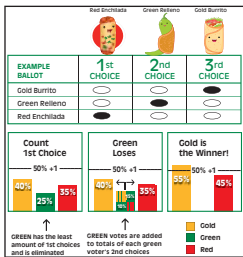


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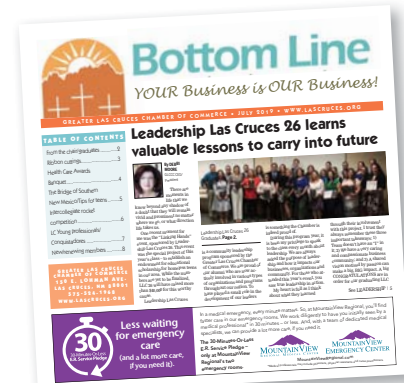


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The internal audit function is designed to strengthen county procedures and to emphasize accountability to the taxpayers. Doña Ana County Internal Auditor Ernest Harvin plans, conducts and reports to the county manager on audits of the internal functions of county operations.

The Internal Audit Advisory Committee works closely with Harvin to develop a comprehensive plan for improving efficiency and accountabil-



ity, offering advice and consultation to help improve the effectiveness of the Internal Auditor's work. The county manager subsequently oversees the implementation of the internal audit function.

The committee will meet monthly to receive input from and give direction to the county's internal auditor to pursue areas of interest and to hear reports of ongoing audit functions. Committee members will have a wide access to county records and documented internal control systems across all departments for review.

Application materials such as letters of interest, resumes and reference letters will be accepted through July 31, 2019. Application materials can be emailed to input@donaanacounty.org, faxed to (575) 525-5984 or mailed or hand-delivered to Jana Padilla, County Manager's Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007.

Clerk hosts VRA training

The Doña Ana County Clerk's Office is hosting a free Voter Registration Agent (VRA) Training on Thursday, July 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The training will be held in rooms 111 and 113 of the Doña Ana County Government Center and is free and open to the public.

New Mexico Election Law states that if you would like to register voters, you must be registered as a Third-Party Registration Agent through the Secretary of State or the County Clerk.

The Third Party Registration Agent form must be completed and notarized. Once submitted to the Clerk, you will be issued a VRA number which must be filled in on every registration form assigned to you. The VRA number is assigned to an individual, regardless of whether or not you are working with an organization.

The Doña Ana County Clerk's Office will ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities upon request (at least two days prior to the event). For more information call (575) 525-5884 or (575) 525-2951 (TTY) or visit www.donaanacounty.org/ada.



Veteran K9 sergeant, two K9s, retire

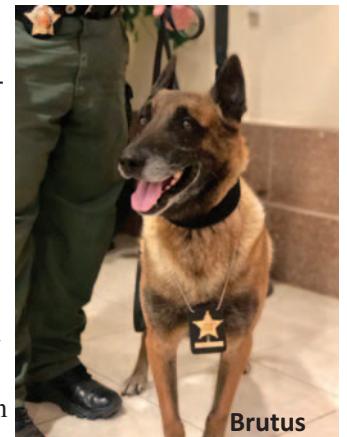
With a single retirement, the K9 unit at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office found itself on a temporary hiatus.

"Finding the dog is the easiest part," said Sheriff Kim Stewart. "It's finding the right deputy to pair with the dog that's the hard part."

The right deputy, for the last two decades, was Sgt. Gerry Madden. Last month, Madden signed off for the last time at the end of his shift, wrapping up a 20-year career at DASO that started under the late Sheriff Juan Hernandez.

With him, Madden took Brutus, a German shepherd skilled in human tracking, and Agbar, a Belgian Malinois credited with hundreds of thousands of dollars in successful drug interdictions. County policy allowed Madden to purchase the dogs, which have been in his care almost exclusively, for \$1 each.

Stewart says she anticipates a relaunch of the K9 division at DASO later this year.



Brutus


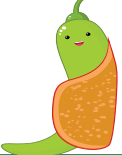

Sgt. Gerry Madden and Agbar. PHOTO: KELLY JAMESON


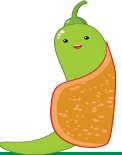

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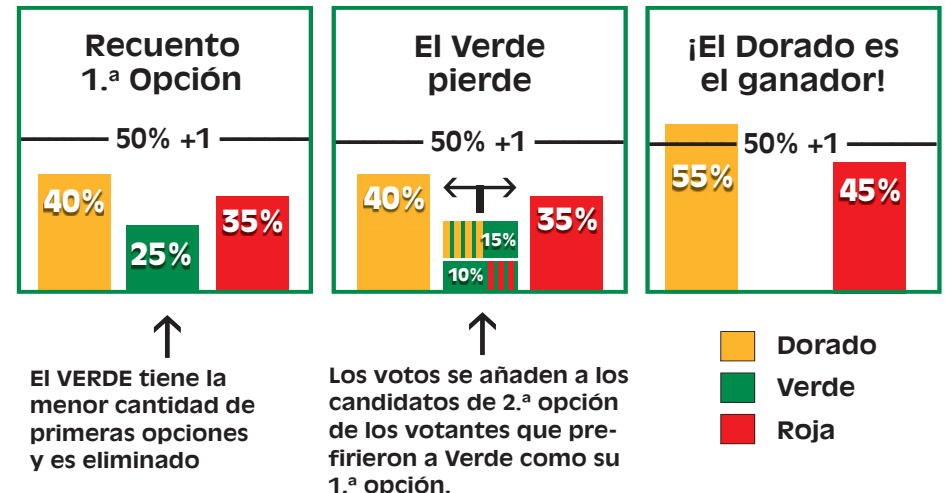
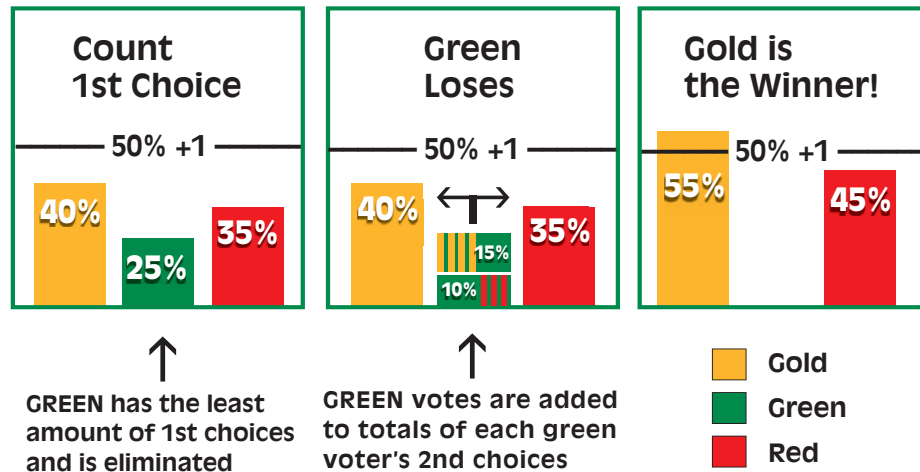


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Ranked-choice voting in effect for municipal races

BULLETIN REPORT

Hmmm. Do I want to vote for the gold burrito, the green relleno or the red enchilada?

