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### **Library Book Signing and Tombaugh Collection Talk Announced**

Dr. Jon Hunner of NMSU's History Department will sign copies of his new book, *Las Cruces* (Arcadia Publishers, 2003), from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, on Branson Library's fourth floor east. The book, a pictorial history of Las Cruces, was prepared by Hunner, Brian Kord, Cassandra Lachica and Renee Spence Thurm, who are students in NMSU's Public History Program. Members of the Las Cruces Downtown Revitalization Committee also assisted with the book. Part of the "Images of America" series, the book includes many photographs from the University Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections and the Institute of Historical Survey. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Melissa Gottwald, project archivist for the NMSU Library's Clyde W. Tombaugh Papers Project, is the featured speaker at an Archives and Special Collections Event scheduled for 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, on Branson Library's second floor east. Gottwald will discuss the preservation of the Tombaugh Papers as well as the astronomer's life and remarkable career. Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto on February 18, 1930, at Lowell Observatory and the Tombaugh family donated his papers to the Library in 2001.

Both presentations are sponsored by the Library's Archives and Special Collections Department, and they are free and open to the public. For more information, please call Lesley Mackay at (505) 646-3642.