. which includes legal costs and fees.

The unit contains household items, washer, dryer etc.

Date of Auction:  
January 26, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

Pub # 12659  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02495

**BOKE, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DAVID R. GONZALES and  
DEBORAH GONZALES,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1228 Antelope Pass Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED L OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 7, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 7, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 17, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 625-626.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2013, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKE, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on January 14, 2013, in the principal sum of \$149,400.49, plus outstanding interest due on the Note, as modified, through December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$6,013.54 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$22.00 per diem, plus late charges of \$223.98, plus escrow advances for property taxes of \$430.30, plus an appraisal fee of \$500.00.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION

OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ John A. Darden, III  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578  
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 12661  
Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2013

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

No. PB-2012-106  
Judge Arrieta

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
MARY ALICE THURMAN,  
Deceased**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patrick Lee Thurman has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the 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 at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., P.O. Box 1837, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-1837.

DATED this 16 day of January, 2013.

/s/ Patrick Lee Thurman  
Personal Representative  
18668 Holman Road  
Colorado Springs,  
Colorado 80928

Pub # 12662  
Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2013

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

No. CV-2012-2907  
Judge: Martin

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

vs.

**GABRIEL NIETO, WILLIAM  
CLAYTON, AND 1985  
CHEVY S-10, BEIGE; VIN:  
1GCCS14B9F8219266; NEW  
MEXICO LICENSE PLATE  
NO. FYT 109, Respondents.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondents Gabriel Nieto and William Clayton

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1985 Chevy S-10, Beige; VIN: 1GCCS14B9F8219266; New Mexico License Plate No. FYT 109.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF LAS CRUCES  
By: /s/  
Harry S. (Pete) Connelly  
City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2014 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 17th day of January, 2013.

NORMAN OSBORNE  
COURT EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER

By: /s/ Mary E. Apodaca  
DEPUTY

Pub # 12663  
Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01792

**BOKE, N.A., a National  
Banking Association d/b/a  
Bank of Oklahoma, as  
Successor in Interest by  
Merger to Bank of Oklahoma,  
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHELLE D. YATES, and if  
married, JOHN DOE A (true  
name unknown) her spouse,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 20, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4687 Elks Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK 1, DEL NORTE COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 6, 1985, IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 20-21 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 7, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$141,230.67 and the same bears interest at 6.360% per annum from November 3, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,706.99. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

Pub # 12664  
Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2013

## MEETING NOTICE

The Doña Ana County Labor Management Relations Board (the "Board") will hold a special "re-organizational" public meeting on February 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the County Commission Chambers, located at Doña Ana County Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM. A copy of the agenda may be obtained from the Doña Ana County Human Resources Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007, phone (575) 647-7210 during regular business hours, commencing with the date of publication and continuing through the date of the meeting. ADA Access Note: Should you require special accommodations as a result of a disability, please contact the County ADA Compliance Coordinator at 525-5884 (voice), 525-5591 (TTY), or 1-877-827-7200 (toll free), or write to 845 N. Motel Blvd Suite 2-190, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Pub # 12665  
Dates 1/25, 2013

## WSMR Seeking Interest in Establishing a Restoration Advisory Board

Las Cruces, NM - - The Department of the Army is seeking input from interested parties regarding environmental restoration activities being conducted as part of the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) at the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a forum comprised of representatives of the Department of Defense (DoD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), state and local governments, tribal governments, and the affected community. RAB members provide their advice to the DoD concerning environmental restoration at military installations. The RAB provides stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the restoration process, monitor restoration progress, and

make community views known to the decision makers. The purpose of the RAB is to promote community involvement by giving the public the opportunity to regularly review progress and participate in dialogue with the decision-makers on WSMR environmental restoration process.

If the RAB is established, the Army will not provide financial support to the public members for their services nor will members be compensated for work hours lost or time invested.

Local community members interested in creating a RAB should be willing to establish and jointly chair RAB and attend all RAB meetings (which could last between two to four hours each) and be willing to devote ample time to review WSMR environmental restoration documents within prescribed time frames. To express your interest in participating in a RAB, please contact the person below within 30 days of this notice to obtain a Community Interest Survey questionnaire.

Benito Avalos  
Restoration Program Manager  
PW-E-EC  
163 Springfield Street,  
Bldg 163  
WSMR, NM 88002-5000  
benito.avalos1@us.army.mil

Pub # 12666  
Dates 1/25, 2012

## BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Case No. 12-00386-UT

## IN THE MATTER OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A LONG TERM PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENT WITH MACHO SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC

## NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") of the following:

1. On November 21, 2012, El Paso Electric Company, Inc. ("EPE" or the "Company") filed an Application requesting prior approval of a Long-Term Purchased Power Agreement ("LTPPA") with Macho Springs Solar, LLC ("Macho Springs") pursuant to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission's ("NMPRC" or "Commission") Rule 17.9.5551 NMAC, Prior Approval of Purchased Power Agreements ("Rule 551" or "Rule"). Subject to the approval of the Commission, EPE has entered into a twenty-year LTPPA with Macho Springs to purchase energy from a 50 megawatt ("MW") solar facility to be constructed by Macho Springs in EPE's New Mexico service territory. The new facility is anticipated to be in service by May 2014.

2. EPE also seeks approval of the recovery of costs associated with the LTPPA through EPE's Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Clause ("FPPCAC") in accordance with Rule 551 and Rule 17.9.550 NMAC, Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Clauses for Electric Utilities. EPE states that the price of the purchased energy will be \$57.90 per MWh. Cost under the contract allo-

cated to New Mexico customers in the first year of operation of the facility is estimated to be \$1,950,919. EPE anticipates that, because the purchase of power under the Macho Springs PPA will allow EPE to replace existing power purchases, the net impact to New Mexico customers will be less than the cost of the PPA allocated to New Mexico. EPE has estimated that the bill impact for a residential customer in New Mexico using 685 kWh per month would be approximately \$0.22 per month, or an increase of approximately 0.2% compared to the current average monthly bill of \$89 per month, depending on system operations and market prices at the time.

3. EPE is certified and authorized to conduct the business of providing public utility service within the State of New Mexico, and is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the Public Utility Act.

4. The Commission has assigned Case No. 12-00386-UT to this proceeding, and all questions or written comments concerning EPE's Application should refer to this case number.

5. The following schedule shall apply to the relief requested in the Application:

(a) On or before February 28, 2013, any person who desires to become a party to this case must file a motion for leave to intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23.A and 1.2.2.23.B NMAC.

(b) On or before February 1, 2013, EPE shall file supplemental testimony as directed in the Procedural Order for this case.

(c) EPE and/or the LTPPA Supplier shall file a position statement, with affidavit, on February 1, 2013, addressing its assertions regarding whether all, or specific portions of contract terms, should be designated confidential and protected pursuant to the terms of the Protective Order in this case. The Commission's Utility Division Staff shall file a Response on February 8, 2013.

(d) On or before February 28, 2013, Staff shall, and any intervenors may, file direct testimony regarding EPE's Application.

(e) On or before March 7, 2013, parties shall file any desired rebuttal testimony.

(f) On March 14, 2013, a public hearing on the merits of EPE's Application will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m., and continuing thereafter as necessary, at the offices of the Commission, PERA Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, arguments, and any other appropriate matters pertaining to the Application. Such hearing may be vacated if deemed not required under NMSA 1978, Section 62-9-1 (2005), in which case the Commission will take public comment and dispose of the Application at an Open Meeting.

6. Further information regarding this case may be obtained by contacting EPE or the Commission at the addresses and telephone numbers provided below. All inquiries or written comments concerning this matter should refer to Case No. 12-00386-UT.

7. EPE's Application, together with supporting pre-filed direct testimony and any exhibits and related papers, may be examined by any interested person at the offices of EPE or the Commission at the following addresses:

El Paso Electric Company  
201 N. Water Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88001-1219  
(505) 526-5551

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission  
PERA Building --  
1120 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
Telephone: 1-888-427-5772

8. Pursuant to Rule 551, the Commission may approve EPE's Application for a CCN without a formal hearing if no protest is filed within sixty days of the date that notice has been given that EPE has filed its Application. Therefore, the formal hearing scheduled for this matter may be vacated upon further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. Any protest to EPE's Application shall be filed on or before March 28, 2013, stating the grounds for protest.

9. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make written or oral comment pursuant to 1.2.2.23.F NMAC without becoming an Intervenor. Interested persons may also send written comments, which shall reference Case No. 12-00386-UT, to the Commission at the address set out above. All such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

10. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are as provided in the Procedural Order issued in this case, and are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner.

11. Any interested person should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

12. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case shall serve a copy on all parties of record, Staff and the Hearing Examiner as indicated in the Commission's service list for the case. All such filings shall also be sent to the Hearing Examiner via email in PDF and WORD formats, at ashley.schannauer@state.nm.us. All filings shall be e-mailed on the date they are filed with the Commission.

13. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath. All documents mailed to the Commission and its personnel shall be mailed to: P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504. The physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand deliveries.

14. The Commission's Administrative Procedures (1.2.2 NMAC) will apply to this case except as modified by Order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner.

15. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this case should contact the Commission at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of



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the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this January 22, 2013.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Ashley C. Schannauer  
Hearing Examiner

Pub # 12667  
Dates 1/25, 2013

### PROCLAMATION PROCLAMACIÓN

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

### AVISO DE ELECCIÓN REGULAR DE JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN

Pursuant to the School Election Law of the State of New Mexico, as amended, I, Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk of the County of Doña Ana, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

Conforme a las leyes de Elecciones Primaria del Estado de Nuevo México, yo, Lynn J. Ellins, Escribana del Condado de Doña Ana, en virtud de la autoridad conferida a mi, por la presente emito la siguiente proclamación:

On the 5th day of February, 2013 there will be held in the Las Cruces School District No. 2, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District candidates for election to membership on the Board of Education

El 5 de febrero de 2013 se efectuará una elección regular en el Distrito Escolar Numero 2, Condado de Doña Ana, Estado de Nuevo México, con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito candidatos por elección para ser miembros en la Junta de Educación

The candidates for membership on the Board are as follows:

Los candidatos que quieren ser miembros de la Junta son los siguientes:

Board Member District Position Candidates

Posición del Distrito del Miembro de la Junta Candidatos

Board Member District No. 1 (For a four-year term) Miembro de la Junta Núm. 1 (Por un plazo de cuatro años) Brian King Marshall Chuck Davis Lenwood P. Hampton

Board Member District No. 2 (For a four-year term) Miembro de la Junta Núm. 2 (Por un plazo de cuatro años) Barbara Hall

Board Member District No. 3 (For a four-year term) Miembro de la Junta Núm. 3 (Por un plazo de cuatro años) Maria A. Flores Beverly K. Hine

The Voting Districts and the Precinct Board Members for the Election shall be as follows:

Los Distritos Electorales y Los Miembros del Consejo del Precincto por esta elección son los siguientes:

Voting Location Polling Places Election Precincts Board Member District Precinct Board Members

1 Mayfield High School Lobby 1955 N Valley Dr 22 San Andres 23 Mayfield 83 Elks Club East 84 Carlton 88 Southwind 90 Camelot Gardens 30 Alameda 31 Alameda

1 Joe Whiteley, Presiding Judge, T. Louise Whiteley, Judge, Mary Head-Madlocke, Clerk

2 Branigan Library 200 E Picacho Ave 24 Highland 25 Holy Cross

1 Barbara Harrell, Presiding Judge, Enequina Marrujo, Judge, Nellie Martinez-Nieto, Clerk

8 Lynn Middle School North Hallway 950 S Walnut

3 Grace Covenant Church 3111 N Main St 26 Country Club 89 Elks Club South 99 Elks Club West

1 Margaret Lee Cottrell, Presiding Judge, Irma Delgado, Judge, James Fulkerson, Clerk

4 Sierra Middle School Room 331 1700 East Spruce 27 Loma Heights West 33 Encantada 34 Sierra 91 Loma Heights East

1 Frank Avalos, Presiding Judge, Samuel Avalos, Judge, Maryanne Avalos, Clerk

5 Booker T Washington Cafeteria 755 E Chestnut 28 Washington East 29 Washington West 32 Lucero 35 City 92 Hadley

1 Debbie Seavey, Presiding Judge, Harold Morris, Judge, Leonor Marrujo, Clerk

6 Hermosa Heights Elementary School Lobby 1655 East Amador 36 Hermosa Heights West 41 Bradley West 93 Hermosa Heights East

2 Rocco Caffaro, Presiding Judge, Irma Vargas, Judge, Peter Campolla, Clerk

7 MacArthur Elementary School Lobby 655 North 4th Street 37 Court 38 MacArthur 39 City Center 40 Valley 56 Mesilla Park North 57 Mesilla Park South 108 South Valley

2 Ronald Lautenbach, Presiding Judge, Lori Jurado, Judge, Kandice Guzman, Clerk

8 Lynn Middle School North Hallway 950 S Walnut

42 Bradley East 43 Old Armory 44 Lynn West

2 John Townsend Presiding Judge, Bonnie Townsend, Judge, Graciela Garcia, Clerk

9 Conlee Elementary School Library 1701 Boston 45 Lynn South 46 Conlee North 47 Bellamah 94 Lynn North

2 Faustino Marquez, Presiding Judge, Sally Ann Marquez, Judge, Malcolm Sims, Clerk

10 Las Cruces High School Front Office Lobby 1755 El Paseo 48 Valley View 49 Las Cruces 78 Tortugas 101 Tombaugh

2 Lynford Ames, Presiding Judge Cruzita Herrera, Judge, Susan Higgins, Clerk

11 University Hills Elementary School Cafeteria 2005 South Locust 50 University Hills West 51 University Hills East 52 Conlee South 53 University Baptist 58 University Park

3 Stephen Helmreich, Presiding Judge, Joy Dean, Judge, Maria Avila, Clerk

12 Las Alturas Fire Station Lobby 4145 Cholla Drive 6 Organ South 54 University Campus 77 Mission Bell 79 Mesquite North portion within LCPS 104 Las Alturas 110 A Mountain East 114 Las Alturas South 120 Bishop Cap

3 Elizabeth Ortega, Presiding Judge, Johnnie Aldrich, Judge, Victoria Simons, Clerk

13 Hillrise Elementary School Library

1400 South Curnutt 68 Ridgecrest 69 Majestic Ridge 70 Telsbor 103 Foothills 113 Roadrunner South 3 Deborah Pouliot, Presiding Judge, Lisa Parrott, Judge, Francis Hohmann, Clerk

14 Hillrise Elementary School Library 1400 South Curnutt 71 Candlelight 72 University Terrace 73 Buena Vida

3 Christine Gallegos, Presiding Judge, Mary Gallegos, Judge, Barbara Morales, Clerk

15 Tombaugh Elementary School Office Foyer 226 Caver Road 7 Pecan Valley North 55 Mesilla Park 96 Pecan Valley South (portion within LCPS District)

3 Ernie Madrid, Presiding Judge, Emily Martinez, Judge, Juan A Aguirre, Clerk

Precinct Absentee Precinct Districts PollingPlace Address No. \_\_\_ Board Member

1, 2, 3 LCPS Doña Ana Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd Las Cruces, NM 88007 Absentee Doreen Calzada, Presiding Judge, Lorrie Munoz, Judge, Emilia Gomez, Clerk

NOTE: Precinct Election Workers subject to change without notice.

NOTA: Trabajadores de Elección sujetos a cambiar sin notificación.

The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Los Centros para Votar en dicha Elección permanecerán abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el día de la Elección.

This notice is published in my capacity as Principal Filing Officer for this election.

Este aviso se publica conforme a la autorización que la ley me otorga como funcionario principal de archivos para esta elección.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed my name and seal of the County of Doña Ana, on this 25th day of January, 2013 Yo, como testigo escribo mi nombre y mi sello el 25 de enero, 2013.

Lynn J. Ellins  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK  
Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana

[SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK]  
[Sello del Escribano del Condado]

Pub # 12668  
Dates 1/25, 2013

### PROCLAMATION PROCLAMACIÓN

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL

### BOARD ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN

Pursuant to the School Election Law of the State of New Mexico, as amended, I, Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk of the County of Doña Ana, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

Conforme a la ley Electoral de Escuela del Estado de Nuevo México, yo, Lynn J. Ellins, Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana, en virtud de la autoridad conferida a mi, por la presente emito la siguiente proclamación:

On the 5th day of February, 2013, there will be held in the Gadsden Independent School District No. 16, Doña Ana, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District candidates for election to membership on the Board of Education.

El 5 de febrero de 2013 se efectuará una elección regular en el Distrito Escolar Independiente Número 16 de Gadsden, Condado de Doña Ana, Estado de Nuevo México con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito candidatos por elección para ser miembros en la Junta de Educación.

The candidates for membership on the Board are as follows:

Los candidatos que quieren ser miembros de la Junta son los siguientes:

Board Member District Position Candidates

Posición del Distrito del Miembro de la Junta Candidatos

Board Member District No. 2 (For a four-year term) Miembro de la Junta Núm. 2 (Por un plazo de cuatro años) Jennifer M. Viramontes

Board Member District No. 5 (For a four-year term) Miembro de la Junta Núm. 5 (Por un plazo de cuatro años) Stephen Randall Moncrief Craig E. Ford

The Voting Districts and the Precinct Board Members for this Election shall be as follows:

Los Distritos Electorales y Los Miembros del Consejo del Precincto por esta elección son los siguientes:

Board Member District Election Precinct Polling Place Precinct Board Member

2 For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 14 Santa Teresa Middle School 4800 McNutt Road Sunland Park, NM Maria Ruiz, Presiding Judge, Guadalupe Guerrero, Judge, Maria Diaz, Clerk

For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 15 La Union Elementary School 875 Mercantile Avenue La Union, NM Elizabeth Hernandez, Presiding Judge, Ernie Rivera, Judge, Dolores Pavia, Clerk

For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 16, 19, and 82 within School Board District 2 Gadsden High School 6301 Highway 28 Anthony, NM Crystalee Heredia, Presiding Judge, Maribel Gamboa, Judge, Judy Contreras, Clerk

5 For voters who vote in Chaparral Doña Ana Precincts 75 and 76; portions of Doña Ana Precincts 6 and 74; and Otero Precinct 1 and portions of 35 within the District Middle School 290 E. Lisa Drive Chaparral, NM Miguel Marquez, Presiding Judge, Robert McCallick, Judge, Irene Hernandez, Clerk

Absentee Precinct Board GISD Doña Ana Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd Las Cruces, NM 88007 Doreen Calzada, Presiding Judge, Lorrie Munoz, Judge, Emilia Gomez, Clerk

2 Para electores que votan en Recinto 14 de Doña Ana y la porción del norte de 13 Santa Teresa Middle School 4800 McNutt Road Sunland Park, NM Maria Ruiz, Juez Presidente, Guadalupe Guerrero, Juez, Maria Diaz, Secretaria

Para electores que votan en Recinto 15 de Doña Ana La Union Elementary School 875 Mercantile Ave La Union, NM Elizabeth Hernandez, Juez Presidente, Ernie Rivera, Juez Dolores Pavia, Secretaria

Para electores que votan en Recinto 16, 19 y 82 de el Distrito 2 de la mesa directiva Gadsden High School 6301 Highway 28 Anthony, NM Crystalee Heredia, Juez Presidente, Maribel Gamboa, Juez Judy Contreras, Secretaria

5 Para electores que votan en Recintos 75 y 76 de Doña Ana; porciones de Recintos 6 y 74 de Doña Ana; Recinto 1 de Otero y porciones de 35 Dentro del Distrito

Chaparral Middle School 290 E. Lisa Drive Chaparral, NM Miguel Marquez, Juez Presidente, Robert McCallick, Juez, Irene Hernandez, Secretaria

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Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana

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Pub # 12669  
Dates 1/25, 2013

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on February 19, 2013:

1. Council Bill No. 13-022; Ordinance No. 2677: An Ordinance Repealing LCMC 1997, Article II. Campaign Practices, Sections 8-31 Through 8-67 in its Entirety and Replacing with New Sections Entitled Article II. Campaign Code, Sections 8-31 Through 8-39.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 23rd day of January 2013.