Those are the colorful names the City of Las Cruces is using to explain ranked-choice voting (RCV) to voters in advance of the Nov. 5 municipal election. This year, for the first time ever, city voters will elect a mayor, city councilors in Districts 1, 2, 4 and presiding municipal judge using RCV.

Because the city opted into the state's Local Election Act, the ballot for Las Cruces voters will also include two seats on the five-member Las Cruces Public Schools

(LCPS) Board of Education and three seats on the seven-member (two are appointed) Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors. LCPS will also have a three-mill levy on the ballot. There will be no RCV in those races.

RCV, which has been used in other cities, encourages the electorate to learn about every candidate running for each office because voters will cast ballots ranking candidates from favorite to least favorite.

For a candidate to win with RCV, he or she must receive a majority of the vote (50 percent +1).

If a candidate gets a majority of first-preference votes, he or

she wins outright. If no candidate gets a majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated. Voters who picked this candidate as their first choice then have their second-preference vote count. If a candidate gets a majority, he or she wins. And the process continues, with the lowest vote-getter being eliminated in each round until one candidate has the required majority.

The races for mayor and presiding municipal judge will be citywide. City council races are by district. Only voters in Districts 1, 2 and 4 will vote for city councilors. Districts 3, 5 and 6 will


not be on the ballot again until 2021.

Important dates:

- Tuesday, Aug. 27: Candidate filing date.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8: Early voting begins at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. You can vote 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early voting ends Saturday, Nov. 2.
- Saturday, Oct. 19: Early voting begins at seven alternate locations across the county, which will be open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.
- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Election Day. Polls are open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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Ortega makes second bid for mayor

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I'm not happy with the way things are being run," Las Cruces native Eugenia "Gina" Montoya Ortega said in a June 27 interview about her second campaign for mayor.

Ortega, 51, received about 16 percent of the vote in the 2015 mayor's race, which incumbent Ken Miyagishima won with 51 percent of the vote. The late city councilor Miguel Silva received 33 percent.

This time around, she has hired a campaign manager (Rusty Pearce) and is already knocking on doors. Ortega said she is running a full-time campaign and, if elected, will be a full-time mayor.

One of Ortega's major complaints is road construction. The renovation of Valley Drive, which began in July 2018, caused Ortega and her husband, Ray, to close La Fiesta Bakery, on North Valley Drive, she said, after 13 years of operation. (The Ortegas still rent the building and may re-open the bakery, she said.)

"Nothing was ever planned" about the \$23 million New Mexico Department of Transportation project, Ortega said. There was no research conducted by NMDOT or the City of Las Cruces to understand or mitigate the impact the project would have on businesses along Valley Drive.

"The city should be advocating" for those businesses, she said, and construction should be ongoing 24/7 until it is complete.

Major road construction on the east side of Valley Drive is also taking too long, Ortega said. If the work had been on Telshor Boulevard instead of in west Las Cruces, she said, "it would have been different."

"I want the best for Las Cruces," Ortega said. "We've never gotten what we deserve. We need to be open [and] transparent, to follow the rules."

If elected mayor, Ortega said she will move city council meetings at least once a month from Monday afternoons to "in the evening when people are out of work and want to come and express their ideas. I would like to hear what people have to say," she said.

The city currently holds one evening work session every three months. But only doing it quarterly, she said, "Who remembers?"

Ortega said the city

also relies too heavily on input from consultants for local projects. "We don't need companies from Houston or Dallas telling us what kind of plaza we need," she said. "What does Houston know about Las Cruces, New Mexico? I want to hear that voice that nobody listens to; just regular people."

The opinions of local residents should determine the guidelines for local projects, she said. "Then go to the consultant." As things are now, Ortega said, "people are afraid to open their mouths."

"Listening to everybody" is critical, she said. "We're not just going to help a certain group. We're going to help everybody." Miyagishima, she said, "started out good" when he was first elected mayor in 2007, but now "he doesn't listen," she said, and he doesn't talk to city employees. "Ken is the problem," Ortega said.

City government, she said, is a "dictatorship. Seven people tell us what to do. We need to hear



"If you're brave enough to open a business in Las Cruces, more power to you. It's almost impossible."

Montoya Ortega

what people want and help them get it," she said.

The city also needs to be more business friendly, Ortega said. "If you're brave enough to open a business in Las Cruces, more power to you," she said. "It's almost impossible. It's who you know."

And, Ortega said, the city needs more activities for children. Currently, Meerschedit Center is the city's only public gym, she said. "We need to give kids more," she said. That would include partnering with Las Cruces Public Schools to make school gyms more available. The city also needs to bring more sports tournaments to local fields, Ortega said.

"We're not a kid-

friendly city."

"I am not a politician," said Ortega, a longtime Las Cruces Democrat who ran unsuccessfully in the 2016 Democratic primary for county treasurer. There will be "no one-party monopoly" if she is elected mayor, she said. Instead, Ortega said she will "bring both parties to the table. I'm the happy medium. Let's move forward."

"As mayor, I will strive to implement an eight-year plan making Las Cruces more attractive to families and businesses," Ortega said in a campaign news release. "Our first focus is jobs and my approach is two-fold. Simultaneously, we must halt the increase of the gross receipts tax, which is currently among the highest in New Mexico at 8.3125 percent and focus on responsibly reducing the cost of electricity by any means necessary - therefore, reducing the cost of living and the price to do business."

Gina and Ray Ortega have been married for 33 years and have three grown children, all of whom have bachelor's degrees and two have masters. Gina has an associates degree in cosmetology.

For more information, contact Ortega at 575-644-7863 and info@ginaforlcmayor.com. Visit www.ginaforlcmayor.com and facebook.com/gina4lcmayor.

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JULY 1-AUG 20

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JULY 1 - AUG 25

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JULY 1-SEPT 13

Drawn to the Land: Peter Hurds New Mexico

JULY 1-DEC 13

The Cowboy Way: Drawings by Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt

JULY 1-MAY 22

Exhibit: Sodbuster: San Isidro

JULY 1- DEC 12

Exhibit: Grist for the Mill

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

JULY 1-20

Exhibit: The Front Porch Artwork by Storm Sermay

JULY 1-SEPT 7

Exhibit: Originales Artwork by Lidia Avina

MUSEUM OF ART

JULY 1 - 20

Personal to Political: Celebrating the African American Artists of Paulson Fontaine Press

JULY 1-31

White Sands Sunset Strolls

White Sands National White Sands National Monument, 575-479-6124

JULY 2

Spotted Dog Brewery Trivia Night

Spotted Dog Brewery, 7pm. spotteddogbrewery.com

JULY 3

4th of July Electric 5K + 1Mile FunRun

Meerscheidt Center, Run Hadley/Solano 7:30pm. Registration at 7pm. lascrucesrunningclub.com

4th of July Electric Light Parade

Apodaca Park, 9pm. Free

JULY 4

4th of July Concert/Fireworks Celebration

Featuring: Night Ranger, Pat & Lou Sisbarro Park 6-10:30pm. Free

4th of July Annual Country Picnic

La Viña Winery. Free. lavinawinery.com

4th of July Music & Fireworks in Mesilla

Old Mesilla Plaza. Free. Starts at dark. mesillanm.gov

JULY 5

Old Mesilla Summer Music Series: UnLyshed

Old Mesilla, 7pm. Free. mesillanm.gov

Downtown Art Ramble

Downtown Las Cruces off Main St. 5-8pm Free. downtownlascruces.org

JULY 7

Live Music on the Patio

4201 S. Highway 12. 1pm. Free. lavinawinery.com

JULY 8-13

Play: Gulliver's Travels

Las Cruces High School. 575-523-6403

JULY 10

Wednesday Night Pop Up Market

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 5:30pm. Free. 575-201-3853

JULY 11

Music on the Plaza: Rust and Pure Magic

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 8pm. Free

History Notes: Chicano In Liminal Time and Space: An Exploration of Historical Narratives by Jorge A. Hernandez

Branigan Cultural Center. 1pm. Free

JULY 11-21

Play: Weighing In

Black Box Theatre. \$10-15. no-strings.org

JULY 12

Old Mesilla Summer Music Series - XKE

Old Mesilla Plaza. 7pm. Free. mesillanm.gov

JULY 13

Movies in the Park: Incredibles 2

Young Park. Starts at dusk. Free

"Eat Good, Feel Good" Event

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 9am. Free

Exhibit: Plein Air Artists Gallery Reception

Doña Ana Arts Council. 4pm. Free. daarts.org

A Summer's Night with La Llorona

Fort Selden Historic Site. 6pm. \$8; 16 & under free

JULY 14

Music in the Park: Blaze the Nation and Dead like Disco

Young Park. 7pm. Free. 575-541-2550

Live Music on the Patio

La Viña Winery. 1pm. Free. lavinawinery.com

JULY 15

Full Moon Hikes

White Sands National Monument, \$10-40. 8pm. nps.gov/whsa

JULY 16

Full Moon Nights

White Sands National Monument. \$10-40. 8:30pm. nps.gov/whsa

JULY 19

Old Mesilla Summer Music Series: Con Sal & Limon

Old Mesilla Plaza. 7pm. Free. mesillanm.gov

JULY 20

Movies in the Park: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Young Park. Starts at dusk. Free. 575-541-2550

JULY 20-21

Tequila Taco & Cerveza Fest 2019

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 6pm. \$20-50

JULY 20

Stuff the Bus Family Fun Day 5K Race and Family 1 Mile Walk

JULY 21

Music in the Park: Zoltan & The Fortunetellers and The Claudio Toulouse Group

Young Park. 7pm. Free. 575-541-2550

Ice Cream Sunday

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum 12pm. \$3-5. frhm.org

Live Music on the Patio: La Viña Winery

La Viña Winery. 1pm. Free. lavinawinery.com

JULY 24

Summer Cooking Recipe Swap

Branigan Cultural Center. 5pm. Free. las-cruces.org

JULY 25

Music on the Plaza: Trout Fishing in America and Steve Smith & Hard Rd.

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 8pm. Free. 575-541-2550

JULY 26

Promoting Art in Las Cruces

Doña Ana Arts Council. 1pm. Free. daarts.org

JULY 27

Movies in the Park: Avengers: Infinity War

Young Park. Starts at dusk. Free. 575-541-2550

FYI Back to School Event

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 8am. Free. 575-556-1551

JULY 28

Music in the Park: Triple Jack and Tanner Huston

Young Park. 7pm. Free. 575-541-2550

Live Music on the Patio

La Viña Winery. 1pm. Free. lavinawinery.com

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LCHBA, LCPS join forces to bring trades back to schools

There was a time when nearly every high school girl took home economics and nearly every high school boy took shop class.



RICHARD COLTHARP
From the Publisher

Over the course of a couple of generations, though, varying depending on the part of the country, these classes shrank considerably or disappeared altogether. Here in Las Cruces, builders and contractors are facing a serious shortfall of people with qualified skills in the trades they need. Certainly, a contributing factor to that shortfall is the decline of high school and middle school shop classes.

This has been a concern for some time among the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association, who have been hammering away at this issue for a while. On Saturday, June 29, they were quite literally hammering away.

On that day, several members of the LCHBA, with saws, crowbars and sledge hammers in hand, broke down walls, stairs, floors and other additions to a room at Oñate High School. Years ago, the room had served as a shop class, but over the last two decades, the room has been relegated to storage.

When classes open Aug. 8, there will be a shop class at OHS.

John Arguello will be the instructor for building construction and trades, the start of what the LCHBA and others hope will be a strong movement toward creating new learning opportunities for local students.

"The LCHBA has been a driving force behind this effort," Arguello said. "They are outstanding partners.

"There is definitely a need for trades people," Arguello said. "So many currently doing these jobs are right at retirement age."

Nicole Black, executive director of the LCHBA, said 140 students are enrolled for the classes at Oñate. The next step will be a school inspection, to ensure everything in the classroom is up to code.

Carrie Hernandez Coordinator for College and Career Readiness for Las Cruces Public Schools said the system's physical plant staff have been a valuable resource as the project has progressed.

LCHBA member Tyson Brown, general manager at Foxworth Galbraith, said he and other members will be working to provide equipment and materials at low- or no-cost where possible.

Arguello, a New Mexico State University graduate, previously was an automotive instructor at Mayfield High School, the only other high school in the LCPS district with these types of hands-on trade programs. Going back further, he was an executive director with Habitat for Humanity.

"John is also an NCCER (National Center for Construction Education & Research) certified instructor/trainer," Hernandez said.

It is exciting to see these opportunities return to our community, and kudos to the LCHBA for driving this, and to LCPS for supporting it.

I can envision a Las Cruces in the not-too-distant future, where hundreds of young men and women, whose first introduction to construction, plumbing, electrical and other trades came at school, and who are creating important work and important business expansion in our community.

Las Cruces continues to be a growing, expanding community, but if we don't have the people with the skills to help it continue growing and expanding, we will reach a standstill.