Esther Martinez-Carrillo, CMC City Clerk

Pub # 12670  
Dates 1/25, 2013

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION


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Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Burn Lake Soccer Field Lighting Construction Project	12-13-410	Non-mandatory February 1, 2013 / 11:00 am 700 N. Main, Ste. 2300, Las Cruces, NM	February 13, 2013 / 2:00 pm
Chemical Analyses	12-13-124	None	February 14, 2013 / 4:00 pm
Integrated CAD/AVL Project for RoadRunner Transit	12-13-406	Non-mandatory January 31, 2013 / 10:00 am 700 N. Main, RM. 3138, Las Cruces, NM	February 14, 2013 / 4:00 pm

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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](mailto:bidclerk@las-cruces.org)

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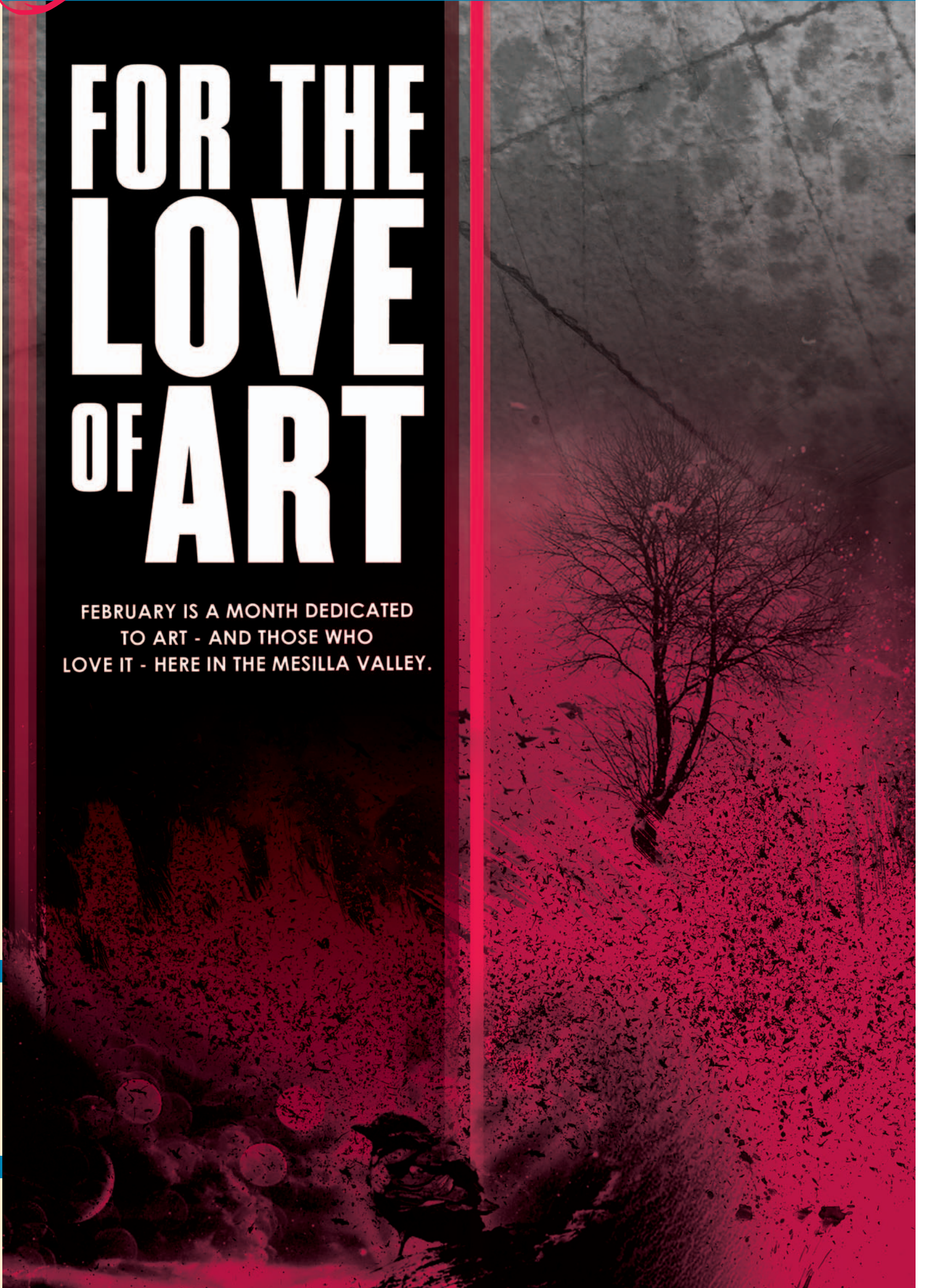
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## NEXT WEEK

**'The Mousetrap'**  
LCCT production of Agatha  
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# FOR THE LOVE OF ART

FEBRUARY IS A MONTH DEDICATED  
TO ART - AND THOSE WHO  
LOVE IT - HERE IN THE MESILLA VALLEY.





# Oh, for the love of art!

## A monthlong celebration of all things art

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

February, with its inclusion of that most romantic of holidays, Valentine's Day, seems to be a month devoted to love.

Skip the chocolates, save yourself the trip to the jeweler, leave the teddy bears for the children and the roses on the bush. Instead, why not treat your sweetheart to a month of great art, performance and music. After all, February is For the Love of Art Month in southern New Mexico.

For the Love of Art Month began in 1998 as a way to show appreciation for art in all its forms. Since its inception 15 years ago, February has become a feast of fantastic visual and performing arts.

The idea behind setting aside an entire month devoted to

the arts was a way "to respect and rejoice in all of the arts, be it theater, dance, performance art, fine art, music, writing – really the whole collective of the arts," said Flo Hosa Doughtry, an early ArtForms member and studio tour participant.

The group that works tirelessly to continue bringing the best of the arts to the Mesilla Valley, ArtForms New Mexico, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that supports all artistic forms – visual, literary and performing – "because art, artists and the business of art are vital to the social and economic development of our community," according to the ArtForms website.

Thanks to the efforts of ArtForms members, February is packed with art openings, studio and gallery tours, performances and special art events around town. There's so much going on, in fact, that it's almost a shame For the Love of Art falls in February – the shortest month of the year.

"Many organizations set February aside for this special celebration," Doughtry said. "There are just so many activities going on this month that there isn't enough days to fit them all in."

For its 15th anniversary, For the Love of Art Month is bigger, better and busier than ever.

The celebration kicks off Friday, Feb. 1, with the ArtForms Members Show at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The opening reception will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., and includes refreshments and music provided by the Overcome Band.

The Branigan Cultural Center will be just one epicenter of events during For the Love of Art Month, with performances and shows continuing throughout February. From noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, La Sociedad para las Artes, a local and national poetry group, will give a reading, demonstrating the established literary and poetic talent found in the Mesilla Valley.

The following week, from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, the Shape Note Singers will perform. Shape note singing is a form of musical notation used to facilitate community or congregational singing introduced in the late 19th century. This unique sound and style of singing is an experience all its own.

On the final Saturday of For the Love of Art Month, the group Percussion 10+1 will take to the stage with its own diverse percussion sounds.

It's not just the Branigan Cultural Center that will house great art events in February, though.

From 1 to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15-16, the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., will be home to the works of nearly a hundred regional artists, including jewelry, paintings, blown glass, ceramics, fiber art, metal art, watercolors, photography, street art and more.

Three regional artists, Yolanda Martinez, Bob Diven and, in memoriam, Ramon Escalante will be honored at 11 a.m. Feb. 16, during the LCCC show.

Escalante was a wood and leather artist who created works that echoed his Mexican-Indian heritage and the Southwest, which he loved so very much. Without any formal training as an artist, Escalante managed to become quite accomplished in his field until his passing in 2010.

Diven, writer, designer, actor, painter, sculptor, director, illustrator and true Las Cruces "renaissance man," is a nationally known artist and performer. Many locals may recognize Diven as the Renaissance ArtsFaire's Robert the Ratcatcher, firing furry varmints across Young Park with the help of his trusty Ratapult. Diven will have his art available at the LCCC show and will be on hand to discuss his current projects.

Martinez, NAMA (Native American Music Award) winning recording artist, painter and drum maker will also be honored at the LCCC show. Martinez has earned an international reputation, winning awards for her performing and singing, most recently in 2011, and traveling all over the world teaching drumming classes and performing. She will have drums

### Details

#### ArtForms Member Exhibition

##### When

5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1

##### Where

Branigan Cultural Center,  
501 N. Main St.

#### Las Cruces Convention Center show

##### When

- 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16

##### Where

Las Cruces Convention Center,  
680 E. University Ave.

##### Cost

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##### Webpage

[www.artformsnm.org](http://www.artformsnm.org)

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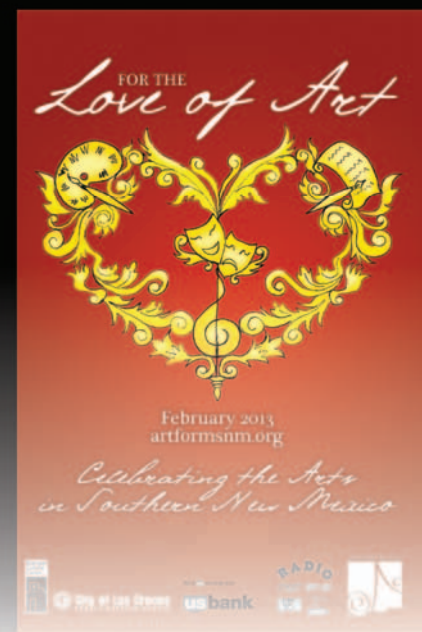
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# FOR THE LOVE OF ART



available at the show, and will be giving performances at 4 p.m. Feb. 15, and 3:45 p.m. Feb. 16.

The LCCC show will also feature the work of high school students from Alma d'Arte Charter High School, who will be show not only their skills in street art and performance art, but their culinary prowess as well.

In addition, the Alma d'Arte Flamenco dancers will perform over the weekend, but the won't be the only ones. Performances from Frank Lovato, Anthony James, Laura Humphreys and a second performance of Percussion 10+1 will also take place at the LCCC.

These are only a just a few of the great events, openings, performances and activities taking place over the course of For the Love of Art Month. For a more complete list, visit [www.artformsnm.org](http://www.artformsnm.org), or stop in to any one of these events and pick up a schedule.

February in the Mesilla Valley is, at its simplest, a celebration – a celebration of art, of the passion it requires and the joy it brings, of the emotions it is able to convey and, ultimately, the personal connections we form and the bonds we strengthen, all through a shared love of art.

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Las Cruces artisan Yolanda Martinez plays a homemade drum at her home in the foothills of the Organ Mountains that she said she loves so much.

## Featured artist: *Yolanda Martinez*

# Following her passion

## Artisan answers to her Spirit's calling

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Some people know what they want to be from a very young age.

Others never seem to find their place in the world, waiting and wandering their whole lives, while still others find a calling only after years of searching.

For Yolanda Martinez, drummer and musician, it struck like a bolt out of the blue.

"The gift of the drum came in 1987. It was a calling I simply could not ignore," she said.

To hear Martinez – who sings, chants, plays a variety of instruments, makes drums and even paints – describe her beginnings as a drummer, what's clear is that she is driven by a passion that many only hope to find in their lifetimes.

Martinez, who is one of three artists to be honored during February's For the Love of Art Month show at the Las Cruces Convention Center Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16, will be giving two performances that weekend, at 4 p.m. Feb. 15, and 3:45 p.m. Feb. 16.

Martinez was born in Carlsbad and traveled all over the world before coming to Las Cruces in 1999. She has spent her life following her callings, whatever they present themselves to be.

In 1986, though, after several years in the title and escrow business, Martinez said she received a message from Spirit to make drums, and, the following year, she made her first.

"I didn't realize the drum was going to be such a huge part of my journey and a huge part of what I was to become," she said.

Martinez's journey has taken her not only all over the country, but also all over the world, holding drumming workshops across Europe, including an upcoming jaunt to Norway and Ireland, among other places.

While drumming is Martinez's calling, her music is just as important – and well received.

"The drum came first," she said, "and that's what led me to take music seriously."

In 1993, Martinez made her first recording, "Resounding

Spirituality," and has since released 13 albums of her own music and chanting, including three albums in 2012 alone, "Awakening," "Amazing Grace/Sublime Grazia" and "Songs of Joy," a collection of Christmas-themed tracks.

Martinez is also the recipient of four nominations and three NAMMY awards, the prize given to winners in the Native American music category at the Grammy Awards.

She took home top honors in 2004, receiving the award for Best Female Artist for her album "Native Heartbeat," and shared honors with other Native American musicians in two separate wins for collective works.

This journey is extremely important to Martinez, and through life experiences is where she finds her inspiration.

"We have to live, to experience, to find our niche," she said. "We have to look for it, work for it, ask for it and then it will come."

"It's all I've ever asked for since I was a child, and you have to work for it to prove to Spirit you really want it, that you're willing to do what it takes to pursue."

Martinez speaks a lot about Spirit and how important it's been to her life journey. Another word you'll hear her say often is "passion," and that's one thing she has in no short supply.

"When we follow our passion," she said, "our creativity keeps flowing because we're following and doing what we love. Following my passion is what keeps me going ... and going and going."

"But these batteries are still going strong," she said with a laugh, conjuring visions of a certain drumming rabbit that never seems to tire of his performance – not an ill-fitting image at all.

### Details

#### Yolanda Martinez

##### When

4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15  
3:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16

##### Where

Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

##### Website

www.yolandasdrums.com



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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<b>FRI. JAN 25</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>
People & Stories	Branigan Library
<b>FRI. JAN 25</b>	<b>3 P.M.</b>
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4th Sunday Movie: Hospitalite	Branigan Library
<b>SUN. JAN 27</b>	<b>2:30 P.M.</b>
The Fantasticks	Black Box Theatre
<b>TUE. JAN 29</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
Read to Me – Storytime ages 3 & Up	Branigan Library
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LC Farmers & Crafts Market	Downtown Main St.
<b>WED.+THU. JAN 30+31</b>	<b>10 A.M.</b>
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Mother Goose Time	Branigan Library



### ONGOING EVENTS:

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- Camino del Arte - 2nd Saturday of the Month 11am-3pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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# What's the use of wond'rin'

## Medoff's 'Carousel' meets high expectations

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The big question is: "Was it worth it?"

With all the hype, with all the press releases, with all the on-air and print interviews – not to mention the large budget – the big question is: Did the Las Cruces Symphony-sponsored mega-staging of Rodgers and Hammerstein's landmark musical "Carousel" fulfill all the excitement it generated?

In a word, "yes!"

For this reviewer, the production was memorable on so many counts.

My wife and I have been Las Cruces Symphony subscribers for many years, and I am pleased to report that in addition to a number of familiar faces who sit near us at each subscription concert, it was heartening to see the potential for many new subscribers who filled up the seats at the "Carousel" performance we attended Saturday, Jan. 19, as well as the three additional sold out performances over the course of last weekend. More musicals ought to be on the Las Cruces cultural horizon in the coming years.

The cast of professional singers in the leading roles was uniformly of an extremely high quality. Led by Jessica Medoff and Mark Womack in the central roles of wary ingenue Julie Jordan and the charismatic carousel barker with the wandering eye, Billy Bigelow, each performer had their moments to glisten and blend their voices together. "If I Loved You" was a highlight and revelation for me, even after hearing the song innumerable times.

Maria Elena Armijo and Donald Groves played off of each other perfectly as the flirtatious Carrie Pipperridge and the young fisherman/entrepreneur Enoch Snow. "When the Children Are Asleep" was especially sweet, witty and well sung.

Ian Sidden and Janet Mazdra were appropriately "creepy" as the heavies in the story, Mrs. Mullen and Jigger Craigin. It is a challenge to come off as a villain, when in reality you are a warm, compassionate person, as I know Janet to be.

I wish the glorious mezzo soprano Millinee Bannister

would have looked and dressed a little older than her years. She appeared and dressed more as a contemporary of Julie and Carrie, while the role of Julie's aunt, Nettie Fowler, calls for her to be more of a comforter/mentor. No matter, her renditions of "June is Bustin' Out All Over," "This Was a Real Nice Clambake" and the most famous, "You'll Never Walk Alone" showed off her strength, stamina and vocal skills magnificently.

Director Mark Medoff and Maestro Lonnie Klein had the luxury of working with these artists who did not come to Las Cruces on the fly a day or so before the production. Instead, they were here for a number of weeks and cemented and honed their portrayals of the very complex characters they portrayed.

A wide cross section of local talent spanning decades also brought flavor to the overall production. The dancers, under Debra Knapp's watchful and creative direction, were a particular highlight of the ensemble cast. It did cross my mind that I could imagine Agnes De Mille, the original choreographer of "Carousel," rapidly doing pirouettes in her grave knowing that in this production the carousel poles became vehicles for pole dancers.

Putting together a scenic design on a stage with no fly space is a challenge, but master craftsman and designer Bob Diven more than rose to the occasion. His use of light projections, and careful scenic and lighting design was just enough so as not to be too obtrusive.

I am not sure if the updating of the story by Mark Medoff, was a wise choice as I reported a couple of weeks ago. The addition of a prologue, which gives us a back story on Billy and Julie, is clever, but I am not sure that an early 21st century mindset really carries through with the rest of the characters.

Words cannot fully express my admiration of Mark Medoff, who moved the cast on the stage with care and grace, Klein, who kept the music going and maintained the proper acoustical balance between the orchestral and vocal blendings, Knapp, who interpreted the movements defined by the music to her dancers who executed them to perfection and, last but by no means least, Diane Schutz, another community treasure, who



Photos by Mike Groves

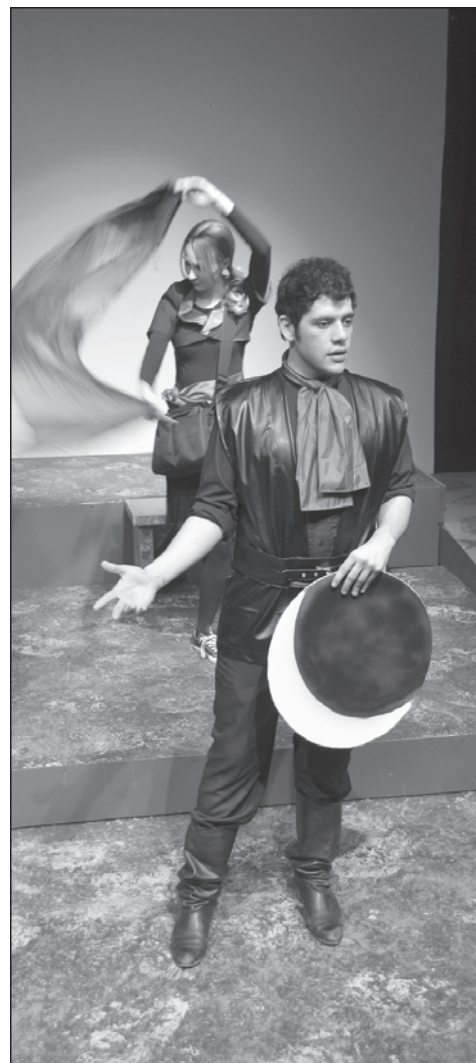
**Director Mark Medoff gives notes to cast member Don Groves during a rehearsal of "Carousel."**

clearly helped the large cast understand how important it is to be "one voice."