I, for one, look forward to the progress on this vital effort, and the fulfillment of the LCHBA mission to bring skilled trades back, one school at a time in Las Cruces.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cemetery column was fascinating

To the editor:

Just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed [Richard Coltharp's] article "Remembering the forgotten, both here and gone" [Bulletin, June 28].

A fellow cemetery enthusiast, I too am fascinated by the stories behind these stone snapshots of life and death. Wandering through old cemeteries is a favorite travel pastime. I can imagine the stories and ripples into others' lives these human beings left during their tenure on this earth. Your tenderness regarding the pauper's cemetery where "souls were given this bit of grace" is a phrase that will stay with me. As a personal historian I'm thankful for your timely reminder of the voices of others we carry with us.

I hope that many in our community will be inspired to have some great conversations and a rich time reminiscing with friends and family over their barbecue plates the 4th of July weekend.

*Karen Ray
Las Cruces*

Conduct independent investigation

To the editor:

Open letter to the Board of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley:

I have been told that ASCMV releases sick kittens to other organizations for care/foster. I have also been told that many of these had died

shortly thereafter.

Here's the potential problem: ASCMV may report these kittens as "successfully live-released," which is a misconstruction of what ultimately occurred. Furthermore, one does not know how frequently this potentially occurs, not only with cats and kittens, but also with dogs and puppies.

I am writing to respectfully request that this whole issue be thoroughly independently investigated and researched by a neutral third party.

ASCMV consumes a large amount of public funds and as such has a duty to be fully accountable and transparent to the taxpayers.

*Pat Mitchell
Las Cruces*

First-rate response

To the editor:

Thank you, Mayor Miyagishima and the Las Cruces City Council, for the first-rate handling of the current asylum seekers situation in our city.

It is the first duty of any government to ensure the safety of the people (citizens, tourists, asylum seekers) within our city limits.

In the past few months the federal government has literally "dumped" thousands of processed asylum seekers onto our city streets without contacting our local government ahead of time, thus leaving immigrants helpless without any means to provide for their own

You have the right to send all your money to Santa Fe

This Independence Day holiday, while many of us will celebrate with backyard barbecues and neighborhood fireworks, bureaucrats in Santa Fe will be busy updating their accounting codes to prepare for the influx of new tax revenue. It will be a happy time for fans of big government.

I can't imagine that our country's founding fathers envisioned the current governing reality in our state. The Revolutionary generation built our country on the principles of limited government and individual freedom. They enshrined our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in the very document that declared our independence as a self-governing nation.

Unfortunately, over the last 243 years, these ideals sometimes have been used to provide cover for objectives that limit



JAMES TOWNSEND
Guest Column

individual freedom rather than protect it. Take the tax increases passed by partisans in Santa Fe earlier this year.

New Mexico's booming oil and gas industry produced a \$1.2 billion revenue surplus in Fiscal Year 2019, and it's on track to generate an additional \$1.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2020. These surpluses could grow once the final numbers are tallied.

After years of austerity, legislators should have been mindful to address critical issues while controlling the size of government programs as a hedge against future revenue downturns. Instead, they went on a spending spree.

Democrat legislators increased recurring expenses by 12 percent. For the first time in New Mexico's history, general

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Senate should reform its committee rules

The Senate, whether in Santa Fe or Washington, D.C., has long prided itself on being the more deliberative of the two legislative bodies.

The House, where each seat is up for grabs every two years, may twist and turn with the political winds of the day. But the Senate, filled with legislative lifers who have seen numerous past administrations come and go, provides stability and a long-term view.

It's the world's greatest deliberative body, or so we're told. But, can you really make that claim when you refuse to hold



WALT RUBEL

The View
From Here

deliberations?

In Washington, Mitch McConnell disposes of House bills without a word of public debate. In Santa Fe, that task falls to the committee chairmen. Judi-

ciary Chairman Richard Martinez and Finance Chairman John Arthur Smith had a combined 48 bills passed by the House die in their committees this session, often without a hearing or a vote.

It was considered something of a breakthrough this year when Smith agreed to let Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham make an appeal to the Finance Committee for increased early-childhood

education funding. He agreed to listen, but not to give the bill a vote.

The vote taken in the Senate this year to kill a bill by Rep. Joanne Ferrary that would have legalized abortion was rare. Of the more than 220 bills passed from the House to the Senate this year, only 10 were defeated by votes on the Senate floor.

Those votes are not just rare, they're also messy. They leave a permanent record of who is to blame when a bill is defeated, often sparking talk of primary election challenges.

It's much cleaner to kill a bill in committee without a vote. Which is why it is so much more common. There were more than 80 bills this session

that passed in the House and never made it out of committee in the Senate.

The fate of House Bill 356 was typical of how the process usually works. That was the bill to legalize marijuana.

After first clearing the Health and Human Services Committee, the bill went to the Judiciary Committee, where it was replaced by a committee substitute. It was then amended on the House floor before being passed on a 36-34 vote. The bill then moved over to the Senate, where it was amended again by the Public Affairs Committee.

After all of that, the bill reached its final committee – Senate Finance. Smith told the media

that the bill did not have enough votes to pass, and that the sponsor had therefore requested that he not hold a hearing.

We never get to know how close the vote would have been, who opposed the bill or what their opposition was based on.

It's not just the Finance Committee. Nearly 30 House bills died in the Senate Judiciary Committee this session.

I understand why the Legislature places so much faith in the committee process. Limited to 30-day and 60-day sessions in alternating years, there isn't enough time to debate every bill on the floor. There has to be a way to weed out what gets to the final vote.

But the process only works when the committees do their jobs. That means holding hearings and taking votes, even on the tough bills.

The House reformed its committee system several years ago to make it fairer and remove the discretion of the chairman to decide what bills are heard and when. The Senate should do the same.

For longer than a decade, the fate of early childhood funding has lied in the hands of one man, Smith. The full Senate never gets to vote on the issue. That has to change.

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MONEY

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fund expenditures will exceed \$7 billion.

Democrats were on such a shopper's high that they quickly

blew through the oil and gas windfall. They then elected to pick the pockets of New Mexico's overtaxed middle-class to the tune of \$1 billion over the next four years.

Spending advocates

said the increases were necessary to ensure equal outcomes for all New Mexicans. Proponents of the tax hike say that most New Mexicans won't be affected unless they buy cars, shop online,

or do business outside of the state. Well, who do you think does these things? The hard-working women and men who form the backbone of our state's economy, that's who.

Marie Antoinette once told starving Parisians to eat cake if they didn't have bread. Likewise, Democrat legislators seem to think that New Mexico's middle-class families have unlimited reserves that can be tapped at any time to pay for new government programs. It would be a downer to acknowledge that many families have no extra wiggle room in their household budgets to accommodate these new taxes.