It is apparent that so many individuals not only inspired each other over the course of the past few months in assembling this exceptionally intricate production, they planted the seeds for future productions that will involve more members of our community.

What a privilege to attend this magnificent production. May our community continue to support more cultural events of this quality. Like Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha," may we continue to dream impossible dreams and reach unreachable stars.

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**"The Fantasticks," the latest production by No Strings Theatre Company, will be performed at the Black Box Theatre through Sunday, Feb. 10.**

# Try to remember

## Black Box extends 'Fantasticks'

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Word of mouth certainly travels quickly in our town. Ceil Herman, artistic director of No Strings Theatre Company, has another hit on her hands.

On the day following the opening night performance of "The Fantasticks" at the Black Box Theatre, I received notice that the reservations were pouring in, and the positive word of mouth was on the street. Herman has made the decision to extend the show for an additional weekend. It will now conclude its run on Sunday, Feb. 10. Details and ticket purchase information are located at the end of this review.

The original production of this historic musical opened off Broadway at the Sullivan Street Theatre May 3, 1960, and ran for an unbelievable 17,162 performances, closing on Jan. 13, 2002. Famous performers such as Liza Minnelli, Elliott Gould, F. Murray Abraham, Glenn Close, Keith Charles, Kristin Chenoweth, Bert Convy, Eileen Fulton, Lore Noto (the show's long-time producer), Dick Latessa, and Martin Vidnovic appeared in the off-Broadway and touring production throughout its long run.

"The Fantasticks" is one of the most widely

produced musicals in the world, with more than 11,000 productions to date in 3,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, as well as in 67 countries and two National Parks – Yellowstone and our own White Sands National Monument.

A successful revival opened on Aug. 23, 2006, at the Jerry Orbach Theatre (renamed in memory of the noted actor and television performer who was the original El Gallo) and currently runs starring teen heartthrob Aaron

Carter and John Davidson, television performer who starred as Matt in the first off-Broadway production.

The Black Box production is staged with simplicity and panache by Karen Caroe, who uses the production to enhance the talents of a significant number of her eight children. All do a fine job. The cast is filled out by other local talents, most notably the always dependable and com-

mendable Algernon D'Amassa and Walter Carr. The comic sense of timing of these fine actors is excellent.

The young lovers, Emmalyn Holden and Dustin Hadfield, are nuanced and appropriately innocent. I wish Matthew Isaac as El Gallo was a tad more sinister, although his voice is charming.

Mark Hammersmith and Stephen Caroe were appropriately annoying, as their parts

are written to be performed, but the shining, ever present North Star of the performance is Tiffany Tyson in the challenging role of The Mute. How she is able to remember all the bits of stage business she must accomplish to keep the story moving along is beyond my ability. She does so with grace, effortlessness and unobtrusiveness.

Dena Hurab's scenic design is full of props, costumes and set pieces that are like old friends to those of us who have been attending Black Box Theatre productions for years. Here's a wink to Peter Herman. We know your hand extends far beyond the lighting design for which you are credited in the play program.

In sum, it is easy to see why Tom Jones' (not that Tom Jones) and Harvey Schmidt's musical, based on an early work by Rostand, has endured for all these years. Who does not like to see a show with an easy-to-follow plot, delightful, hummable tunes such as "Try to Remember," "Soon It's Gonna Rain" and "They Were You" and compelling, refreshing performances.

I would be remiss not to note the outstanding accompaniment by Sarah Williams and Sharon Nelson-Hammersmith.

Make your reservations now. You won't be disappointed.

Performances of "The Fantasticks" run through Sunday, Feb. 10. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and 10, and a Thursday evening performance at 7 p.m. Jan. 31. Tickets are \$10 regular admission, \$9 students and seniors older than 65, and all tickets on Thursday are \$7. To make reservations, call 523-1223.

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# Galleries & Openings

## LAST CHANCE

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents "Life in Reflection: The Photography of Mary Daniels Taylor," a retrospective exhibit of Mesilla artist Mary Daniels Taylor.

Taylor was an avid historian and photographer, and "Life in Reflection" is a peek into her journeys from candid shots of her children to beautiful landscapes and mesmerizing portraits of people she found on her travels. Taylor, who passed in 2007, was the wife of former state Rep. J. Paul Taylor, who retired from the Legislature in 2004. The exhibit will remain up through Saturday, Jan. 26.

The cultural center also presents "Pueblo to Pueblo: The Legacy of Southwest Indian Pottery" Pueblo pottery is an artistic tradition of the American Southwest "Pueblo to Pueblo" displays more than 100 years of artifacts that date from mid-19th to mid-20th centuries.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154 or visit [www.las-cruces.org/museums](http://www.las-cruces.org/museums).

**THE TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents Micah Pearson's "Digital Dreams," a show that moves through space and time, demonstrating the potential for artistic expression using mixed media including photography, hand drawing and digital modeling and manipulation. The exhibit will run through Wednesday, Jan. 30.

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

## OPENING

**THE CUTTER GALLERY** will host an opening for artist and jewelry designer Jo-An Smith. The opening will be

from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Smith's show, titled "Exciting Explorations," will include an exciting series of watercolors and oils inspired by outer space, as well as her unique gold jewelry creations. The show will remain on display through March 8.

The 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.

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** present the 2013 faculty triennial exhibition, "In This Corner," with a special artist reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25.

"In This Corner" presents triennial exhibition artists with the challenge of making either a site-specific work for display in the UAG or to install their work in a way that engages with the abundance of corners in the gallery space. Participating artists are all on faculty or staff of the NMSU art department. The show will remain on display through Feb. 23.

The UAG is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, 1390 E. University Ave. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information call 646-2545 or visit [www.nmsu.edu/artgal](http://www.nmsu.edu/artgal).

## ONGOING

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** features the works of three New Mexico artists, Paul Lawrence, Olin West and Nolan Winkler, for the month of January. These three artists start Unsettled Gallery's 2013 exhibition schedule with their compelling, colorful, dramatic and thought-provoking work. The show will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 2.

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

**ROKOKO GALLERY** will display "Refrigerator Art Show" on display through Saturday, Feb. 23. The "Refrigerator Art Show" features primarily small works, ones deemed worthy of hanging on the family refrigerator. The show also includes several larger pieces.

Rokoko Gallery is located at 1785 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 405-8877 or visit [www.rokokoart.com](http://www.rokokoart.com).

**MESQUITE ART GALLERY** will feature a collection of White Sands photographs for the month of January.

During the fall and winter months, the low sun provides a wonderful light on the gypsum dunes – you can capture beautiful images at almost all times of the day.

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

**MOUNTAIN GALLERY** will feature the Las Cruces Arts Association's "Small Works" for the month of January. The cooperative artists have many new works by several new artists. The cooperative, part of the LCAA, is a group of artists working in many media including fabric art, oil paint, pastels, silk paintings, watercolors and glass work. The show will run through the end of January.

Mountain Gallery is located at 138 W. Mountain Ave.



"New Day" by Jo-An Smith will be one of the works on display at Cutter Gallery for the month of February. An opening reception for Smith will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 652-3485.

**M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY** features a wide variety of art, sculpture, jewelry and gifts for all price ranges. The gallery has acquired some new pieces, including a piece by Sally Ritter; a watercolor by F. Luis Mora; a gold, silver and bronze religious desk piece; and a Baccarat crystal holy water font.

M. Phillip's Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** will feature for the month of January the work of two photographers, Ali Keyes and Alexander Erickson.

Keyes uses a wide range of subject matter. She studied in Virginia schools and under the supervision of her artist mother, who also owned an art gallery. Keyes has received numerous awards, is a member of a number of local art organizations and is on the board of the City of Las Cruces Art Loan Program.

Erickson, also from Las Cruces, specializes in the use of metallic photo paper, capturing electrifying night storms.

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, Suite

A. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

**NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM** presents "Mesilla Valley Weavers: Threads Through Time." This diverse exhibition features 44 different woven works from the artists of the Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild. The exhibit will be in the arts corridor through March.

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

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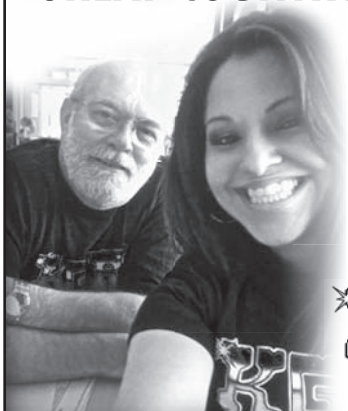
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# EventsCalendar

## FRI. 1/25

**5 to 8 p.m. Open mic,** NMSU Barnes & Noble, University and Jordan avenues. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

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

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## SAT. 1/26

**9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm Volunteer days,** 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.

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**2 p.m. Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library annual meeting,** Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Officers will be elected and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend. Free. Call 528-9891.

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## SUN. 1/27

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase,** Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The showcase brings together the best businesses and contacts to

help make your special day perfect. Cost \$5 advance, \$7 at the door. Call 522-1232.

**2 to 5 p.m. Bingo event for "Online" the motion picture,** The Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave. Bingo fundraiser, silent auction and 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going to "Online," the motion picture, and Mesilla Valley C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Cost \$25. Call 312-8760.

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## THU. 1/31

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**Noon to 1:30 p.m. Love of Lit reading,** Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. As a part of For Love of Art month, readers will include Ellen Young, Gerry Stork, Joseph Somoza, Dick Thomas, Peter Goodman, Dael Goodman, Frank Varela, Joanne Townsend, LeeAnn Meadows, Tim Staley and Polly Evans. Free. Call 541-2154.

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Marissa Bond and Donny Prorise rehearse a scene between Mollie Ralston and Christopher Wren in "The Mousetrap."

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

## Spring-loaded suspense Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap' baits audiences with a classic whodunit

By David Salcido  
Las Cruces Bulletin

There's a mystery afoot and Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) has it. In fact, it's arguably the most famous murder mystery ever written for the stage. It's certainly the longest running, according to The Guinness Book of World Records.

The play in question is Dame Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," which opened in London in 1952 and just celebrated its 60th anniversary and 25,000th performance in November 2012. As records go, it's a hard one to beat.

Chosen as one of the seven "blockbuster" performances to celebrate LCCT's 50th anniversary, "The Mousetrap" opens Friday, Feb. 1, for an exclusive three-weekend engagement, under the direction of No Strings Theatre Company Artistic Director Ceil Herman. It will be the first time the show has been seen on the LCCT stage since it opened the 1964-65 season to rave reviews.

Will lightning strike twice? Herman believes so. It helps that she's something of a fan of the play herself.

"The Mousetrap" was a blockbuster in a previous production by LCCT," Herman said. "I have seen it twice in London and enjoy the depth of characters in this play, versus other mystery whodunits where the characters are very superficial."

In fact, though the play was written in the middle of the past century, a very different time by any standard, the themes of the play continue to resonate with modern audiences.

To begin with, it was written by one of the progenitors of the drawing room mystery genre and has been imitated more often

than any other stageplay this side of William Shakespeare. For another, it addresses issues that were considered shocking at the time, but sadly continue to plague our society even today.

"I think the issues of child abuse, unfortunately, are very much still with us," Herman said. "In addition, the question of what makes a child become a young adult killer — as in the recent tragedies at Columbine and Sandy Hook — is always an interesting one."

What can audiences expect from this particular production? In addition to a set constructed by LCCT mainstays Larry Chandler and Doug Robey and crisp direction by Herman herself, she admits that the highlight will be "excellent performances from local actors."

In Christie's most popular creation, the story swirls around a group of strangers trapped together at a manor house during a blizzard. As one would expect, they soon discover that one of them may be a murderer. The characters, though they may appear stock by today's standards, were original trademarks of Christie at the time they were written.

Could it be one of the newlyweds, Giles or Mollie Ralston (played with electric chemistry by Rafael Medina and Marissa Bond), whose rampant suspicions fuel the murderer's cat-and-mouse manipulations?

Could it be the spinster with a curious background, Miss Casewell, or the neurotic architect, Christopher Wren (played delightfully by NSTC regulars Katie Hulbert and Donny Prorise)?

How about the retired Army officer Major Metcalf (Gorton Smith) or the odd Italian, Mr. Paravicini (Armando Sarabia), who claims his car overturned in a snow drift?

With imperiously unpleasant Mrs. Boyle (Nikka Ziemer) and by-the-book Detective Sgt. Trotter (Sloan Patton) rounding out the cast, the stage is set for a classic whodunit that has kept audiences guessing for more than six decades, right up until the very last scene.

With all the elements in place, Janet Mazdra, vice president of public relations at LCCT, said this production will present a winning combination for Las Cruces theatergoers.

"When Ceil submitted 'The Mousetrap' for our 50th season, we felt certain that the appeal of Agatha Christie's thriller, the longest-running play in theater history, coupled with Ceil's experience, talent and fan base would be a wonderful addition to our anniversary celebration season," she said.

"Ceil directed her first show at LCCT and discovered her love for directing through opportunities provided at our theater over the years. It only seemed right to have her in the directorial mix here once again. She is a vital part of the thriving theatre community here in Las Cruces and we are proud to welcome her back home for 'The Mousetrap.'"

## Details

### Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'

#### When

8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16  
2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 10 and 17

#### Where

Las Cruces Community Theatre  
313 N. Main St.

#### Cost

Adults \$10; students/seniors/  
military \$9; Children 6 and  
younger \$7

#### Contact

523-1200



# AtTheMovies

## Hunt shines as sex surrogate

'The Sessions' is one of 2012's best films

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

Rolling Stone film critic Peter Travers notes in his review of the fantastic film "The Sessions," "getting laid is a bitch for most people."

Well, that certainly has a ring of truth for many people, and it was very true for Mark O'Brien (played by John Hawkes), a real life poet and journalist who was confined to an iron lung due to polio from the age of 6.

O'Brien was the subject of an Oscar winning documentary back in the late '90s, "Breathing Lessons," and this new feature film is based on his own remembrance titled "On Seeing a Sex Surrogate."

In the film, O'Brien is 38, and feeling a tad mortal. The iron lung doesn't constrain him entirely, and he is able to be outside of it for short periods of time. He apparently had only three working muscles – one in his right foot, another in his jaw and a third in his neck, but that didn't deter him from having an active and brilliant mind and the physical and emotional needs we all have.

After much consternation and discussion with the priest of his church, deliciously played by William H. Macy, O'Brien decides that he doesn't want to die a virgin.

Now, don't interpret his wish and need as something akin to a moronic comedy of high school students trying to bed the cheerleading squad. O'Brien has serious misgivings about his need, especially since it would require sex out of wedlock, a church teaching he takes quite seriously.

But with the sometimes half-hearted (and often funny) support of the priest, O'Brien contacts sex surrogate Cheryl Cohen-Greene, exquisitely and gently played by Oscar-nominated Helen Hunt.

In a previous attempt to resolve his dilemma, O'Brien ran a humorous ad with a photo of himself that



Mark O'Brien (John Hawkes) is a poet paralyzed from the neck down who decides to not die a virgin, and hires a sex surrogate named Cheryl Cohen-Greene (Helen Hunt) to help fulfill his wish. "The Sessions" is now showing at the Fountain Theatre.

read, "I am looking for an intelligent, literate woman for companionship and, perhaps, sexual play. I am, as you see, completely paralyzed, so there will be no walks on the beach."

Sex surrogates are real, of course (Cohen-Greene still works as a surrogate, and is a cancer survivor now 68 years old), and Hunt brings such a vibrant, touching and realistic addition to the film that I immediately forgot she was Helen Hunt.

Their first meeting is one to set up what she does, how to proceed and boundaries – mostly emotional ones. O'Brien, still rather shy about the whole thing, uses his disarming wit and complete honesty as he works with Greene. She will only see a client a set number of times (six in this case) and each meeting moves ahead in stages.

In spite of her rules and precautions, if you watch closely, you can see the beginning of an emotional bond form between the two almost immediately. Greene is married and O'Brien wants to be, having proposed to a previous caretaker (he has full-time help at

home) who is unable to face him to tell him that she loves him, but not in that way.

Hunt's bravura performance as Greene is remarkable. Of course, the script requires her to be naked several times, something she does with compassion and a lack of shyness. It's not nudity for the sake of nudity, but rather as a form of therapy. Hawkes ("Winter's Bone" and "Deadwood"), who stars magnificently as O'Brien, is also completely believable in a most difficult role. His entire character is played through his voice, facial expressions and eye movement.

The film follows him on some of his daily routines, which includes his writing, achieved by using a stick to type and dial a phone (this is 1988), and who, in spite of his disease, is hopeful and upbeat most of the time.

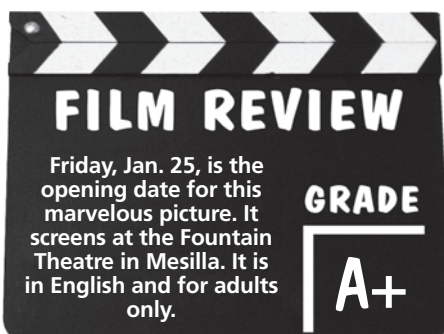
As their sessions continue and they move closer to sexual intimacy, we watch as Greene and O'Brien grow closer. It is moving and painful, the most tender and difficult sort of "forbidden love."

Both leads were nominated for Golden Globe Awards and Hawkes should have been nominated for an Oscar as well.

O'Brien died in 1999, but also had a real girlfriend later on, and once proudly proclaimed to her that he was not a virgin.

Do not miss this beautifully written (the screenplay writer is also afflicted with polio) and acted film. It was on my "best of" list for 2012, and certainly should be on yours as well.

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Hunt as sex surrogate Cohen-Greene

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# Kicking back at the M FIVE grand opening

Photos by Steve MacIntyre

M FIVE owner Marci Dickerson and server Allissa Williamson had a busy Saturday night, Jan. 19, during the opening weekend of the bar and night spot.



Tammy Menzies, Naomie Ontiveros, Hope Carreon, Cshel Clark, AJ Carlson, Cynthia Avalos, Doreen Calzada and Karen Roth enjoy a night out at the opening weekend of M FIVE.



Sarah Kuehnlentz, Kat Donovan and Amy Hamilton celebrated the opening of M FIVE Friday, Jan. 18.



Sonny Padilla, bass player and lead singer of local band Steppin' Up, entertains the crowd.




Sarah Garcia and Irma Avila toast to the opening of M FIVE.



Elizabeth Comparin and Katrina Doolittle dance to the music of Steppin' Up.

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# The Music Scene

## Featured entertainers: *Blaze the Nation and Tommy Chong*

# Still smokin' after all these years

## Locals open for comedian Tommy Chong

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Far out, man.  
Las Cruces rock/reggae/hip-hop group Blaze the Nation will take the stage at the Las Cruces Convention Center at 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, to open for legendary stoner comedian (and one half of comedy duo Cheech & Chong) Tommy Chong, as his nationwide comedy tour puffs its way into the City of the Crosses.

Blaze the Nation's feel-good sounds are sure to get the crowd lifted before the forgetful funnyman takes the stage, the vibe gets right and the guests get the giggles – from the jokes, of course.

Blaze the Nation, founded by guitarists Dennis Hartley and Connor Milbourn in 2008, joined by drummer Corey Ortega, bassist Chris Rodriguez, percussionist Wade Schoenherr and vocalist Anthony Contreras, has been putting crowds in Arizona, Texas and New Mexico in a mellow mood for nearly five years, playing more than 250 shows.

The six members of Blaze the Nation come from different backgrounds, and each finds musical inspiration from different styles and artists. Their influences range from rockers including Jimi Hendrix, Alice in Chains, Red

Hot Chili Peppers, Pink Floyd and The Mars Volta, to crossover reggae groups Sublime and Pepper, to punk bands Rancid and Bad Brains to rappers KRS-One and El-P, just for starters.

Aside from its upcoming gig opening for such an idol, Blaze the Nation is currently in the studio hard at work on a new EP of eight new, all-original tracks, slated for release sometime this spring. In the meantime, they'll continue to rock crowds at bars, clubs and special events all around southern New Mexico.

With more than 40 original songs, as well as a handful of their own new twists on old classics, Blaze the Nation will set the tone for a night filled with jokes and tokes with Mr. "Still Smokin'" himself.

Chong, costar of films such as "Up In Smoke," "Nice Dreams" and the hit TV show "That '70s Show" became a near-household name in the late 1970s and early 1980s when he and partner Cheech Marin's particular brand of world-gazing – namely through red, glassy and half-open eyes – became a counter-culture beacon of sorts, and the duo released a string of successful comedy albums and, later, feature films.

Known for their copious consumption of cannabis and the hilarious hijinks that



**Blaze the Nation (Corey Ortega, Dennis Hartley, Connor Milbourn, Anthony Contreras and Chris Rodriguez) will open for comedian Tommy Chong's Road Show 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.**

invariably ensued – driving a bus made of marijuana across the border, for instance – Cheech and Chong have become living legends to not only a legion of fans, Blaze the Nation counted among them, but to a slew of detractors as well,

### Details

**When**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

**Where**  
Las Cruces Convention Center,  
680 E. University Ave.

**Cost**  
\$35-\$45  
Tickets available at Pic Quik stores and  
[www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com)

**Website**  
[www.blazethenation.com](http://www.blazethenation.com)

who feared their "high"-jinks would destroy the nation's youth.

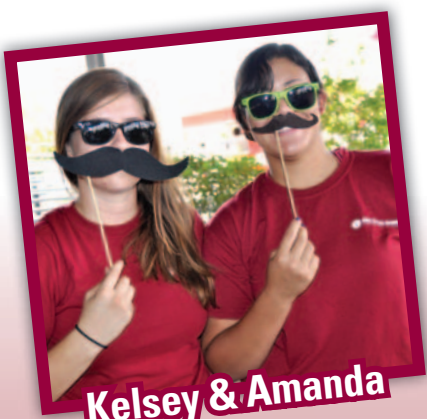
After more than three decades, Cheech and Chong continue to inspire hysterics, often chemically induced, to audiences young and old, and this show should be no different.

Tickets to the show are \$35, \$45 for VIP privileges, and are available at Las Cruces Pic Quik locations as well as online at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com). For more information on Blaze the Nation, including news, upcoming shows, photos, videos and more, visit [www.blazethenation.com](http://www.blazethenation.com).

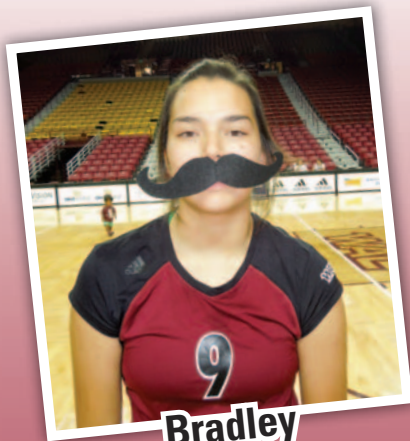
As the old adage goes, where there's smoke, there's fire, and Blaze the Nation's is just starting to catch.

Try not to cough too hard to see it.

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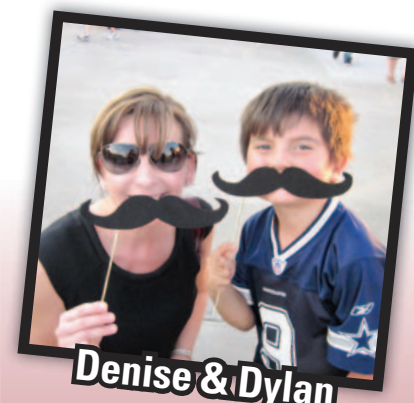
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## Eat healthy, be happy

### Mountain View Market Kitchen prepares new location

By Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As far as problems in the restaurant business go, Mountain View Market Café has the best kind. Caitlin Karrenberg, kitchen coordinator, and Mo Valko, marketing coordinator of Mountain View Market Café, said sales over the last few years have risen so much they can barely accommodate the ever-increasing demand.

"The demand is here and it is not fickle, it's not going away," Karrenberg said, "and we just can't meet it with the space that we have here. We're kind of maxed out - which is a good problem to have."

She's right. For the past few years, Mountain View Market Café has been providing Las Cruces with great, grab-and-go options for a fast meal - and one that doesn't sacrifice quality or healthfulness for the sake of speed.

"There's still not a lot of options for healthy, organic eating in town, especially fast; something you can get for a quick breakfast or lunch," Valko said. "We've seen so much demand for that in-store. It's obvious that people want it."

Well, come the end of February, people will get what they want when the Mountain View Market Kitchen opens its location Downtown at 120 S. Water St.

The menu will include a wealth of new, healthy options for diners, as well as old favorites from the existing café, which will remain open, giving health-conscious diners options.

"It's all expansion," Karrenberg said. "We're not closing anything. People have come in and asked, kind of worried, and we've reassured them we'll still be here."

In addition to the popular refrigerated items and juice bar inside the Mountain View Market Café, the new Mountain View Market Kitchen will carry loads of great new options for the first and second meals of the day for not only vegans, vegetarians and those with food allergies, but - never fear, fellow bacon-lovers - for the carnivores and omnivores, as well.

The new kitchen will feature a lunch menu that includes hot and cold sandwiches and paninis, fresh, locally harvested salads and soups made from local produce and ingredients. For breakfast, diners will find bagels with several spreads, yogurt, granola and fresh fruit and breakfast sandwiches made with your choice of ingredients on your choice of bread.

"One of my goals - and one of the struggles - was being able to accommodate the gluten-free community and the vegan community without ostracizing the meat-lovers and the bread-lovers," Karrenberg said. "I try to keep it equal and balanced. It's not a vegan place, it's not a gluten-free place, but a vegan could come in and find a number of options. Everyone's welcome."

Aside from offering fare that appeals to red-meat or leafy-green devotees alike, Karrenberg said she would like to see the availability - and ease - of this food make organic eating a little less scary for the unacquainted.

"One thing I really strived to do with the menu was keep it open, accessible," Karrenberg said. "For some reason, some places' use of organic ingredients makes them inaccessible. I really wanted to cater to our demographic and that's the demographic of Las Cruces."

Striving for inclusion was only one of Karrenberg's goals for the café. Since Mountain View Market is a co-operative and features a great deal of local produce and products, for the new kitchen, they kept that vision.

### Details

**Mountain View Market Kitchen**  
**Address**  
120 S. Water St.  
**Phone**  
556-9856  
**Hours**  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Monday through Saturday  
Opens late February

**Mountain View Market Café**  
**Address**  
1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M  
**Phone**  
523-0436  
**Hours**  
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Daily



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Zak Hansen  
**Mountain View Market Kitchen Coordinator Caitlin Karrenberg eagerly awaits opening day.**

More than 90 percent of the ingredients used in preparing the food are certified organic. As much as possible, the kitchen strives to use local products. They use bagels from Las Cruces' Bagel Shop, sausage from Kyzer Farms in Albuquerque, eggs from various vendors and beneficial farms in Santa Fe, yogurt from Freanna Yogurt in Clovis and cheese from Tucumcari Mountain Cheese - and that's just for breakfast.

Partnerships with vendors, distributors, farmers and producers across New Mexico have allowed the Mountain View Market Kitchen to use local sourcing for most of its meats, cheeses, dairy products and, of course, vegetables from Mountain View's very own farm as well as others around the state.

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# Traditions kept alive at the SNMMDS Contra Dance

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Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society organizer Julie Schmitt dances with Shawn Ward Friday night, Jan. 18, at Zia Middle School.



Tennessee Dan strums the banjo for contra dancers.



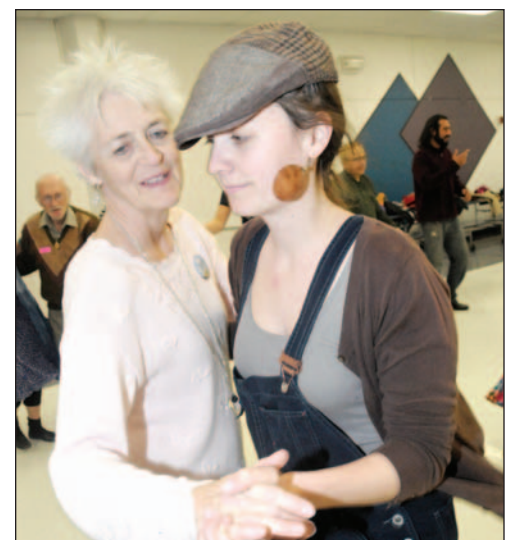
Amanda Formica and Shawn Ward practiced contra dance steps.



Mark Middleton claps after a song. Contra dances are held monthly by SNMMDS, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams.



Colleen Young prepares herself to start the dance.



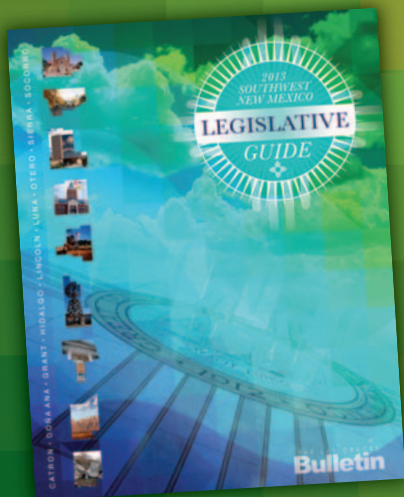
Jackie Claxton and Karen Peters practice their steps. Peters said she would be starting a contra dance group in El Paso.



Middleton lifts Julie Carafano during a dance. A "contra dance" refers to any of a number of partnered, traditional folk dances, including square and line dances.

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FRIDAY EVENING		JANUARY 25, 2013													
		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	Need	Wash	Moyers & Company	Shakespeare	Shakespeare	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Undercover Boss	CSI: NY "Reignited"	Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Ferguson					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Malibu	Shark Tank	(:01) 20/20	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX	8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Kitchen Nightmares	The Following	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Betty	Betty	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon				
CW	14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Nikita "Aftermath"	The Carrie Diaries	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	Til Death			
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN	26	SportCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball: Spurs at Mavericks			Winter X Games From Aspen, Colo. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27	NFL Live	Nation	First	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportCtr	NBA	SportsNation					
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Suits (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene	(:01) "The Mummy"						
TNT	32	The Mentalist	*** "Twister" (1996)	Helen Hunt.	*** "Twister" (1996)	Helen Hunt.	*** "Seabiscuit" (2003, Drama)								
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Worse	Worse	Worse	Worse	** "Monster-in-Law" (2005)	There	There	"Runaway Bride"				
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kroll	Work.	The Burn	Tosh.0	"Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo"	Comedy Cntrl Roast				
LIFE	39	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Teen Trouble (N)	Supernanny	To Be Announced	To Be Announced				
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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	Randy	Randy	Four Weddings (N)	Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy	Randy	Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy	Randy	Four Weddings		
DISC	47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)	Gold Rush (N)	Gold Rush (N)	Bering Sea Gold (N)	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush					
ANPL	50	Fatal Attractions	Infested! (N)	Infested! (N)	Fatal Attractions (N)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Fatal Attractions	Infested! (N)	Fatal Attractions	Infested! (N)					
FAM	51	** "Nanny McPhee Returns"	** "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (2010, Fantasy)	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince
DISN	52	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Austin	Good	"Adventures of Sharkboy"	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Dog	Good		
NICK	54	Turtles	Turtles	Turtles	Turtles	See Dad	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George	
AMC	57	"There's-Mary"	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field.
SYFY	59	Continuum	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Merlin (N)	Continuum										
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper				
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Millions	Millions	Crime Inc.	American Greed	Mad Money	Crime Inc.	American Greed						
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup				

SATURDAY MORNING		JANUARY 26, 2013											
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	22	PBS NewsHour	Builder	Martha	Thomas	Mr. Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Quilt	Sewing	Liv'g	
CBS	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	CBS This Morning: Saturday (In Stereo)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	Liberty	Liberty			
ABC	7	Storms	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Hanna	Ocean	Explore	Rescue			
FOX	8	King	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Proactiv	House	Yng- Skin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today A woman puts her 7-year-old on a diet. (N)	Wiggles	Pajanimals	Poppy Cat	Justin	LazyTown	Noodle			
CW	14	Edenpure	In Style	Tummy	Free	Rescue	Rescue	Sonic X	P. Rangers	Transform.	Justice	Dragon	WWE
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI		
ESPN	26	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N)	College GameDay (N)	College Basketball					
ESPN2	27	Profile: 60	Nation	NFL Live	2013 Australian Open Tennis Women's Final.	SportsCenter (N)	College Basketball						
USA	31	Defrosting	Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	CarMD	Necessary Roughness	White Collar	*** "No Country for Old Men" (2007)					
TNT	32	Dallas	Dallas	"No Good Deed"	Dallas	"Revelations"	Dallas	"Revelations"	*** "Runaway Jury" (2003) John Cusack.				
TBS	33	Rules	Rules	Payne	Browns	There Yet?	Jim	King of the Nerds	** "Runaway Bride" (1999) Julia Roberts.				
COM	35	Weight	Sexy	Comedy	Gary Gulman	(:45) * "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998)	(:45) * "Saving Silverman" (2001)						
LIFE	39	Perfect Bra	CoreBody	Back Fat?	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Skincare	Chris	** "We Were the Mulvaney's"		
FOOD	40	Barbecue	Guy's, Bite	Be. Made	Best Thing	Paula	Paula	Pioneer	Trisha's	Contessa	Giada	Chopped	
HGTV	41	Bryan	Elbow	Buying and Selling	Property	Property	BathCrash	BathCrash	YardCrash	Kit. Crash	Hse Crash	Hse Crash	
A&E	43	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	Flip This House	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas (N)	Brad Meltzer's Dec.		
HIST	44	Top Gear "Big Rigs"	Top Gear "Supercars"	Top Gear	Top Gear	Top Gear "Police Cars"	Top Gear	Top Gear	Top Gear	Top Gear	Brad Meltzer's Dec.		
TLC	45	Zumba Fit	Paid Prog.	Jillian	Paid Prog.	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up		
DISC	47	Sexy	Paid Prog.	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Property	Property	Property	Property
ANPL	50	Pit Boss	Must Love Cats	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		
FAM	51	Boy/World	Boy/World	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971)	*** "Honey, I Shrank the Kids" (1989)								
DISN	52	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Fish Hooks	Phineas	Octonauts	Mickey	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Never Land	Sofia	Phineas	Gravity
NICK	54	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Turtles	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	SpongeBob
AMC	57	Rifleman	Rifleman	*** "The Gunfighter" (1950) Gregory Peck.	** "Seven Ways From Sundown" (1960)	*** "Appaloosa"							
SYFY	59	Cook Safe	New Keurig	Paid Prog.	CarMD	Ghost Mine	Ghost Mine	Ghost Mine	** "Arctic Predator" (2010) Dean Cain.				
CNN	62	Early Start	Sat. Morn	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	Bottom	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	CNN Saturday Morning (N)				
CNBC	63	Derm	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jillian	Hair Loss	Skincare	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Melissa Harris-Perry (N)	Weekends-Witt								

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		JANUARY 26, 2013											
		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	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Kitchen	Mexico	Mexican	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3	College Basketball	Maryland at Duke. (N)	PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. (N) (Live)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.							
ABC	7	Recipe	Food	SMART	Skincare	Shark Tank	X Games Aspen. From Aspen, Colo. (N)	Cook Safe	Reporter				
FOX	8	30 Rock	Paid Prog.	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	*** "Deja Vu" (2006) Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer.	** "The Replacements" (2000)						
NBC	9	Cook Safe	AAA	Red Bull Series	Figure Skating U.S. Championships: Pairs Free & Dance Free Skate. (N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.						
CW	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Animal	Adventures	Mystery	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Bloopers	Bloopers
WGN	15	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI			
ESPN	26	College Basketball	College Basketball	Alabama at Tennessee. (N)	College Basketball								
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	Alabama at Tennessee. (N)	College Basketball								
USA	31	No Country	* "The Condemned" (2007) Steve Austin, Winnie Jones.	** "Fast & Furious" (2009) Vin Diesel.	*** "The Mummy"								
TNT	32	Runaway	(:45) *** "Double Jeopardy" (1999) Tommy Lee Jones.	*** "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. (DVS)									
TBS	33	Runaway	** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez.	Friends	Friends	Friends	King	King	King	Family Guy			
COM	35	Saving Sil	(:45) ** "Beerfest" (2006) Jay Chandrasekhar.	(:45) ** "Austin Powers in Goldmember"	"Harold & Kumar Escape"								
LIFE	39	We Mulvn	* "When Andrew Came Home" (2000)	** "My Sister's Keeper" (2009) Cameron Diaz.	*** "Selena" (1997)								
FOOD	40	Sugar Dome (N)	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant Stakeout	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Rachael v. Guy					
HGTV	41	Love It or List It	Clean Freaks	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl				
A&E	43	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter Kings	Storage	Storage			
HIST	44	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Fort Knox: Secrets Revealed						
TLC	45	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life					
DISC	47	Property	Property	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold					
ANPL	50	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced					
FAM	51	** "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid" (1992, Comedy)	** "The Goonies" (1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin.	** "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"									
DISN	52	Fish Hooks	Jessie	Good Luck Charlie	Shake It	ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Austin	Good Luck	Good Luck	
NICK	54	Power	SpongeBob	Parents	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Marvin	"Fairly Odd Movie"	Parents		
AMC	57	(10:00) *** "Appaloosa" (2008)	** "Hannibal" (2001, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore.	*** "Signs" (2002) Mel Gibson.									
SYFY	59	* "Rage of the Yeti" (2011) David Chokachi.	* "Thor: Hammer of the Gods" (2009)	** "Ogre" (2008, Fantasy) John Schneider.									
CNN	62	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Situation Room									
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Defrosting	Jillian	Sexy	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	MSNBC Live (N)	MSNBC Live (N)	MSNBC Live (N)	MSNBC Live (N)	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera		