The reality is that

many New Mexicans who will be on the receiving end of these tax hikes are looking to move to states that treat them and their tax dollars with more respect. Many families in the tax base income brackets have already left New Mexico to pursue opportunities elsewhere.

Worse still, the spending and tax increases enacted by the Legislature set up our state for future failure. The oil and gas industry is one of boom and bust cycles. Revenues are high now, but they will inevitably fall, just like they did a few years back.

What happens then? Who will pay for legislators' largess once that funding stream dries up?

You will. If legislators

show little restraint in passing new taxes in times of surplus, can you imagine the tax hikes that are coming once times get tough?

So, enjoy this 4th of July. As you celebrate this holiday commemorating our freedom from government overbearance, try to remember that the new taxes tacked onto your next car purchase or Amazon order are going to a good cause – ensuring that feckless politicians don't have to limit their pursuit of happiness when spending your money.

James Townsend of Artesia is the NM House Republican Leader.

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Tell county wildlife contract is cruel, inhumane

This April, the Doña Ana County Commission passed a resolution 4-1 that ensured “Farm and Ranch Improvement Funds” (or FRIF) used for predator and rodent control must be used only on non-lethal methods going forward.

Less than two months later, that resolution was repealed, 4-0.

FRIF can also be spent on soil and water conservation, road maintenance, and noxious weed control, but for years the county has exclusively used up to \$17,000 – matched with an equal amount of gen-



CHRIS SMITH

Guest Column

eral county funds – to pay a federal agency called Wildlife Services to “control” predator animals and rodents, mostly through lethal methods.

April’s resolution would not have affected the county’s contract with Wildlife Services as long as the agency spent half of their budget on non-lethal animal control. However, the agency and their supporters vehemently opposed the resolution and put immense pressure on the commissioners.

On June 25, the county commission repealed

their April resolution and replaced it with one that imposes modest new reporting requirements on Wildlife Services but essentially continues the status quo establishing modest reporting requirements for the agency.

The resolution passed also contains language that describes the indiscriminate and cruel practice of using leghold traps to capture animals as “effective and humane” despite abundant evidence to the contrary.

New Mexico conservation groups have launched a “People’s Contract for Coexistence with Wildlife” in response to the Doña Ana County Commis-

sion’s reversed decision on non-lethal wildlife control and the potential renewal of the county’s contract with federal agency Wildlife Services.

Transparency, accountability, the best available science, and an ethic of coexistence are the essential pillars of this contract. It’s time for counties to stand up to this opaque, rogue, killing agency and serve their constituents with a plan that actually protects people, property, and native wildlife for the long-term.

The People’s Contract would prohibit Wildlife Services from using leghold traps, snares, and dangerous M-44

sodium cyanide bombs. It would also preclude expensive and wasteful aerial gunning of wildlife. Instead, the contract emphasizes the need for coexistence with native wildlife through long-term, proven non-lethal deterrence methods and husbandry practices that would save public funds and benefit ecosystem function.

Wildlife Services has come under intense scrutiny across the western United States for practices that scientists have called ineffective and inhumane. High profile events like the poisoning of an Idaho boy and family dog and Wildlife Services employ-

ees torturing trapped animals are just some of the causes for backlash against the agency.

The county’s annual contract with Wildlife Services is up for renewal on Tuesday, July 9, when county commissioners will again take up this issue at a public meeting.

Doña Ana County residents are encouraged to call their county commissioners to voice their opinions on this contract..

Chris Smith is the Southern Rockies Wildlife Advocate for WildEarth Guardians: csmith@wildearthguardians.org; 505-395-6177.

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nourishment or funding to move out to places across the U.S.

With the help of Assistant Manager David Dohlahon and Fire Chief Eric Enriquez and his team, an old armory was outfitted for use in housing and administering to the needs of stranded immigrants. Nonprofit organizations

like Casa de Peregrinos, The Gospel Rescue Mission, El Calvario Church and hundreds of local citizens volunteered time and money to the cause.

We are proud to call this compassionate city our home. We will pressure the White House to replace the funds the city used for this empathetic and safety undertaking.

*Pat Bonneau-White and
Ivan White
Las Cruces*

Popular vote disenfranchises New Mexico

To the editor:

I’m going to get right to the point, if you’re a NM voter then you’ve been disenfranchised. How? The recent NM Legislature passed House Bill 55, Agreement to Elect President by Popular Vote. Virtually every single southern NM Democrat from Las Cruces/Doña

Ana County voted for it. And with this vote, they acted to “disenfranchise” the voters of NM.

HB55 is part of a national scheme based on the national popular vote to subvert the Electoral College. If NM votes for one candidate, but the popular vote is different, our electoral votes are given away to the popular vote winner. A short explanation

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Heartfelt gratitude to Doña Ana County municipalities

I grew up with parents who were not only active voters, but also talked about issues, policies and various decisions made by leaders. The moment I turned 18 and could vote, my mom drove me to the post office to complete my voter registration. Beyond being encouraged, voting was actually expected by my parents.

Yet despite my active interest and status as a voter, I remember several times when elections were held locally, and I was not aware of them. In fact, this happened regularly when I was in college and had just become a regular voter. I remember walking into the library or driving by a school, seeing the signs and reading, "Vote here." I remember thinking, "There's an election today? For what? Does that election include me



AMANDA LOPEZ ASKIN
Guest Column

as a voter? What did I miss?" I now know that those elections were likely often less publicized special, school board, or even water conservation district elections.

Voters may not be aware of important voting legislation passed in 2018 that greatly affected local elections in our county. Through the passage of the Local Election Act and with the goal of increasing voter participation, New Mexico voters will have the opportunity to vote in the first local election on Nov. 5, which will merge local, nonpartisan elections across the state.

This means that for the first time New Mexican voters can depend on voting every Tuesday following the first Monday of every November.

Municipalities in Doña Ana County had the option to be included

in this consolidation of elections. Separate from the anticipated increase in voter turnout, the benefits of consolidation included cost-savings for the municipalities, particularly in run-off situations, in which participation is historically low, yet costly.

In Doña Ana County, we are fortunate to have had all of our municipalities choose to consolidate their elections. I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to those entities for making the decision to opt in. The City of Las Cruces, the City of Sunland Park, and the Village of Hatch will hold their municipal officer elections on Nov. 5 as part of the first Local Election. The City of Anthony and the Town of Mesilla consolidated their elections but will not have municipal officers on a local election ballot until 2021.

For voters in Las

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Natural gas good for consumers, families

As a rancher, former employee at Navajo Refining and an individual with a degree in Agricultural Engineering from New Mexico State University, I come at questions about energy development from a multitude of angles. Every single angle leads me to believe that state and federal lawmakers must cut red tape so we can expand natural gas production and delivery.