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PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Nature (N)	NOVA (N) (CC)	Life on Fire (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Super Bowl's	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Neigh	Mod Fam	Suburg.	Nashville (CC)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	American Idol	Auditions continue. (N)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News	Whitney	Guys-	Law & Order: SVU	Chicago Fire (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon				
CW 14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Arrow	"Vertigo" (N)	Supernatural (N)	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	Rules	Til Death	
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN 26	SportCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball	Miami Heat	at Brooklyn Nets. (N)	NBA Basketball: Lakers	at Suns			SportsCenter (N)	NBA	SportCtr		
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	College Basketball	Texas	at Kansas State.	Soccer Teams	TBA. (N) (Live)								
USA 31	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC)	(DVS)	NCIS (CC)	(DVS)	Necess. Rough	(:01) White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	Necess. Rough					
TNT 32	Castle (CC)	Castle	"Kill Shot"	Castle	"Cuffed"	Castle (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	Cold Case (CC)					
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) (CC)	Office	Office	Conan (CC)			
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	Kroll	Work.	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	Kroll	Colbert	Work.	Kroll	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Double	Double	(:02) Wife Swap	(:02) Wife Swap				
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Bobby's Dinner	Bat	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Bobby's Dinner	Bat				
HGTV 41	Property Brothers	Cousins	Cousins	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	House Hunters	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl				
A&E 43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Shipping	Barter Kings (N)	(:01) Barter Kings	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Shipping			
HIST 44	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American
TLC 45	Cheer Perfection	Here Comes Honey	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection (N)	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey
DISC 47	Moonshiners (CC)	Moonshiners (CC)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)
ANPL 50	Swamp Wars	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys
FAM 51	"My Best Friend's Wedding"	** "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003)	The 700 Club (CC)	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid							
DISN 52	Good	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Good	Jessie	Austin	Shake It	Good	Austin	Dog	Jessie	ANT	Good
NICK 54	Drake	Drake	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC 57	CSI: Miami (CC)	** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993)	Robin Williams. (CC)	Sally Field. (CC)	(:01) ** "Jumanji" (1995)	Robin Williams. (CC)	Mrs. Dfire							
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Ghost Mine (N)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Mine	"War of Worlds"							
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Trash Inc: The	Amer. Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	Amer. Greed	American Greed							
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

THURSDAY EVENING											JANUARY 31, 2013			
	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	News	Frontieras	Masterpiece Classic	Legis	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley			
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest	(:01) Elementary (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Shark Tank (CC)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	(:02) Scandal (N)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	American Idol (N)	Glee "Naked" (N)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News	30 Rock (CC)	Office	1600	(:01) Do No Harm	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon				
CW 14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	The Vampire Diaries	Beauty & Beast	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	Til Death	
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN 26	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)							
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	Basket	NFL Live							
USA 31	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Suits (N)	Necess. Rough	Law & Order: SVU	(:02) Suits							
TNT 32	The Mentalist (CC)	NBA Basketball: Grizzlies	at Thunder	NBA Basketball: Mavericks	at Warriors	Inside the NBA (N)								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	King of the Nerds	Conan (N) (CC)	King of the Nerds	Conan (CC)				
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Work.	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	"Spin Out" (N)	Double	(:01) Dance Moms	(:02) Project Runway	(:02) Project Runway	(:02) Project Runway	(:02) Project Runway				
FOOD 40	Sweet Genius	Restaurant	Stakeout	Anne Burrell	Anne Burrell	Rachael v. Guy	Anne Burrell	Anne Burrell	Anne Burrell	Anne Burrell				
HGTV 41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hawaii	Hawaii	Extreme Homes	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Extreme Homes	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl
A&E 43	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	First 48: Missing	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	(:01) The First 48	First 48: Missing							
HIST 44	Built America	The Men Who Built America (CC)	The Men Who Built America (CC)	(:01) The Men Who Built America (CC)										
TLC 45	Randy	Randy	Randy	Randy	Randy	Randy	What Not to Wear	Randy	Randy	What Not to Wear	Randy	Randy	Randy	Randy
DISC 47	Moonshiners (CC)	Moonshiners (CC)	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Moonshiners (CC)	
ANPL 50	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	Law	North Woods	Law	North Woods	Law	North Woods	Law	North Woods	Law	North Woods	
FAM 51	(4:30) "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"	** "Letters to Juliet" (2010, Drama)	The 700 Club (CC)	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid							
DISN 52	Good	Austin	Austin	Austin	Good	Jessie	Austin	Shake It	Good	"Princess Protection Program"	Jessie	Good		
NICK 54	Drake	Drake	House of Anubis (N)	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George	
AMC 57	"Md Max-Thndr"	** "The Transporter" (2002) (CC)	(:01) *** "Starship Troopers" (1997)	Casper Van Dien. (CC)	"Around the World"									
SYFY 59	Being Human	Continuum	Continuum	Continuum	Lost Girl (CC)	Lost Girl (CC)	Lost Girl (CC)							
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Mexico's Drug War	Death: It's a Living	American Greed	Mad Money	Death: It's a Living	American Greed							
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

# Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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

### BEGINNER

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### CHALLENGER

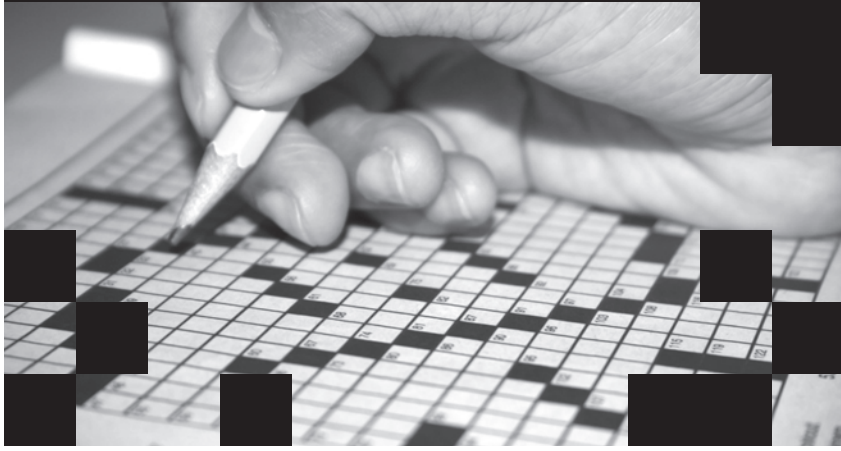
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### EXPERT

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# BrainGames



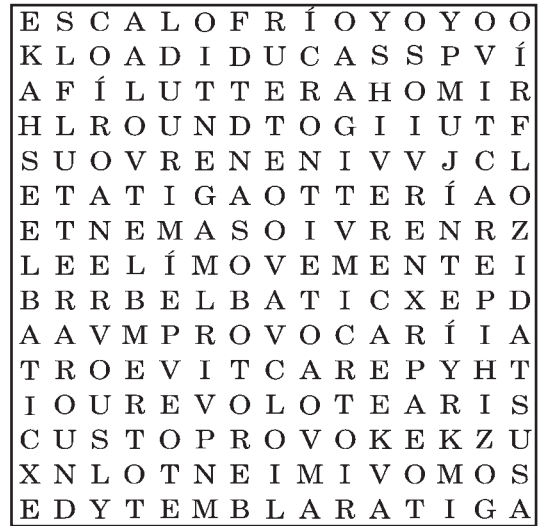
## Word Salsa

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

### I'M ALL WORKED UP

ENGLISH	SPANISH
EXCITABLE	EXCITABLE
FLUTTER AROUND	REVOLOTEAR
HYPERACTIVE	HIPERACTIVO
JUMPY	ASUSTADIZO
MOVEMENT	MOVIMIENTO
NERVOUS	NERVIOSO
NERVOUSLY	NERVIOSAMENTE
SHAKE	SACUDIDA
SHIVER	ESCALOFRÍO
TO AGITATE	AGITAR
TO PROVOKE	PROVOCAR
TO TREMBLE	TEMBLAR

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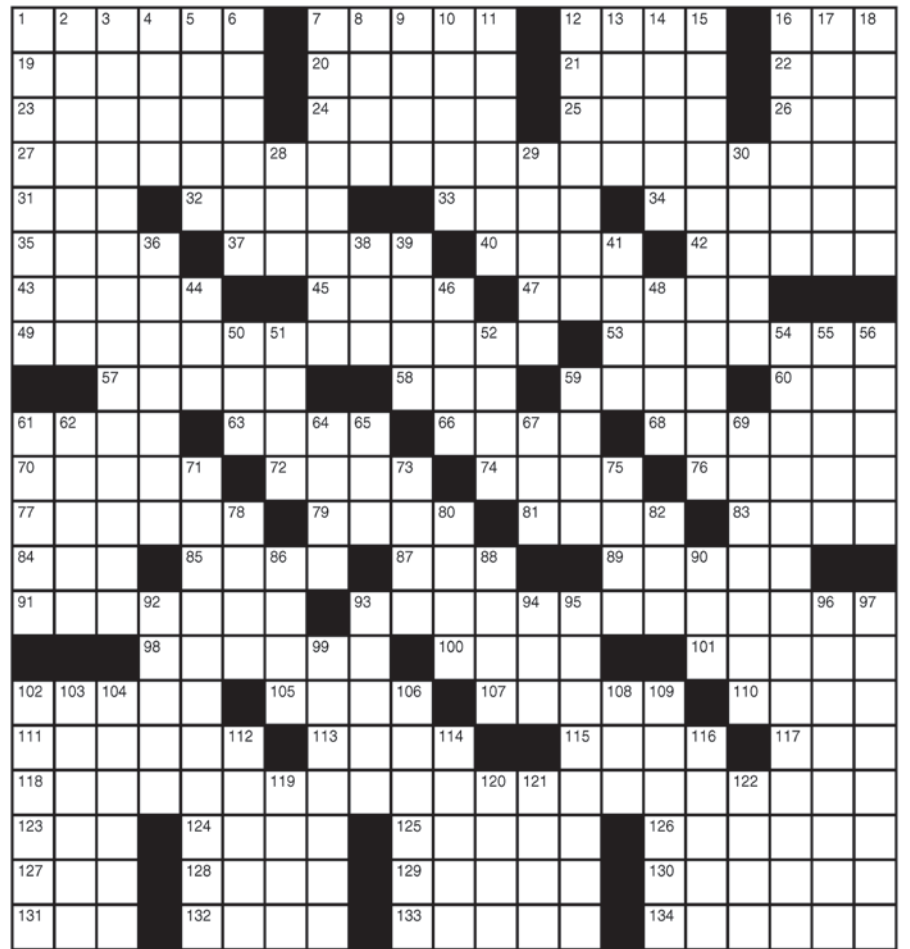
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

- | ACROSS                                  | DOWN                              |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Semiprecious gem                      | 1 Brit Co.                        |
| 12 Uncooked meat danger                 | 2 "Exodus" hero                   |
| 13 Taboo spray                          | 3 Greek letters                   |
| 16 Dissatisfactions                     | 4 Government trade agcy.          |
| 17 Chump                                | 5 Riflemen                        |
| 20 Caesar's three                       | 6 Old World finches               |
| 21 Quarter of four                      | 7 Long-tongued mammal             |
| 22 Shade of color                       | 8 Tony winner Caldwell            |
| 23 Canonized Mlle.                      | 9 Annapolis letters               |
| 24 Power for Fulton                     | 10 Ignited                        |
| 26 Part of ETA                          | 11 NASA outpost                   |
| 27 \$ percentage                        | 13 Distinct                       |
| 28 Marked text to keep                  | 14 Seconding, in a way            |
| 30 Mythical bird                        | 15 Makes a connection with        |
| 31 French king                          | 17 Enough to go around            |
| 32 Vulgarized                           | 18 Of the dawn                    |
| 34 ___ we there yet?                    | 19 Dollar fractions               |
| 35 German article                       | 24 Right now!                     |
| 36 French peaks                         | 25 Restaurant listing             |
| 37 Monarch                              | 28 Loudness units                 |
| 39 Cross or Blue                        | 29 Legendary birthplace of Apollo |
| 40 Letters that blast                   | 32 One who finishes               |
| 41 Female noble                         | 33 Alcohol unfit for consumption  |
| 42 Fateful burden                       | 36 Restaurant employee            |
| 44 Long.'s counterpart                  | 38 In a rustic manner             |
| 45 Self-indulgent sprees                | 41 Metal scum                     |
| 47 Crusaders' foes                      | 43 ___ Domingo                    |
| 49 Muslim weight                        | 46 Torino three                   |
| 50 Sharp taste                          | 48 PC pic                         |
| 51 Marketing agt.                       | 51 Breaks suddenly                |
| 55 Sect members                         | 52 Stored, as records             |
| 59 Govt. med. grp.                      | 53 Lack of punctuality            |
| 60 Adam's youngest                      | 54 ___ Penh, Cambodia             |
| 61 Guthrie's boy                        | 55 Bamboo stems                   |
| 62 ___ up (angry)                       | 56 Squeeze (into)                 |
| 63 Perform on stage                     | 57 Lizard containers              |
| 64 Not the sharpest knife in the drawer | 58 Plan of attack                 |
| 67 Tiger's coach Hank                   | 65 Takes to court                 |
| 69 Bruins' great                        | 66 Miniature hourglass            |
| 70 Definite article                     | 67 Dried-plant collections        |
| 71 Made less smooth                     | 68 Colonial black cuckoos         |
| 73 Period                               | 72 Cartage charge                 |
| 74 Sardine container                    | 84 Med. asst.                     |
| 75 Ancient Greek state                  | 85 Temper                         |
| 76 Panama ___                           | 86 Alcindor or Ayres              |
| 77 Dec. 24th or 31st                    | 87 April 15 org.                  |
| 78 Ticket receipts                      | 88 Leary's acid                   |
| 79 Mine product                         | 89 Summer on the Somme            |
| 80 Notes of scales                      | 90 Saul's uncle                   |
| 81 Dockworkers' org.                    | 91 Critical-care ctrs.            |
| 82 Fit out                              |                                   |
| 83 '60s radical grp.                    |                                   |
| 84 German song of 1941                  |                                   |
| 92 Negative vote                        |                                   |
| 93 Sign up beforehand                   |                                   |
| 94 TV talking heads                     |                                   |

### LINE FOR THE MOVIE

- | ACROSS                                  | DOWN                        |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 Sacred places                         | 105 Stuffed shirt           |
| 7 House shower?                         | 107 Brothers of fairy tales |
| 12 Scrub up                             | 110 Goose on Oahu           |
| 16 Web attachment                       | 111 Insectivorous mammals   |
| 19 Bring about                          | 113 Keel extension          |
| 20 "Butterfield 8" writer               | 115 Castle ring             |
| 21 Back of a kitchen?                   | 117 In the style of         |
| 22 Santa ___, CA                        | 118 "Apollo 13" line        |
| 23 When the early bird gets the worm?   | 123 ___ out of (decline)    |
| 24 Beguiling behavior                   | 124 "Dies ___"              |
| 25 Film over                            | 125 Awry, in a way          |
| 26 Smits of the NBA                     | 126 On cloud nine           |
| 27 "The Wizard of Oz" line              | 127 Stadium cheer           |
| 31 Female sandpiper                     | 128 Former P.M. of Israel   |
| 32 Crystal gazer                        | 129 Empirical philosopher   |
| 33 Composer Schifrin                    | 130 Expiator                |
| 34 Safe haven                           | 131 UFO pilots              |
| 35 Verdi opera                          | 132 Bracket shapes          |
| 37 Faked out, NHL-style                 | 133 Let loose               |
| 40 Baltic capital                       | 134 Monopoly buildings      |
| 42 ___ "The Body" Ventura               |                             |
| 43 Head skin                            |                             |
| 45 Cartman's first name on "South Park" |                             |
| 47 Kutcher of "The Butterfly Effect"    |                             |
| 49 "Funny Girl" line                    |                             |
| 53 Plush yarns                          |                             |
| 57 For two                              |                             |
| 58 Shade at the beach?                  |                             |
| 59 Seedless plant                       |                             |
| 60 Chinese dynasty                      |                             |
| 61 Start from scratch                   |                             |
| 63 In-box missive                       |                             |
| 66 Make-up artist?                      |                             |
| 68 Unbroken                             |                             |
| 70 Malkovich film                       |                             |
| 72 Wyle of "ER"                         |                             |
| 74 Walked heavily                       |                             |
| 76 Gossipy woman                        |                             |
| 77 Freezing rains                       |                             |
| 79 Flatter oneself                      |                             |
| 81 Teamwork obstacles                   |                             |
| 83 Culinary directive                   |                             |
| 84 Mack or Knight                       |                             |
| 85 Stick it out                         |                             |
| 87 Flowers to wear                      |                             |
| 89 Scarlett's love                      |                             |
| 91 Grabs in a flash                     |                             |
| 93 "Dr. No" line                        |                             |
| 98 My, my, my                           |                             |
| 100 Capital of the Shaanxi province     |                             |
| 101 Small drum                          |                             |
| 102 Jetson's dog                        |                             |



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| 46 Unwelcome stocking stuffer | 69 Anti-nuke agreement     | 99 Whys and wherefores        |
| 48 Spelling or Amos           | 71 "All That Jazz" line    | 102 On the beach              |
| 50 Chewy treat                | 73 Crown of light          | 103 Patronize                 |
| 51 Yoked pair                 | 75 Campus quarters         | 104 Verified facts            |
| 52 Troop group                | 78 Drywall support         | 106 Interest                  |
| 54 "Grand Hotel" line         | 80 Group after boomers     | 108 Messy do                  |
| 55 Straight muscles           | 82 Steady as ___ goes!     | 109 Grammy-winning Carey      |
| 56 Ravi Shankar's instrument  | 86 Tarzan's foster parents | 112 French social philosopher |
| 59 Kermit, for one            | 88 Yeah, man!              | 114 Croc cousin               |
| 61 Puts one's feet up         | 90 Ballpark fig.           | 116 Sidekick with a headband  |
| 62 DeGeneres or Greene        | 92 Sponge features         | 119 Hit squarely              |
| 64 "___ Dick"                 | 93 Bankrupt                | 120 Moral weakness            |
| 65 Boat propeller             | 94 Cookie container        | 121 Sultry Sommer             |
| 67 Exist                      | 95 High-spirited           | 122 Rorschach image           |
|                               | 96 Lopsided                |                               |
|                               | 97 Wishful thinkers        |                               |

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**Word Salsa**

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**Diagramless**

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ALLEGORY GOTBY TAV  
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NEBO INFERNO VLADIMIR  
EDNAS SARAN DEADENERS  
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SSGT BONITOS  
HARRYANDTONTONTO  
REHANGS ELKE  
PINKSLIP EINE  
ERNIEBANKS LINE ONTAP  
NEUTRINOS ADDER GETUP  
LAMENESS THEOREM RATA  
APEMEN CHAS ENOL BTW  
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**And Another Thing..**

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**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
After prospecting for gold and minerals for a while, a miner was concerned that his career would not pan out.





# He told us he would be back

## Ahh-nuld returns to make his 'Last Stand'

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Styrian Oak. Arnie. The Terminator. The Governator. The ex-Mr. Maria Shriver. He always said he'd be back.

Bodybuilder-businessman-action-hero-actor-governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the screen for his first leading role in a decade, since 2003's "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" in "The Last Stand."

Now 65 years old (!), Ahh-nuld stars as Ray Owens, a former LAPD narcotics officer who has cordoned himself off as the small-town sheriff of the sleepy Arizona township of Summerton Junction, after a botched operation left him the only surviving member of his squad.

Defeated and wracked with failure, Sheriff Owens has resigned himself to the duties of a small-town sheriff. This seems to entail wearing shorts and boat shoes and dealing with a "schmuck" mayor's Chevy parked in a fire zone.

Meanwhile, because, after all, we are watching a Schwarzenegger movie, an unhinged, Mexican drug czar named Gabriel Cortez (Eduardo Noriega – coincidence?) has escaped from FBI custody in a daring extraction and is headed for the Mexican border – and immunity – in a stolen concept car, a Corvette C6 ZR1, at speeds upwards of 200 mph, with an attractive female FBI agent as his hostage. The only thing standing between him and the border is Sheriff Owens and a ragtag bunch of well-armed misfits making their – sigh – last stand.

Shall I continue?  
"The Last Stand" is pretty much a bust until about half an hour in, when the carnage

really starts. Old, recycled jokes – and recycled old jokes – bog down the first part of the movie, with solidly, stupidly static characters (the idiot-savior, the redeemed petty criminal, the love interest, the evil, indiscriminately-Latin cartel boss), a truly obnoxious performance by the film's second "star," "Jackass" Johnny Knoxville (I swear, that's not me editorializing), and a patently ridiculous setup threaten to make this one more "End of Days" than "True Lies." It's nowhere close to Schwarzenegger's best movies, but it sure isn't anywhere as bad as his worst.

After a tepid first act, "The Last Stand" gets violent, and then it gets really, really good – provided you like this sort of thing.

As Owens says, "I've seen enough bloodshed and death to know what's coming."

Director Kim Jee-Woon, whose 2011 "I Saw the Devil" was one of the best – and most truly horrific, disturbing, yet oddly beautiful – films of that year, has made "The Last Stand" his first American production. This choice surprised me, having seen a number of his other films; this kind of movie I wouldn't expect him to make.

But make it he has and, I'll be damned, once it finds its footing it isn't half bad.

Once the two-dimensional "bad" guys show up, it's nearly an hour of bullets, bombs, blood and beatings – just as it's supposed to be.

Like fast cars? This movie has the fastest car.

Like explosions? This movie has big ones. Several of them.

Like bad one-liners delivered moments after a glorified on-screen death? Don't worry – Arnie's still got it, though nothing like the "you're one ugly mother ..."s and "get to the chopper"s of his heyday.

Which brings us to Arnie himself. It's impressive to see a 65-year-old man tackling men off of roofs and driving Corvettes through cornfields, all the while chewing through scenery and dialogue to a nearly unintelligible degree.

I've never gotten the impression he took himself very seriously, and it's a blast to watch him get back to doing what he does best – making dumb, loud, violent crowd-pleasers – rather than, you know, governing or being a faithful husband.

All in all, if you can ignore the trigger-



Jaimie Alexander and Arnold Schwarzenegger star in "The Last Stand," now playing at Allen Theatres.

happy tendencies of "The Last Stand" in light of recent tragedies, it's an acceptably good time for those requiring entertainment that makes no demands of its audiences.

If a movie made by a South Korean about an Austrian sexagenarian strongman playing an Arizonan firing a cannon at a Mexican drug lord played by a Spanish actor sounds like something you'd like to see, do so. If that isn't quite your cup of tea, though, "The Last Stand" won't stand up for long.



**THE LAST STAND**

**Rated: R**

**Running Time: 107 minutes**

**Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Johnny Knoxville**

**Director: Kim Jee-Woon**

"The Last Stand" is ridiculous, rowdy, violent and over-the-top – something of a return to form for its star.

**Grade B**

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# AtTheMovies

# Picking the Flicks



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

## Django Unchained

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A bounty hunter searching for a murderous band of brothers teams up with a slave bent on rescuing his wife.  
**Starring:** Jamie Foxx, Leonardo DiCaprio  
**Director:** Quentin Tarantino



## Gangster Squad

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** In 1949, a secret group of LAPD officers go after a ruthless mob boss with the protection of politicians and police.  
**Starring:** Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling  
**Director:** Ruben Fleischer



## Broken City

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A former cop turned private eye is hired to spy on the wife of the New York City mayor, but uncovers something bigger.  
**Starring:** Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe  
**Director:** Allen Hughes



## Jack Reacher

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A former Army officer turned drifter is recruited by a defense attorney to investigate a ruthless Russian killer.  
**Starring:** Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall  
**Director:** Christopher McQuarrie



## Wreck-It Ralph

**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** Ralph is a video game villain who turns his back on being the "bad guy" and tries to become a hero.  
**Starring:** John C. Reilly, Jack McBrayer  
**Director:** Rich Moore



## Les Misérables

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A classic tale of love, passion, sacrifice and redemption set against 19th century France.  
**Starring:** Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe  
**Director:** Tom Hooper



## Lincoln

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** "Lincoln" depicts the president's last months in office as he attempts to end the Civil War and reunite the country.  
**Starring:** Daniel Day Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones  
**Director:** Steven Spielberg



## Mama

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Two young girls reappear after disappearing for five years following their mother's murder and are placed in the care of their aunt and uncle. But something came back with them.  
**Starring:** Jessica Chastain, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau  
**Director:** Andrés Muschietti



## The Last Stand

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** Sheriff Owens, lawman of the sleepy border town of Sommerton Junction, is forced to defend his town from an army of gang members led by a notorious drug kingpin.  
**Starring:** Arnold Schwarzenegger, Johnny Knoxville  
**Director:** Kim Ji-woon



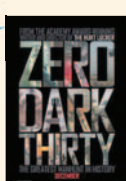
## A Haunted House

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** In this send up of "Paranormal Activity," a young couple moves into a haunted house and one becomes possessed.  
**Starring:** Marlon Wayans, Cedric the Entertainer  
**Director:** Michael Tidde



## Zero Dark Thirty

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A team of intelligence officers and military operatives go on history's greatest manhunt – to find and eliminate Osama bin Laden.  
**Starring:** Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain  
**Director:** Kathryn Bigelow



## The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Bilbo Baggins is sent on a quest by Gandalf the Grey to retake the Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor, long under the control of the dragon Smaug.  
**Starring:** Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman  
**Director:** Peter Jackson



## Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** After their childhood encounter with a witch, Hansel and Gretel grow to be witch-killing vigilantes.  
**Starring:** Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton  
**Director:** Tommy Wirkola  
**OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 25**



## Movie 43

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A comedy featuring 12 interwoven storylines, each by a different director, and starring one of the largest ensemble casts in history.  
**Starring:** Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Kate Winslet  
**Directors:** Brett Ratner, Elizabeth Banks, more  
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## Parker

**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A thief is double-crossed by his cohorts and left to die. Aided by a beautiful woman, he sets out to take revenge and steal his former associates latest score.  
**Starring:** Jason Statham, Jennifer Lopez  
**Director:** Taylor Hackford  
**OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 25**



## The Impossible

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** The true story of a Spanish family's terrifying ordeal during the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.  
**Starring:** Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts  
**Director:** Juan Antonio Bayona  
**OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 25**



## New this week on DVD

Tuesday, Jan. 29

### Hotel Transylvania

**Rated:** PG  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Starring:** Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez  
**Director:** Genndy Tartakovsky

### Paranormal Activity 4

**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Horror  
**Starring:** Kathryn Newton, Katie Featherston  
**Director:** Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman

### Seven Psychopaths

**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Action, Comedy  
**Starring:** Colin Farrell, Sam Rockwell  
**Director:** Martin McDonagh

### Hello I Must Be Going

**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Starring:** Melanie Lynskey, Blythe Danner  
**Director:** Todd Louiso

## Top Grossing Jan. 18-20

- 1** **Mama** (Week No. 1)  
\$28,495,000
- 2** **Zero Dark Thirty** (Week No. 5)  
\$15,800,000
- 3** **Silver Linings Playbook** (Week No. 10)  
\$10,754,000
- 4** **Gangster Squad** (Week No. 2)  
\$8,650,000
- 5** **Broken City** (Week No. 1)  
\$8,275,000
- 6** **A Haunted House** (Week No. 2)  
\$8,100,000
- 7** **Django Unchained** (Week No. 4)  
\$7,756,000
- 8** **Les Misérables** (Week No. 4)  
\$7,518,000
- 9** **The Last Stand** (Week No. 1)  
\$6,190,000
- 10** **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (Week No. 6)  
\$6,185,000

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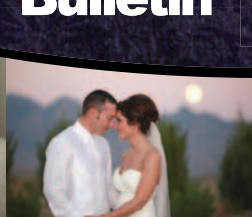
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## This is the end, my friends



**Gabriel Rochelle**  
*Cycling the Mesilla Valley*

This is my 19th column on cycling for the Las Cruces Bulletin. It has been an enjoyable run, even if I foresaw the end long ago.

I have often joked with my cycling friends that writing this column reminded me of reading Bicycling Magazine. At least from my perspective, you read a cycling magazine for about two years and by then you've gotten all the information you can get, so you can drop the subscription. Six, maybe 10 years later, you re-subscribe and you will run through the same cycle of articles (pun intended), and what's changed will be the cost and sophistication of the bikes, and the vitamins and supplements and stretching exercises recommended.

Here are some examples of the latest stuff you'll find out:

- Electronic shifters are now in. They were not on the horizon 10 years ago except for those paying attention to technology bulletins. Campagnolo began work on them around 1992. Today, your top of the line Campy and Shimano sets cost between \$4,000 and \$8,000, if you're interested. The main reason to be interested is the fail-safe shifting you get with electronics. When you are dependent on cable and screw adjustments all the time to set the proper gearing, perhaps it makes sense – if you have a lot of disposable money to put into your cycling.
- Trek's new series of bikes called the Domane has intriguing new technology. Everybody's always looking for ways to better transfer energy from your legs to the bike. How can you compensate for frame bend and more directly utilize your leg strength on the cranks? Trek is not alone in working on this issue, but their new Domane series has an answer in what they call "power transfer construction." They've also come up with a system for taking the strain off your butt by a clever gadget called the IsoSpeed decoupler, which separates the action of the seat tube from the rest of the frame to make for a smoother ride. Innovations go on apace and will continue. Ours is a great time for cycling, perhaps the best in history. Who knew that cinnamon would

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## Helping bond parent, baby

### CYFD, others aid in bettering infant mental health

By **Lorena Sanchez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A year ago, a grant to address infant mental health through early intervention was awarded to allow members of Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) therapists, specialists and social workers to combine services to create a program to better the relationship between parent and child.

"It has to do with the relationship with the parent and child and how that relationship impacts the emotional development of the child," said Theresa Donahue, clinician and infant mental health specialist. "As an area practice, we're focusing on what the parent's experiences bring to their relationship with their child."

The program allows the team to work with parents whose children, from birth to 3 years old, have been taken into protective custody due to abuse or neglect. Once it is determined

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

**Children, Youth and Families Department staff and other members of the infant mental health program work together to help families receive therapy services to improve their interaction with their children, birth to 3 years old.**

## Cupid's Chase 5K February 9

### 5K to benefit developmentally disabled

By **Lorena Sanchez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, and to benefit a good cause, the Cupid's Chase 5K run will mark its fifth year in Las Cruces.

Registration for the race will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, on the Mesilla Plaza. The run will start at 10 a.m.

Last year's event piqued the interest of nearly 300 runners, with a few hundred coming out just to support the cause, said Jose Solis, event coordinator

"It's grown," Solis said. "It just gets bigger and bigger."

Cupid's Chase is organized by Community

### Details

#### Fifth annual Cupid's Chase 5K Run

##### When

8 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. run  
Saturday, Feb. 9

##### Where

Mesilla Plaza

##### Cost

- \$35 entry fee, in advance
- \$50 entry fee, day of

##### Contact

- 532-9275
- [www.comop.org/cupidschase/index.html](http://www.comop.org/cupidschase/index.html)
- [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

Options, a nonprofit that works with developmentally disabled men and women.

"The race benefits people with developmental disabilities and improves our programs – supportive employment, job sampling, housing, residential care, day habilitation programs," Solis said.

Proceeds from last year's event were used to purchase a computer lab to help their clients learn computer skills and with job searches. Funds raised assist people on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver program to raise awareness of this population segment.

"You contribute to the cause already by registering," Solis said.

Those who register will be a part of a national event that will take place communities in eight states this year.

Cupid's Chase is a competitive race. It is USA Track & Field approved. Trophies will be given to runners in several age groups (which have yet to be determined). All ages are welcome to participate in the run including walkers, runners, joggers and "rollers" (those with baby strollers or in wheelchairs).

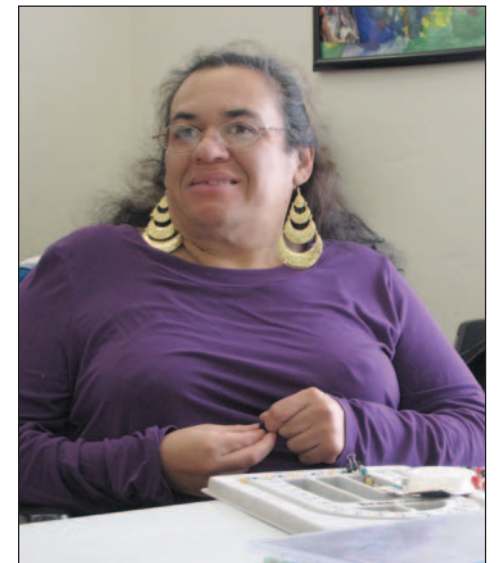
To such a positive response to the event is another reason Solis said he remains so passionate about the cause and his reason for remaining in the field.

"It's a passion for the field you work in," he said. "I was already in the field at the time, but personally, my sister passed away when she was 18 from Spin bifida. That's when I really decided this is what I want to do."

"One thing I've noticed working here is that we are passionate about the work we're doing."

Solis encourages the community to participate, donate or just come out and offer their support.

Clients will be at the race to support the runners and raise awareness. Solis said some



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

**Angela Madrid, a client of Community Options, makes jewelry under the organization's supportive employment program. Proceeds from Cupid's Chase help provide clients with additional programs, resources and funding.**

clients even ran in the race last year.

The event will kick off with live entertainment from Mariachi Herredero and ballet folklorico, composed of people with developmental disabilities. The Las Cruces High School band will provide a send-off to the participants. There will be morning refreshments including fruit, coffee, donuts, water and cookies.

Participants will receive a T-shirt and goody bag the day of the race.

A \$35 registration fee is required in advance or \$50 the day of the event.

For more information or to register, call 532-9275 or visit [www.comop.org/cupidschase/index.html](http://www.comop.org/cupidschase/index.html) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

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# Get out of that rut

## Making the effort to get active



**Laura Smart**  
Health Smart

It's now the end of January and a lot of you have likely abandoned your 2013 resolutions.

Did you get frustrated or give up? Are you in denial about having a health problem?

Whatever you're telling yourself, if it's negative, stop! If you do have a health issue, whether it's weight, psychological issues or physical appearance, admit it and change your routine. In other words, whatever you've been doing in the past isn't working for you, and you need to change it ... now.

I wrote a column in November titled

"Step Up to the Barre," a no-impact routine. I received the most emails I've ever received from any column I've written in the past two years. Each person expressed an interest in attending a barre class – pilates, ballet and yoga combo. I researched a company in Oregon and the franchise fee was \$90,000 and a required training in Oregon to earn an instructor certificate. This was not happening for me personally.

I received an interesting email announcing a new class in Mesilla last December. The class is "Piloxing," a combination of pilates and boxing. It burns up to 900 calories an hour, per Shape magazine. You wear weighted gloves so your arms are getting toned and you don't realize it until the next day when your triceps are screaming. Piloxing was developed

by Swedish dancer Viveca Jensen and is taught by Ellen Schwartz at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays, at the Caballero Plaza of Old Mesilla, 2521 Avenida de Mesilla. It's low-impact aerobics focusing on posture and toning. It's very fun and the hour goes by quickly since you're concentrating on the arm and leg coordination. The age group was 20s to 70s. Also interesting is that Schwartz is the only certified Piloxing instructor in New Mexico.

I got out of my "rut" of taking a boring aerobic class to try the latest trend in aerobic fitness and am loving it. I realized I had plateaued with my mundane routine and decided I needed to get out of "Groundhog Day,"

a movie, in which three days a week were exactly the same. I wasn't noticing any change in my body tone so I quit doing what I'd done for, I'm embarrassed to say, a year.

I realized I'd settled for an unproductive exercise routine. I was in a comfort zone. I disliked my aerobics program, but failed to explore what other options were out there.

So, whatever form of exercise you choose, make it fun, mix it up and get out of that rut. Don't settle for something less than what you're physically capable of doing.

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## Cycling

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become a drug of choice for those who want to try natural weight loss? Or that fenu-greek would be the latest thing off the shelf to boost your testosterone? You can read all about it in your favorite magazine.

So, this is my final column ... at least for now. My main concern remains safety on the road, especially for those people:

- Who we cannot seem to convince to get lights and clothing to make themselves visible.
- Who don't bother with helmets most of the time.
- Who continue to ride on the wrong side of the road, and do not recognize the

hazard they provide to motorists, especially at street entries where the natural response is to look to the left before accelerating.

- Who don't keep their bikes in good working order, especially with regard to braking.
- Who fly in the face of all the normal traffic rules that govern our streets. I confess that I don't always come to a full stop at stop signs, but I do brake down and look carefully both ways before proceeding. Thanks for reading. Keep riding and be careful out there.

*Father Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces, and an avid cyclist. Visit the church website at <http://stanthonylc.org>.*

## CYFD

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the parents and child are a fit for the program they began their work with the team. However, the parent or parents have to make a commitment to the program and have a desire to change their relationship with their child for the better.

Donahue and Deryl Palmer, also an infant mental health specialist, will conduct evaluations and assessments to gain insight into the relationship between the parent and child, including taped interviews and supervised play between the parent and child. The child is brought to CYFD to spend time with their parent by their foster parent. The interactions are supervised.

Through this program, the job of the specialists is to observe the parent and child to better understand the initial relationship, build and repair the relationship and provide treatment.

The parent or parents who make the commitment to the program also agree to attend the "Circle of Security Parenting," in which they undergo individual therapy and focus on the emotional needs of the child.

"There are a lot of obstacles these parents have in their life, such as mental health issues, financial problems, lack of family support, no transportation, unemployment or drug addiction, which is why they receive their own therapy focused on these issues," Donahue said. "(Parent and child) go through the program until permanency is reached."

Permanency refers to when the child is returned to the parent, the parent relinquishes their right to the child or the parent has their rights terminated by the state, and the child is then put up for adoption.

All those are successful outcomes, Donahue said. Either the parent has made enough of an effort to make a serious change and gets their child back, they recognize that they are unable to provide what the child needs or the state steps in in the best interest of the child.

"The whole purpose is to reduce the recidivism rate of that child going in and out of foster homes," Donahue said.

No only does the program aid in reducing

the recidivism rate, Donahue said, but it helps create a bond between the child and parent. It is important that the parent fully understands how critical their relationship is with their child.

"After a lot of years as a therapist, there are some concrete things we are doing that can make a difference in a parent and child's life," Donahue said. "You can provide measurable ways to help children, who are going to grow up in our society, have a healthy development and relationship with their parents."

Within its first year, the infant mental health program has provided services to five families.

Those who work with CYFD and experience these cases on a regular basis, have recognized the value of the program.

"I've seen a difference with our biological parents," said Carmen Valverde, placement social worker who works with the program. "They can identify what they are and aren't doing with their kids and what they need."

Valerie Lujan, who works with families to achieve permanency, has seen a change not only in the parent but in all the child's caregivers.

"I feel it's been successful in helping the foster parents, children and biological parents come together and meet the child's needs, be on the same page, allow CYFD to have a (better) relationship with the family," Lujan said.

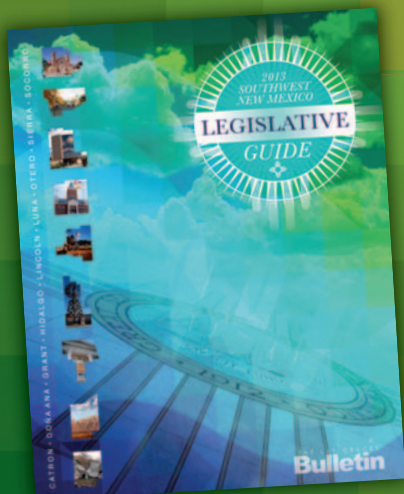
The program is the second established in the state. The first began in Santa Fe, and both are considered pilot programs. Based on the successes and lessons learned in the three years the grant covers, other programs may be established to help other families throughout the state.