As someone who has worked the land, I know American farmers and ranchers could not survive without a reliable and affordable energy supply. The American Farm Bureau Federation reminds us that, in the recent past (does anyone remember the late 1970s?) tight oil and natural gas supplies drove energy prices sky-high. Farmer and rancher production costs hit the roof as a result. The Farm Bureau remembers, and warns "In the near term, stopping exploration for and use of" natural gas "cannot be done without severely disrupting our economy and threatening Americans' standard of living."

Consumers' standard of living would decline because they would be paying more for groceries at the store so would have less money left over for housing, transportation and other necessities.



JEFF BYRD
Guest Column

Take bread, for example. One of the single biggest costs in grain production is drying, but the nation's grain farmers can save a lot of money by switching to natural gas. In fact, consumers can reduce costs by up to 50 percent by switching from a propane-powered drying to a one that runs on natural gas.

As a former energy industry worker, I know natural gas sustains thousands of well-paying jobs. The industry already is responsible for more than 100,000 jobs in the state and has an annual economic impact of \$12.8 billion. For every drilling rig we bring into the state, we add another 50 to 100 jobs. According to the website ZipRecruiter, the average salary for one of these guys or gals is more than \$80,000 a year. That is a life-changing sum for many families in this great state.

The industry is pretty recession-proof too. According to the U.S. Labor Department, from 2007 to 2012, total annual average employment in all U.S. industries fell 3.7 million, or 2.7 percent. Employment in the oil and gas sector rose 31.6 percent during that period, however. Since we all are looking over our shoulders, wondering when the longest-expansion in

history is going to end, this benefit is a pretty big one.

As an environmental engineer, I also know natural gas does good for our families in other ways. The air we breathe is getting better because of natural gas. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency data indicate that, in 2017, greenhouse gas emissions in general were at their lowest level in 25 years and methane emissions were down 18.8 percent from 1990. Those drops come despite the fact that consumers are using a lot more gas today. And let's not forget water. Exploration for natural gas has resulted in zero groundwater contaminations in over 50 years.

There also is no doubt that natural gas has made the United States less dependent on foreign regimes for our energy. The nation now exports more energy than it imports, and that's because of natural gas. For me, that means our leaders in Washington will have less impulse to spend blood and treasure fighting battles in the Middle East.

As a consumer, I'm drawn to natural gas not only because it is affordable. It has changed this country's position in the world, and has made us safer. That's peace of mind that's hard to buy.

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Ol' rookie

Old dogs. They write songs about 'em and watermelon wine. They have sayings about 'em learning new tricks. They even name feet after them, i.e., "My ol' dogs are shore tired!"

In a dog's lifespan they usually figure eight dog years equals one human year. Little dogs usually live longer than big dogs. Fourteen is old for a dog, and Rookie had turned fourteen that year.

Old Rookie was a good-sized spotted hound dog belonging to my friend Tink. I saw the two of them that summer. Tink was lookin' good. Rookie looked like a dyin' duck in a thunderstorm! He was drawn up and pore. He panted and gazed into space a lot of the time. He had trouble getting up and down. He stumbled over Popsicle sticks and tumblebugs. It would be fair to say he had lost his bloom.

We thought he was so deaf he couldn't hear himself bark. But after closer observation we noticed that when you called him, ol' Rookie would look the other way. I reckon he was just ignoring us. A privilege we grant older folks of any species.

He practiced "snap-pin' flies." Only trouble was after they'd been



BAXTER BLACK
On the Edge
of Common Sense

snapped, he'd open his mouth and the fly would buzz lazily out. Rookie didn't have many teeth left ya see.

He had fleas, ticks and a squadron of flies that hovered

over him like groupies. I suggested we give him a bath and hang an insecticide ear tag on his collar. Tink said he'd considered that but he was afraid the ol' dog would be lonesome. I didn't understand. He said ol' Rookie is packin' his own peanut gallery!

He'd doze off in the shade of a tree then sit up suddenly and start barking. Then he'd look around with a puzzled look and flop back down in the grass. Barkin' at old memories.

I saw him walk out to the road and visit with a Doberman female. They sniffed and I saw his tail wag a little and a silly grin slide across his ol' gray muzzle. I said, "Look at that. He's still got fire in the furnace!"

Tink glanced at his long time canine partner and said, "Don't get yer hopes up. I think ol' Rookie's just havin' a flashback."

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The moon is not the same after humans walked on it

"We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone."

John Kennedy

Fifty years ago, I was one of a billion people watching on television as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon's Sea of Tranquility.

Note: before the first moon landing, 10 Astronauts paid the ultimate price. Chronologically: Theodore Freeman, 1964;



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

Charles Bassett and Elliot See, 1966; Roger Chaffee, Virgil Grissom, Edward White, Edward Givens, Clifton Williams, Michael J. Adams and Robert H. Lawrence, Jr., 1967. We shouldn't forget.

One July 1969 Sunday night I heard Neil Armstrong say, "Houston, Tranquility Base here, the Eagle has landed." I was at the New Mexico State University Methodist Student Center. Later, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

President Kennedy said, "In a very real sense, it will not be one man going to the moon, it will be an entire nation. For all of us must work to

put him there." Hundreds of thousands of people worked on this.

Fifty years later we can make a cost/benefit statement for that energy and money. We are better off because of the about \$4 billion spent each year. That's a little over \$30 billion a year in 2019 dollars.

In October 1957, as a 7-year old, I saw Sputnik 1 at dusk fly overhead. My Uncle Ralph said to me, "Remember this your whole life." I have.

In the early 1960s I avidly followed the Mercury, Gemini and then Apollo missions. I cheered when it went right and was bummed when they did not. My first fall semester in college included Apollo 8 orbited the moon 10 times and returning safely.

We are unable to calculate all the ways the moon race improved our country in technology and education. Many young people made career decisions because of the lure of space.

While not solely because of the space race, college enrollment, especially in the sciences flourished. At NMSU from 1961 to 1972 enrollment almost tripled.

While our space in-

dustry concentrated on Earth orbit and never returned humans to the moon, that space industry is and has been robust.

Today, it doesn't drive education like it did in the 1960s. Back then there was an increase in pilot training since the astronauts were pilots first. NMSU had an on-campus airport on the south end of campus. I flew from there many times before the college closed it.

As President Kennedy noted, our Space Industry, "...served to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills..." In retrospect, the political will to go to the moon may have been because John Kennedy was assassinated. Perhaps.

Regardless, our country is stronger and technologically much better. It drove the next phase of our space industry. I feel fortunate to have had a front row seat 50 years ago and in the subsequent years have been fascinated by the International Space Station.

Then and now I look at the moon differently after humans walked on it.

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against this scheme is that less populous states such as ours need the Electoral College. In fact, the Electoral College was explicitly included in the Constitution based on the insistence of small states that did not want their power diluted. A former federal judge recently stated that small states particularly would have to be crazy to give their votes away in this effort.

The national popular vote will probably never pass judicial scrutiny, but I think I know why these legislators acted so irrationally. It's because they don't like the president, and still can't respect the outcome of the last election. Irony has no bounds.

Now, for the fun part. To help challengers to these legislators, I have created a campaign slogan out of many possibilities (GOP please take note): "Bringing your vote back from New York City!"

You remember those "I voted stickers" they give you after you vote? For the beating that New Mexico voters suffered from this year's Legisla-

ture, the "I Voted" sticker should have read "You've been Punked!"

*Richard Reynaud
Las Cruces*

Protests were not about WWII

To the editor:

In his latest opinion entertainment piece [Bulletin, June 28], Baxter Black asks why Londoners protested President Trump on the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and why Britons dislike America. Mr. Black is either incredibly naive or intentionally obtuse by conflating the world's appreciation for the good America has done with its view of the current resident of the White House.

Nobody in London was protesting America's WWII valiant actions. What they were protesting are the policies and personal deficiencies of Mr. Trump.

A person can hold high regard for our country while at the same time understanding that Trump and his minions are doing almost everything in their power to undermine the respect that our country has earned over the past generations.

*Michael Davis
Las Cruces*

GRATITUDE

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Cruces, Sunland Park, Hatch, Anthony and Mesilla, your leadership's decision to opt in to the Local Election reflects not only a choice to save your municipality money, but reflects a commitment to increasing voter turnout and participation in our county's electoral pro-

cess.

To learn your status as a voter as well as access other important information regarding legislation and elections, please visit www.NMVote.org. You will also find election information specific to our county at www.dacelections.com.

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Convention center hotel set to open

BULLETIN REPORT

After several years of planning and construction, the Courtyard by Marriott Las Cruces hotel is scheduled to open Friday, July 5.

Located at 456 E. University Avenue just west of the Las Cruces Convention Center and New Mexico State University, the 126-room hotel will operate as a Marriott franchise, developed by a partnership between Allen Sigmon Real Estate Group and Total Management Systems both of Albuquerque, and managed by Total Management Systems.

The four-story hotel features an outdoor swimming pool, a business library with computer stations, a fitness center and guest laundry, 675 square feet of meeting space to accommodate functions of up to 72 people, and The Market, a 24/7 shop for snacks and beverages.

“The latest room design offers hybrid zones for working, sleeping, relaxing and getting ready,” according to a news release. “The hotel features artwork and a color

palette – Aggie Crimson, that is motivated by New Mexico State University.”

“From day one, Courtyard has prided itself as a brand that listens to business travelers,” said Janis Milham, senior vice president and global brand leader, Classic Select Brands, in the release. “Today’s technology has changed how people travel. Our guests want a room that has purpose and flexibility that enables a seamless transition between relaxing and working. Courtyard is designed to offer them a relaxing and functional space to work the way they want to, when they want to.”

According to the release, “Each room provides modern furnishings and amenities, plush bedding topped with crisp linens, a light desk on wheels with an ergonomic chair, complimentary WiFi and a large flat-panel television. The guestrooms provide ... floor-to-ceiling windows offering awe-inspiring views of Las Cruces.”

Continuing, “An upgraded, more spacious layout creates an enhanced bathroom experi-

ence. A ‘Shower Nook’ housing shampoos and towels, makes amenities accessible without having to leave the shower.

“The Courtyard by Marriott Las Cruces features the brand’s latest lobby design, where guests can enjoy an open and modern environment outside of their rooms. As an extension to Courtyard’s inviting public spaces, the newly designed Bistro is the epicenter of the lobby, which fosters social connections and collaboration with more flexible and informal seating options. As an ideal casual dining destination, the new Bistro offers guests a wide variety of fresh Classic American menu items



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The exterior colors of the hotel are inspired by Aggie Crimson.

with a contemporary twist. In the evening, the Bistro Bar also features an array of cocktails, beer and wine for guests.”

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New Game Commission member hails from Las Cruces

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Two of the seven members of the newly appointed New Mexico State Game Commission are from Las Cruces:

former New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) career employee Roberta Salazar-Henry and lifelong sportsman, conservation enthusiast and author David Soules.

Salazar-Henry is vice chair of the commission and represents District 2, which includes Doña Ana and six other southern New Mexico counties; Soules is an at-large member.

The commission represents the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF), which is



Salazar-Henry

interview.

NMDGF generates nearly \$1 billion a year for New Mexico's economy and receives no money from the state's general fund. Its revenue comes from licenses (generating about \$20 million a year) sold to hunters, trappers and fishermen. Grant funding from the federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program provides an additional \$12 million annually in a three-to-one match, according to the department's Facebook

the equivalent of a cabinet-level department, Salazar-Henry said in a June 19

page. New Mexico Habitat Stamp Program sales generate about \$900,000 annually for habitat improvement, according to www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/habitat-stamp.

The state has more than 100,000 hunters, 250,000-plus anglers and about 800,000 outdoor enthusiasts, the department said, but its responsibilities "extend far beyond license sales or simply patrolling for poachers." It also manages a staggering array of wildlife (including threatened and endangered species), works to improve wildlife habitat and make sure game is thriving, stocks millions of fish each year, manages the state's Off-Road Vehicle Program and regularly conducts

clinics and workshops on hunter safety, fishing archery and other topics. Conservation officers "patrol the state – on foot, via boat, snowmobile, off-road vehicles, pickups, aircraft and horseback – to protect wildlife from poaching and other illegal activities, respond to human-wildlife encounters and keep people, property and wildlife out of jeopardy," according to the department. The commission also owns, manages or controls wildlife areas and other properties in the state, including six fish hatcheries.

"It's not just hunting and fishing," Salazar-Henry said. And, she should know.

Salazar-Henry retired in 2003 after a 25-year career with NMDGF, the

last six in policy development and rulemaking, including lobbying the New Mexico Legislature and finally as assistant director of support services.

A native of Española, Salazar-Henry moved to Las Cruces from Santa Fe after her retirement. Her husband, Stephen Henry, also was a career NMDGF employee, beginning work as a game warden and advancing to Fisheries Division director and director of the Southwest Area Field Operations Division. He's now vice president of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation.

Southwest New Mexico alone includes 10 million acres of public lands that are home to abundant wildlife, Salazar-Henry said, including trout and

catfish, ibex, elk, turkeys, antelope, javelina, deer, quail and hundreds of other bird species, along with sandhill cranes and other migratory birds.

"You name it, we have it," Salazar-Henry said. "It's a wonderful place to be in if you love wildlife, even if you don't hunt."