Families are able to have all their needs met through one provider and in one location, said Martinez, who describes it as a "wrap-around solution."

"This is the first time I had a program that specifically meets the need of infants (birth to 3 years old)," said Jolene Martinez, county office manager who helps coordinate the logistics of the program. "There have been similar programs for substance abuse, but not one that meets the needs of this age group."

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### F.Y.I.

In the U.S. there are approximately 19 million new cases of sexually transmitted infections (STI) annually, about half of which occur among teens and adults ages 15 to 24. STIs often lack noticeable symptoms and can be

contracted from partners who don't have a clue they have an infection. Untreated STIs can cause a host of medical complications, including infertility. Research overwhelmingly shows the value of condoms in reducing transmission risks with a host of STIs, including HIV and Chlamydia. Also, condom use is linked with lower rates of HPV infection and cervical cancer among women.

Sources: [www.nationalwellness.org](http://www.nationalwellness.org), [www.ashastd.org](http://www.ashastd.org)



# Healthy Happenings



## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly 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 of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight loss goals.

For location information, call Doris Fields at 524-7461.

## ART OF RECOVERY SUPPORT 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 to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment.

For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email [bridge@nmsu.edu](mailto:bridge@nmsu.edu).

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door.

Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St.

For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

## GLBTQ CENTER OFFERS SUPPORT

The Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St., provides a variety of groups and services for Las Cruces' gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning community.

For more information, call 635-4902, email [info@newmexicoglbtqcenters.org](mailto:info@newmexicoglbtqcenters.org) or visit [www.newmexicoglbtqcenters.org](http://www.newmexicoglbtqcenters.org).

## FYI HOSTS NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, located at 1320 S. Solano Drive, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and helps drug users overcome addiction by providing free information on available drug-treatment services.

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

For more information, call Stefano at 556-1549.

## HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness.

For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

## BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

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

## HATHA YOGA AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket. For more information, call 522-7119.

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133.
- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Nicky or Michael at 382-5200.
- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.

The Alzheimer's Association - New Mexico Chapter has offices in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

## T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays.

Sessions are taught in the Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or a \$2 donation is requested.

Free classes are also available to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, call 505-359-5256 or 312-8320, or email [rositaad4@gmail.com](mailto:rositaad4@gmail.com).

## CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

## YOGA CLASSES BENEFIT JARDIN

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardin de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, email Nichols at [karen\\_fn@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_fn@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 882-4943.

## YOGA CLASSES BY BETH LEBLANC

Mixed gentle yoga sessions for men and women - with and without chairs - are taught by Beth Le Blanc from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Laughter yoga sessions by Le Blanc are taught from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays.

Both classes are at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women Members. For others, a \$2 donation is requested. Yoga sessions are also available from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

Classes are also available at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Thursdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Donations are accepted.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

## YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, contact Solomon at 522-5350 or [wildyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:wildyoga@yahoo.com).

## TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$4. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, email McKay at [harmeizianet.com](mailto:harmeizianet.com) or call 382-8978.

## BELLY DANCE YOGA

Suhaila offers a new yoga experience geared to stretching and toning muscles. Suitable for all levels of experience from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$5.

For more information, email [mail4jewell@yahoo.com](mailto:mail4jewell@yahoo.com) or call 621-2746.

## LEARN TO AVOID PROFESSIONAL BURNOUT

Sharon Bond will present a one-hour, free continuing education class titled "Identification and Prevention of Professional Burn Out," from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 410 Foster Road, in the Rotary Room.

For more information, call Gerri January at 202-0344.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW MARKET EVENTS

Mountain View Market Natural Foods Cooperative, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, has announced its events in February.

- 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday and Saturday: Farm Volunteer Days at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Call 523-0436 or email [mvmoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:mvmoutreach@gmail.com) for more information and directions.
- 3 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday: Tarot Sessions with Faye Dancing Cloud in the MVM Café. Suggested donation is \$1 per minute.
- 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. each Wednesday: The SelfMastery Book club meets in the Community Room. Style coach Siddeeq Shabazz leads on-going discussions. Free.
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday: Herbal Medicine with Deborah Brandt in the Community Room. Classes may be taken individually or as a series. Individual classes are \$10 for members or \$15 for non-members. Registration for all classes through March 21, is \$90 for members or \$135 for non-members. For more information, contact 644-5504 or [debjbrandt@mac.com](mailto:debjbrandt@mac.com).
- Noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays: Benefits of Whole Food Nutrition with Kate Schultz in the Community Room. Information about the importance of whole food nutrition. Free. For more information, contact 915-5785 or [kateschultz@hotmail.com](mailto:kateschultz@hotmail.com).
- 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2: Lasagna Gardening with MVM farm manager Lori Garton at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Lasagna gardening is an easy, no-till way to create garden beds plants will thrive in. Cost is \$15 for members or \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, contact 523-0436 or [mvmoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:mvmoutreach@gmail.com).
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5: "Feral Cat Care." Joe Miele will speak on feral cat care. Free.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6: Ancient Remedies for a Modern You: An Introduction to Ayurveda with Ina Rucker in the Community Room. Ayurveda gives us the means of attaining and maintaining our own optimal health and wellbeing.
- Noon to 3 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 7 and 23: Psychic Readings by Dawn Cheney. In the Co-op Café Donations are accepted. For more information, call 233-1108.
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 16: Desert Baby-wearers. In the Community Room. Learn the art of baby-wearing and meet other baby-wearers. Free. For more information call 312-1974 or email [leslieh1206@yahoo.com](mailto:leslieh1206@yahoo.com).
- 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19: Evening with a Doctor with Dr. Kelley Elkins in the Community Room. Elkins will focus on today's health issues and present ideas that can assist anyone interested to alter, change or correct their concerns easily and inexpensively. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, email [kellyelkins@anextstep.org](mailto:kellyelkins@anextstep.org). For more information on Mountain View Market events, call 523-0436.

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# Health Briefs

## Slimming habits course

Doña Ana Community College is offering a community education course, Habits of a Be-Slim Lifestyle from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at the DACC Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., in Room 123. The instructor is Katia LaMone and the cost is \$15. LaMone has a master's degree in public health from Tulane University. Participants can learn the six basic habits of a healthy lifestyle that will help them maintain a healthy weight, or help them move toward a healthy weight. Topics covered include assessing health history, risk factors and setting goals for health and lifestyle changes. Participants will leave this DACC community education course with a plan for moving forward into a healthy 2013. For more information, contact [commmed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commmed@dacc.nmsu.edu) or 527-7527.

## Senior games kick off registration

There will be a kickoff registration and award ceremony for the 2013 Doña Ana County Senior Games from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Trails West Senior Community Club House, 1700 Tierra de Mesilla.

Registration will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 11 to 11:30 a.m., awards will be given to the 2012 male and female senior athlete of the year. This is the opening registration event. Athletes can then register from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Doña Ana County Senior Olympics office, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 2, until the start of the senior games Thursday, Feb. 21. For more information, call 541-5171.

## Super Sunday Road Race

On Sunday, Feb. 3, Las Cruces will experience a running event unlike any held before. While football fans prepare grills and coolers to watch the Superbowl, runners and walkers of all ages will be lacing up their shoes on the beautiful Centennial High School campus, 1950 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd., to prepare for a closed-street, secure-course road race.

Sonoma Ranch Boulevard will be closed from 8 to 11 a.m. from Lohman Avenue south to Centennial High School, as runners and walkers

compete for the fastest time in four events.

Las Cruces Running Club is producing and sponsoring the Super Sunday Road Race featuring a 5-mile race, 5K-team race, 2-mile race/walk and 1-mile FunRun.

The race event will begin at 8 a.m., the 2-mile race/walk at 8:30 a.m. and the 1-mile FunRun at 8:45 a.m.

The 5K-team race feature event will begin at 9:15 a.m. Runners can form teams of five or more to compete in four divisions: open, masters (age 40 and older), all male and all female.

The 5-mile road race starts at 10 a.m. on the track then enjoys a scenic route on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard returning back to the start/finish line.

For more information or to register, visit <http://lascrucesrunningclub.com>.

## Heart of My Life Ball

The Heart of My Life Ball, to benefitting the American Heart Association, will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. There will be dinner, dancing and live entertainment from the Blues. There will also be a "Silent Purse-onality Auction." The keynote speaker will be Jared Fogel, spokesman for Subway and special guest of Oprah. Formal attire is required. A corporate table for 10 is \$1,200. Individual seating is \$130.

A health fair will take place from 1 to 4 p.m., at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. prior to the ball. The health fair is free and open to the public. Keynote speaker Fogel will attend the health fair.

For more information, contact Janet Clifton at 556-7665 or [janet.clifton@mountainviewregional.com](mailto:janet.clifton@mountainviewregional.com)

## Anxiety and phobia info session

An Anxiety and Phobia Mastery information seminar will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 1515 Walnut Drive, Suite A-1. The seminar will provide information on individual and therapeutic educational groups to overcome fears, phobia and panic attacks. Kathy Roybal, a therapist with 20 years experience, will lead the discussion. For more information, call 639-0304.

# Vaccine protects baby, mom

## MOD urges pregnant women to get flu shot

As the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reminds all Americans that it's not too late to get the influenza vaccine, the March of Dimes wants to remind pregnant women that the flu vaccine is safe during pregnancy and can protect both mother and baby from the flu.

Health complications resulting from influenza infection, such as pneumonia, can be serious and even deadly, according to the March of Dimes, which recommends that pregnant women and women who expect to become pregnant get an annual flu shot.

The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months or older, including pregnant women, should be vaccinated against the influenza virus.

Studies that looked at thousands of pregnant women who received the seasonal vaccine found that their babies did not have a higher risk of being born too soon or developing a birth defect, when compared with babies born to women who did not get a vaccine. Also, researchers found that women who were vaccinated were less likely to suffer a stillbirth. One study was published in July in the Journal of the American Medical Association and the other in the September 2012 issue of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"It's not too late for pregnant women, and women who expect to become pregnant, to get their flu shot. The influenza virus poses a serious risk of illness and even death," said Siobhan Dolan, an obstetrician-gynecologist, medical adviser to the March of Dimes and author of "Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby."

"We hope these latest studies will ease any concerns that getting the flu shot may hurt their unborn baby. In fact, babies born to mothers who got their flu shot while pregnant were protected from serious illness with influenza during their (first) 6-months

of life."

In addition to getting their annual flu shot, pregnant women can lower the risk of catching influenza by limiting contact with others who are sick, coughing or sneezing into a tissue or an arm, not touching the eyes, nose and mouth, washing hands with soap and water before touching others, using sanitizers, using hot, soapy water or a dishwasher to wash dishes and utensils and not sharing dishes, glasses, utensils or toothbrush.

Also, those who live with pregnant women, or are in close contact with them, should be immunized.

Unimmunized pregnant women who develop influenza

infection symptoms such as fever, muscle aches and cough should contact their health providers as soon as possible to begin treatment.

In 2013, the March of Dimes celebrates its 75th anniversary and its ongoing work to help babies get a healthy start in life. Early research led to the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines that all babies still receive. Other breakthroughs include new treatments for premature infants and children with birth defects.

About 4 million babies are born each year in the United States, and all have benefited from March of Dimes' lifesaving research and education. "Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby: The Ultimate Pregnancy Guide" is being published this month as part of March of Dimes 75th anniversary celebration.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For more information, visit [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com).

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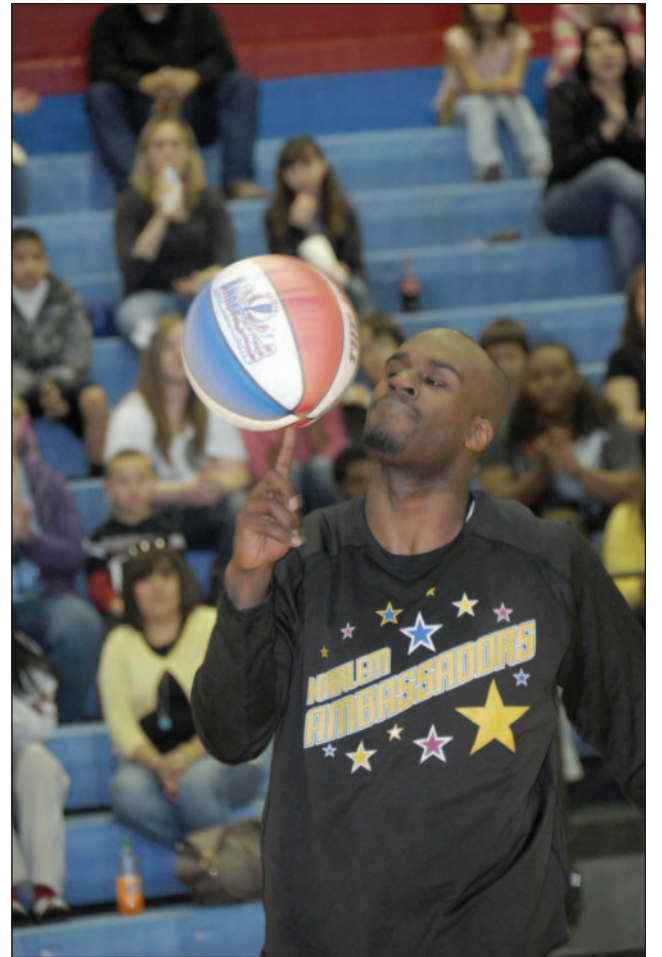
# Fierce competition at the BBBS, Harlem Ambassador game

Photos by Steve MacIntyre

Eric Valencia and his son Jo Jo, 4, cheer on the Harlem Ambassadors as they took on the Big Brothers Big Sisters All Stars, Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Las Cruces High School Gym. Proceeds from the event benefit BBBS of Southwestern New Mexico.



Harlem Ambassador player Lade Majic plays a joke on BBBS player Chris Myers of Red Lobster.



Harlem Ambassador Deon Hughes II spins the ball on his finger for the crowd during his introduction at an exhibition game.

BBBS player Robby Tate of American Document Services goes for a lay up over Harlem Ambassador player KiAngela Smith.



Harlem Ambassador players Lade Majic and Cherie Hughes congratulate Emma Christiano, 7, after she won the halftime competition.



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## Church News

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**ECKANKAR EVENT**

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 26, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Living Life as a Spiritual Exercise."

**GUESTS AT WORSHIP SERVICE**

Rev. Zach Bechtold and college students from the United Methodist Wesley Foundation will participate during the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Jan. 27, at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St. They will provide music and the message. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 524-1230 or elcalvario@hotmail.com.

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**MORNING PRAYER AND HEALING MASS**

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, will pray the Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. Tuesday through Friday in the Saint Francis Chapel. Also in the chapel beginning Wednesday, Jan. 30, the church will celebrate a midweek Mass combined with the Anointing of the Sick at 12:15 p.m. For more information, call 644-5025.

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Paul Edwards will hold a series of studies on Immigration and the Bible at 7 p.m. Wednesdays throughout January at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St. Members of the community are encouraged to attend. There is no charge. For more information, contact 524-1230 or elcalvario@hotmail.com.

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Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, presents Wednesday Night Wisdom at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30. The topic is "Answered Prayer, Deepening Our Spiritual Practice." For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

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**YEAR OF FAITH SERIES**

Holy Cross Catholic Church Community will hold its "Credo - I believe" Year of Faith series from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays in the gathering space, 1327 N. Miranda St. Msgr. John Anderson will lead discussion on praying the Apostles Creed. Bring your Bible, a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic church (available for a small donation) and any "goodies" you'd like to share. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information, call 523-0167.

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The Bhagavad-gita, a class in the exploration of spiritual philosophy as it applies to daily living, will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Teakwood Inn, 2600 S. Valley Drive. Taught by Vimal Chaitanya, the on-going series of classes will provide students with a synthesis of new thought for today's challenges of life in the modern world with the ancient wisdom of this Hindu work, which pre-dates the Hebrew/Christian Bible by half a millennium. The class is sponsored by Oasis Center for Spiritual Living. There is no book or fee for the class. For information, call 650-7344.





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# Featured home: *1228 Academy Court*

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The home at 1228 Academy Court was built by David Coyle in 2005 and features a Southwest style with many unique and rustic elements.



The dining room features a view of the Organ Mountains.



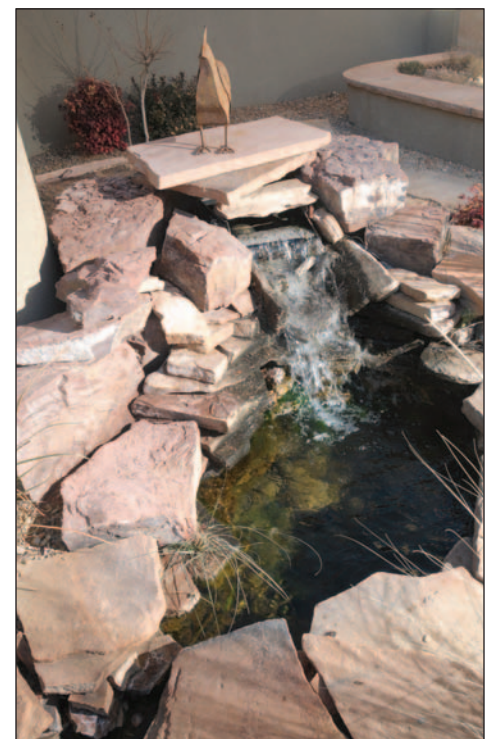
Granite and ornate cabinetry fills the kitchen of the 3,602-square-foot home.



The master bedroom, which includes a tray ceiling, is a soothing environment for residents to retreat to.



The master suite connects to the laundry room.



The front courtyard includes a relaxing waterfall.



# Views just one of home's luxuries

## Home on Academy Court showcases the best of the area

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Built in 2005 by David Coyle, the residence at 1228 Academy Court showcases elegant style, scenic views and peaceful living all within the quiet surroundings of Picacho Hills.

It was these features that drew Hazel and Alfred Coelho to the 1.23-acre property, located on a cul-de-sac in the gated Coronado Ridge Subdivision.

"We came here from the Palm Springs (California) area," Hazel Coelho said. "It was one of the first houses we looked at."

"My husband really liked it. We had built several homes ourselves, so we recognized the quality of the finished work and we liked the floor plan a lot. And we loved the ever-changing view."

As luck would have it, the couple was able to sell their California home in a matter of months and began 2007 in their new Las Cruces residence.

Located at the bottom of the cul-de-sac, the residence features a flagstone path that leads past a wrought iron gate into the enclosed front courtyard. Not skipping any detail, the entrance of the courtyard is lined with a Southwest-inspired tile trim.

"It is used around the doors and windows," Coelho said. "(Coyle) took the indoor theme and brought it outside."

Coelho said the courtyard is a nice feature of the home because it offers privacy as well as a relaxing environment thanks to its waterfall and pond, which provides ambiance, easy-to-care-for landscaping and abundance of covered seating space.

"We really enjoy the front courtyard in the warmer weather," Coelho said. "It's a wonderful place to read the paper in the mornings."

Inside the large, carved front door, guests are greeted by tall ceiling accented with skylights and a breathtaking view of the Organ Mountains courtesy of a large window found in the living room.

"Everyone mentions the view when they open the front door," Coelho said.

Tile covers the floor and a mosaic element with stone inlays and granite chips is located at the entrance, which looks into the living room.

In addition to showcasing a framed glimpse of the Organ Mountains, the living room also contains several large wood beams along the 20-foot-high ceiling. A Southwestern-inspired fireplace is placed in the corner.

"He did a wonderful job with all of the formal areas with all of the trim and details," Coelho said.

Along with Venetian plaster covering the walls, the formal areas include other artistic details.



The master bathroom includes many luxurious amenities and a picturesque view.

"There is this chiseled-edge flagstone throughout," Coelho said. "He also did these rounded corners. It has a soft, Southwest feel, but is still very Italian."

Connected to the living room is the dining room. Coelho said a lot of detail is featured on the ceiling, which showcases a tray element lined with latillas. While the room includes a large window peering out to the backyard and Organ Mountain view, window shades cover it and other windows in the home to block the heat of the sun.

The dining room opens to the kitchen, one of Coelho's favorite areas.

"I love this kitchen," she said. "It has tons of storage and a big gas, Thermador range with a griddle and pot filler, which comes in handy."

Granite composed of pink, black and spots of green covers the countertops as rich cabinets with inlays and crown molding fill the room. The cabinetry features fully expanding drawers as well as pullouts.

In addition to the elegant elements and high-end appliances, including a wine refrigerator and warming oven, the kitchen has good lighting, Coelho said. Accompanying a skylight, the room features cast lighting along the top and bottom of the cabinets as well as ornate pendant lighting.

Off the kitchen is a bonus room. "It's a wonderful room to watch TV with the fireplace and view," Coelho said.

The home features a split floor plan with two bedrooms, which include their own bathrooms, located under a beam-covered hallway.

Across the way is the media room, which includes access to a half bathroom accented in red paint and has a copper sink bowl. In this area is the oversized three-car garage as well as the master suite.

The master bedroom features a red accent wall that Coelho added to make the architectural element around a window pop. There is also a door that leads to the covered patio. Electronic nightshades cover the windows.

The master bathroom has a snail shower lined with tile and etched glass. A five-jet bathtub is located beneath a window between the his-and-her sinks. Walk-in his-and-her closets complete the bathroom. One of the closets connects to the laundry room, a feature that has provided convenience to the couple.

Coelho said the home has a sound system throughout, which extends to the front and back exterior of the residence.

The covered patio extends the length of the home and includes several different areas for dining, grilling and relaxing by a fireplace.

"This is great for parties," said Coelho, adding that the patio is in the shade in the afternoon.

Coelho said they wanted low-maintenance landscaping, so in addition to the native plants

## Details

**Featured home**  
1228 Academy Court

**Square footage**  
3,602

**Acres**  
1.23

**Bedrooms**  
Three

**Bathrooms**  
Three and a half

**Price**  
\$635,000

### Special features

Several detailed elements such as chiseled-edge flagstone, colorful granite, latillas and large wood beams; located in a gated community in Picacho Hills; a media room; sound system in and outside of the house; and an oversized three-car garage

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that are scattered among the rocks is artificial grass.

While the home features an abundance of amenities, another great feature is the Picacho Hills area, Coelho said.

"The country club is a wonderful place for socializing," she said. "The golf course is a fine golf course and there is a swimming pool and tennis courts. You can make friends and participate in the sport you like."

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# Getting to know: *Bueno Title and Escrow*

## Bueno Title's good reputation

Customer service is No. 1 when it comes to success

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After a buyer has found their future home, the loan has been approved and the mountain of paperwork is filled out, comes the last part of the home buying transaction: closing the deal and acquiring title insurance.

Luckily for Las Cruces, Bueno Title and Escrow is here to make the process easier.

"It's a very nice feeling to be able to contribute to (a person getting a home)," said Bueno Title Assistant Manager and Escrow Closing Officer Adrienne Loera.

"We see people walk in and they're so nervous, especially when they're purchasing a home," said Billy Moya, general manager of Bueno Title. "It's satisfying to see them very content when they walk out."

Bueno Title opened in July 2007, at the height of the real estate boom in the City of the Crosses. When it began, the small office was busy "rocking and rolling," Loera said.

"When we first opened, I was closing between 50 and 60 (transactions) a month," she said. "Things were busy. They're still busy now, but it's different. It's a different time."

When the economic downturn occurred and the housing market took a hit in 2008-09, many in the local housing industry were affected.

"We had to adjust just as everyone else did," Loera said.

"We didn't have to downsize," said Moya, who had seen similar tough times during his 30-plus years in the title business. "We were very fortunate to be in Las Cruces, because it wasn't hit as hard. But a lot of businesses, a lot of builders and Realtors were hit."

Bueno Title remained busy during that time and has continued to achieve success thanks to smart business practices, such as not over hiring, and a growing reputation of dependability within the community.

"We're doing really, really well. I'm proud of us," Loera said. "It's a tough job, but it's fun."

"It seems like things are looking up now," Moya said. "They're changing."

"The main thing, when you're establishing a business, is people always wonder, 'Will they make it?' Fortunately, we have."

Bueno Title provides the community with escrow and closing services for residential and commercial transactions as well as title insurance protection.

"We serve Realtors, lenders, attorneys," Moya said. "We make sure everything is good with the title."

Loera said often times the public doesn't understand title insurance or its importance.

"The insurance policy makes sure you have a good title and that there aren't any liens on the property," she said.

She explained that title insurance provides the buyer with financial protection should a problem with the title be discovered due to a hidden hazard or human error. The team of title searchers and examiners work to protect a customer against hidden title issues as well as verify the seller's right to transfer the property.

"When people purchase a house, it's the biggest investment they'll make in their life," Moya said. "We want to make sure there aren't any issues and that they'll be fine in the future."

Bueno Title also looks for liens against a person or property.

"Different types of liens can attach to a property," Moya said. "We clear them up. We pay off the lien or contact the attorney to make sure it's not our party's. We contact the party that filed the lien and get in writing a payoff statement."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

Since opening in July 2007, Bueno Title and Escrow has earned a reputation for customer satisfaction.

Loera said every day is different at Bueno Title and no transaction is the same.

"It's a very pressurized business," Moya said. "We have deadlines and everything is time sensitive. It comes down to customer service."

As licensed agents, those in the title industry are required to take continuing education to stay up to date on the latest policies and issues. Despite the demands of their busy schedule, Loera and Moya said they are proud that Bueno Title has

earned a good reputation and is gaining more customers.

"A lot of people are figuring out who we are," Loera said.

Loera said three factors have contributed to the success of Bueno Title: customer loyalty, customer service and an excellent staff.

"Customer service is No. 1," she said. "If someone else isn't serving them the way they want, we will."

"Also, the staff. There are 11 of us and everyone here is so good at what they do and are willing to help."

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## Home Sales Scoreboard

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Closed Sales New Homes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Closed Sales Existing Homes</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>Pending Home Sales (All)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>149</b>
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Average Days on Market (All)</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>104</b>

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Median Price New</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$243,550</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>Median Price Existing</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$147,450</b>	<b>\$164,750</b>
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Total Homes on Market (All)</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,106</b>

<b>Real Estate Agents</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>386</b>
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## Weed prevention Decrease future workload

**Gary Guzman**  
Gardening Guru



Now is a perfect time to help prevent early spring weeds from germinating.

There are liquid and granule formulas that can be applied now to keep most weeds from becoming a problem in the next few months.

Remember, the key to this is to prevent weeds before they get a chance to sprout. Most of the pre-emergent products will not kill existing vegetation, including weeds, so it is important to remove all weeds before using this method.

If you had a certain weed that overtook your area last year, think back on what month it sprouted. If you can remember the month at which your particular weed started to annoy you, then try to use a pre-emergent product 30 days before.

So, if you noticed weeds in mid-March last year, then apply a weed preventer in mid-February of this year.

The length of time these products last will also vary by the product and amount applied. Some can last as little as a month. Some may remain effective for up to nine months or longer. Keep this in mind if you plan on using seeds in the areas you are going to treat.

Products with active ingredients such as Trifluralin, Oryzalin, Benefin, Isoxaben and Prodiamine will all have different characteristics. Some may be used only in non-planted areas, some may be suited for vegetable gardens and some may not be used in lawns. Make sure to read the entire label before choosing one of these products.

One of the most prolific early weeds in our area is poa annua, or annual blue grass. Don't let this one fool you into thinking your Bermuda grass is starting to turn green early.

When this one springs up, it can produce seed within a few weeks, adding more fuel to the fire for seasons to come. This is especially true when moisture is available to the seed and soil in January and early February.

Other weeds prevalent in our area are mustard, dandelion and spurge. Mustard and dandelion usually germinate early on and spurge usually emerges in late spring. In either case, they will all wreak havoc on a lawn or non-planted area that receives water.

A little effort and planning now will greatly reduce the workload of having to physically remove weeds that litter your landscape.

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# Risks of a mouse in the house

## One rodent can quickly become a bigger problem



**Scott Svenheim**  
ACE Pest Detective

Some think that they're cute, but they scare the wits out of others. However you feel about mice, one thing is clear: If you see one or evidence of one in your home, it's better to act quickly to get rid of them.

Otherwise, the little furry critters can wreak havoc in your home and pose a health risk to you and your family.

Since mice are the most common mammal in the country, we all will most likely encounter them at some point. The colder fall and winter months are the time when mice and other rodents look to come inside warm structures searching for food and protection against the freezing temperatures.

Each year, an estimated 21 million invade homes across the country, according to the National Pest Management Association.

They're hungry little critters, too. Mice eat between 15 to 20 times a day, so they prefer to be near food. They can also jump about a foot into the air, giving them the ability to hop up onto counters or pantries.

Their tiny bodies can fit through an opening the size of a dime, making any crack or small opening to the outside an entry point into your home.

While mice don't live a long time, about five months in the wild, they make up for that by having a lot of baby mice fast. A female mouse can give birth starting at two months old and can have about a dozen babies every three weeks.

If you spot one mouse in the house, there are probably others lurking nearby, and it can quickly become a bigger infestation if it's not properly addressed.

Mice also like to gnaw on electrical wiring, causing damage that can lead to a greater risk of an electrical fire. Beyond that, mice can carry as many as 200 disease-causing organisms, such as the Hantavirus and Salmonella.

Simple preventative measures can help keep mice and other rodents outside in the cold. Truly Nolen recommends homeowners take the following steps to protect their property and their family's health:

- Install door sweeps on exterior doors and repair damaged screens.
- Screen vents and openings to chimneys.
- Seal cracks and holes on the outside of the home, including areas where utilities and pipes enter the home, using caulk, steel wool or a combination of both.
- Keep a close eye on the garage. As it is hard to seal up adequately, mice can move in here easily, readily accessing the



Mice pose potential risks to your family's health and the well-being of your property.

- rest of the house with ease.
- Store food in airtight containers and dispose of garbage regularly.
- Keep attics, basements and crawl spaces well ventilated and dry.
- Replace loose mortar and weather stripping around the basement foundation and windows.
- Eliminate all moisture sites, including leaking pipes and clogged drains that provide the perfect breeding site for pests.
- Store firewood at least 20 feet away from the house and keep shrubbery trimmed and cut back from the house.
- If you suspect a pest infestation in your home, contact a licensed pest professional to inspect and treat the pest problem.

Scott Svenheim, an expert for Truly Nolen of America, has 25 years of experience in the pest control industry. Svenheim brings an informative as well as unique and entertaining perspective to consumers' pest problems in the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Ariz.,-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. Truly Nolen has more than 80 branch offices in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. The company also has independently owned and operated franchises in an ever-growing number of territories including California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah as well as Puerto Rico. For more information or to ask your local expert a question about insects and insect prevention, visit [www.trulynolen.com](http://www.trulynolen.com) or call 915-591-9864.

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# Working away at the MVHFH 911 Build

Photos by Beth Sitzler



Members of Air Force Detachment 4, Care-a-Vanners and local volunteers lift a wall of Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity home No. 92, located on Sierra Alta Place, Friday, Jan. 18. The volunteers were part of a three-day 911 Build held to help the nonprofit. During the three days, members of the New Mexico State University Delta Sigma Phi, Air Force, American Medical Response, Las Cruces Police Department and State Police Department volunteered their time.

Alan Meris with the Air Force, stationed at White Sands Missile Range, said he and nine other airmen donated their time because "it's nice to help people who need assistance building their homes."



Home recipient Elizabeth Alderette stands inside the framed walls of her future residence, which she will share with sons Isaiah, 8, and Noah, 3. She participated in the 911 Build, which received donations of tools from Sutherlands Lumber and food from Farley's Food & Fun Pub, Hooters and Little Caesars Pizza, among others.



Sylvia Lee of the Air Force tightens the bolts of a wall. The goal of the group working on Friday was to finish framing homes No. 91 and 92 by the end of the day.



Care-a-Vanner Dale Wald of British Columbia donated his time to the construction of No. 91, one of four MVHFH homes located on Sierra Alta Place.

Prescott Care-a-Vanner Ron Bathgate cuts wood for the windows of home No. 91.



Rafael Cruz stands with his daughter, Claribel Martinez, in front of her future home, MVHFH home No. 90. Martinez, who will live in the home with her husband Ramon and their four children, and her father helped build other MVHFH homes on the street. "It's exciting, you get to learn a lot of things," Martinez said.

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# ChileKnights

## Your game day fuel

New Orleans-inspired recipes for the Super Bowl

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If you are lucky enough to have tickets to this year's Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 3, in New Orleans, you'll be able to savor some of the best local food in the United States.

However, if you're staying put, you need not feel left out. Whip up your own.

Think crabmeat. A platter full of crabmeat nachos or crab stuffed tomatoes or crabmeat and Brie dip will certainly be a touchdown favorite with friends and family.

A hearty half-time treat is reserved for fried catfish po boy sandwiches slathered with a spicy remoulade sauce and heaped with kicked up pepperoncini peppered cole slaw.

So jot down recipe ingredients and go "make groceries" (New Orleans lingo for buying groceries). Go Ravens! Go 49ers!

### Baked Classic Crab Stuffed Tomatoes

Note: Recipe can easily be doubled or tripled.

- 3 large beefsteak tomatoes (and 3 to 4 small ones)
- 8 ounces Classic Crab, flaked variety
- 1 celery stalk, finely diced
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons serrano or jalapeño chili pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon cocktail sauce
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3 dashes hot sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon finely ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, plus 1 tablespoon for topping
- 2 tablespoons plain bread crumbs
- 1/2 avocado, sliced
- 3 pepperoni slices, optional
- Black olives, halved, optional

Slice off the tops of the tomatoes and, with a spoon, remove most of the core to leave an open shell for stuffing. Remove Classic Crab from package and drain on paper towels, blotting to remove excess moisture. Roughly chop smaller pieces.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Combine Classic Crab and remaining ingredients in a medium bowl. Stuff each tomato with the mixture and pack down slightly, mounding a good amount on the top. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Top with pepperoni slice and halved black olive, if desired. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until top is golden and sides of tomatoes softened and warmed through. Serve with avocado slices. Makes 3 servings.

### Crabmeat Nachos

- 8 ounces sour cream
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 8 sprigs cilantro, leaves only, chopped
- 2 green onions, tender green parts only, sliced thin
- 2 tablespoons Tabasco jalapeño pepper sauce
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Pinch cayenne
- 1 cup shredded asiago cheese, loosely packed
- 1 pound crabmeat, or peeled, deveined medium shrimp
- About 40 large tortilla chips

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees with rack on middle shelf.

Combine all the ingredients except the cheese, seafood and chips. Put it into a squeeze bottle with a large opening at the tip, or a pastry bag.

Add as many tortilla chips that will fit on a pizza pan. Squirt about 1/8 teaspoon of the sauce onto each chip. Top with about a tablespoon of seafood. Squirt another teaspoon of the sauce over the seafood. Top with about a teaspoon of the shredded cheese.

Put the pan into the oven for about two minutes, or until the cheese begins to melt. Remove from the oven and serve immediately.

### Crabmeat and Brie Dip

- 1 stick butter
- 1 pound white crabmeat
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/3 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 rib celery, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup white wine
- Dash Worcestershire sauce
- Dash favorite hot sauce
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream
- 4 ounces Brie cheese, rind removed
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper

Heat the butter over medium heat in a saucepan until it bubbles. Cook onions, peppers, celery and garlic until all the vegetables are soft and just beginning to brown.

Add the wine, Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce, bring to a boil, and reduce the liquid by about half. Add the cream, bring to boil, then immediately lower to a simmer.

Add the cheese in small cubes, stirring until melted. Remove from the heat. If the mixture is very thick, thin it with a little water or crab stock.

Add the crabmeat, stirring it in so gently that you don't break the lumps. Serve warm with toasted bread. Makes about 3 cups.

### Spicy Catfish Po Boy with Pepperoncini Peppered Coleslaw

- Coleslaw:
  - 1 (16-ounce) package shredded coleslaw mix
  - 1/4 cup pickled pepperoncini peppers, chopped
  - 1/4 cup red onion, diced
  - 1/3 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/2 lemon, juiced
  - 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
  - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
  - 1 teaspoon white sugar
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 tablespoon granulated garlic
  - 1/2 teaspoon granulated onion
  - 1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper

- Catfish:
  - 8 (3-ounce) fillets catfish
  - 2 tablespoons hot sauce
  - 1/2 cup Cajun seasoning
  - 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 cups cornmeal
  - 2 cups bread crumbs
  - 1 tablespoon granulated garlic
  - 1 tablespoon granulated onion
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper
  - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
  - 1 cup olive oil for frying

- To assemble:
  - 4 Italian-style hoagie buns split lengthwise
  - 1 cup remoulade-style sandwich spread (see recipe below)
  - 1 lemon, cut into wedges
  - 1 cup cherry tomato halves
  - 1/2 cup banana pepper rings

Combine coleslaw mix, pepperoncini peppers, red onion, mayonnaise, lemon juice, red wine vinegar, Dijon mustard, sugar, salt, 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic, 1/2 teaspoon granulated onion and lemon pepper in a large bowl. Toss until well combined. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Place catfish fillets in a large shallow baking dish. Sprinkle hot sauce over the top and turn the fillets to coat.

Combine Cajun seasoning, flour, cornmeal, bread crumbs, 1 tablespoon granulated garlic, 1 tablespoon granulated onion, black pepper and cayenne pepper in a large brown paper bag. Add catfish fillets and shake gently to coat fillets thoroughly.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Fry



Kick off your Super Bowl celebration with New Orleans-style treats such as crab stuffed beefsteak tomatoes.

breaded catfish fillets until browned and crisp, about 3 minutes per side. Place on paper towel-lined paper plates to drain.

Spread each hoagie bun with 1/4 cup remoulade-style spread. Place 2 catfish fillets on top and top with 1 to 2 cups coleslaw. Garnish with lemon wedge, cherry tomato halves and banana pepper rings. Makes 8 servings.

### Remoulade-Style Spread

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 3 tablespoons garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or more to taste
- Salt to taste

Combine cream cheese, sour cream, Dijon mustard, mayonnaise, horseradish, garlic powder, onion powder, lemon juice, cayenne pepper and salt in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Season with additional salt if desired. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Makes 8 servings. (Recipe adapted from <http://allrecipes.com>.)

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# Gearing up for spring at the Biannual SeedShare

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Bob Miller gathers seed samples Saturday, Jan. 19, at Mountain View Market Co-op for the Las Cruces Seed Bank biannual SeedShare.



Las Cruces residents came together for the Saturday afternoon event to drop off and pick up seeds.

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Mountain View Market members arrange seeds for the event, which is held before the spring and fall growing seasons.



Hazel Mays showed off her seeds.

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