Salazar-Henry has "a lot of trust in NMDGF staff to recommend sound scientific plans for wildlife management," she said. In working with staff to develop the policies that drive rule-making authority, the commission must consider the interests of all stakeholders, she said, from the most avid hunters to conservationists who believe "every-

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This is home. Here's Why.



Wanda and Paul Bowman

Recently, a couple moving back to Las Cruces after 40 years away, stopped into Ashley Homestore to shop for furniture for their new residence.

They wound up talking with store owner Wanda Bowman about their needs, when all of a sudden, the husband looked up and said, "You're the same lady who sold us our first washer and dryer in 1975!"

Indeed, Wanda has sold furniture and appliances in Las Cruces since 1971, when she first moved to town with her husband, Bob, and their growing family. Since 2003, the Bowmans have operated the Ashley Homestore in Las Cruces, continuing the tradition of customer service and community involvement as they grow their business and develop loyal repeat customers. Bob passed away in 2013, but son Paul continues as general manager.

"Ashley has been rated the No. 1 product in America, and there's good reason for that," Wanda said. "They produce quality furniture and stand behind their products." For nearly five decades, the Bowmans have been active in the community, working with charitable organizations, and supporting New Mexico State University.

A perfect example of the Bowmans' civic-mindedness is the "All I Want for Christmas" program. Each holiday season, Wanda provides furniture for families who have faced hardships during the previous 12 months.

In addition, the Bowmans understand the needs of the Las Cruces consumer, active in the community, they work with customers to find the best values and ideal products to help houses become homes. For the Bowmans, and Ashley Homestore, this is home.



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New Game Commission members appointed in May

All seven members of the New Mexico Game Commission who had been serving in the administration of former Gov. Susana Martinez when her term ended last Dec. 31 resigned in March at the request of new Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham. In May, Lujan Grisham appointed new commissioners, whose first commission meeting was June 14. Since the new members were recess appointments, the New Mexico State Senate will conduct confirmation hearings during the 2020 legislative session.

The commission meets monthly in different locations around the state.

The commission members are

- Joanna Prukop, chair, District 4 (Santa Fe, Taos, Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, Quay, San Miguel, Guadalupe and Tarrant counties). Prukop, from Santa Fe, worked in the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) for more than 25 years and was a three-term appointee to the national Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council.

- Roberta Salazar-Henry, vice chair, District 2 (Catron, Socorro, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra and Doña Ana counties). Salazar-Henry, from Las Cruces, retired from NMDGF in 2003 after a 25-year career. She was chair of the Southwest Citizens Review Committee for the New Mexico Habitat Stamp Program 2009-13 and was on the board of

the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance 2013-19.

- Gail Cramer, member, District 1 (Curry, De Baca, Roosevelt, Chaves, Lincoln, Otero, Eddy and Lea counties). Cramer, from Mayhill, is a graduate of New Mexico State University. She previously served on the Game Commission 1996-2000.

- Jeremy Vesbach, member, District 3 (San Juan, McKinley, Cibola, Valencia, Sandoval, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties). Vesbach, from Placitas, is western lands program director for the nonprofit Western Resource Advocates. He previously served as field director and sportsmen outreach director for the Conservation Lands Foundation, executive director of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation and member of the state Mining Commission.

- Jimmy Bates, member, District 5 (Bernalillo County). Bates, from Albuquerque, is a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and former member of the board of Keep New Mex-

ico Beautiful, Inc.

- Tizio Lopez, at-large member. Lopez, from Cebolla, has two degrees in criminal justice from NMSU. He is an investigator for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and is a federally certified railroad inspector. Lopez previously worked as a park ranger for New Mexico State Parks, the National Park Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has been a member of the Chama Valley Independent School District school board since 2014.

- David Soules, at-large member. Soules, from Las Cruces, is a lifelong sportsman with more than 40 years' experience in wildlife and outdoor conservation work. He is co-author of "Exploring Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument." Soules has served on the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance board since 2010. He has a doctorate in mechanical engineering from Colorado State University.

- Mike Cook

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thing wild should be protected." Ultimately, the commission makes "decisions based on science," Salazar-Henry said, as part of its role to "maintain wildlife populations for everybody."

"We're seeing more and more species disappear," she said, so there is a need to protect more species. Commission conversations with wildlife enthusiasts will help determine "how you build that system (and) which species you protect first," she said, and how to pay for it.

Salazar-Henry said she will look for "the middle ground" on issues that come before the commission and will listen to all sides. And, she wants to be part of a commission that is more open and transparent about the decisions it makes and gives more attention to public input.

Salazar-Henry is an avid hunter; she's bagged antelope, oryx and turkeys and learned to fly fish on the San Juan River. Her four children "we're raised

on game meat," she said, and she recently presented her granddaughter in Albuquerque with her first bow.

"I'm very proud of our sport-hunting community," Salazar-Henry said. Hunting is a "valid tool" of wildlife management, she said.

Likely issues coming before the commission, Salazar-Henry said, "will be the new bear and mountain lion hunting rule, which includes the controversy of whether or not to continue to allow trapping of mountain lions as a way to take a mountain lion," the furbearer rule which is also known as the trapping rule, stream access, and the state's licensing distribution system, which she said "does not function as intended" because it allocates too many licenses to out-of-state residents for hunting on private land "at the expense of local hunters who do not have the thousands of dollars to pay for a hunt on private land."

Many issues that come before the commission are controversial and complicated, Salazar-Henry said, and find-

ing solutions "takes everybody at the table to talk about how to do it responsibly."

It also may be time to consider changing the department's name, Salazar-Henry said. "Game and Fish" no longer defines the full NMDGF mission, she said.

"Wildlife is held in trust for everybody," Salazar-Henry said. "Everybody wins when wildlife is managed responsibly."

Closer to home, the Game Commission has returned control of Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park from NMDGF to the State Parks Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Salazar-Henry said. And, she said, the department's budget includes opening an NMDGF building in Las Cruces within the next four years.

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Historical fiction blends facts, stories, memories

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The fictional account “Mom, Dad and Pancho Villa” has its origin in the fields of the Hayner ranch near San Patricio, New Mexico where Johnny “Chris” Leyva was a boy, his father the foreman of 52 years.

Leyva passed away in May 2017 but his wife, Marilyn, with the help of his nephew Manuel Camargo, have edited and produced this book, which is being released July 6.

“During the 1950s when they had the Bracero Program (which brought Mexican farm laborers up to the States in the 1940s), he heard all the songs and history of the [Mexican] Revolution,” she said. “Really, those men who were working on the ranch were the first generation from the revolution. In the songs and stories, Pancho Villa was portrayed as helping the underdog and my husband lived his life like that, he always helped people.”

As Johnny carried



Johnny “Chris” Leyva and Marilyn Leyva at the Mesilla Day of the Dead celebration a couple of years before his death.

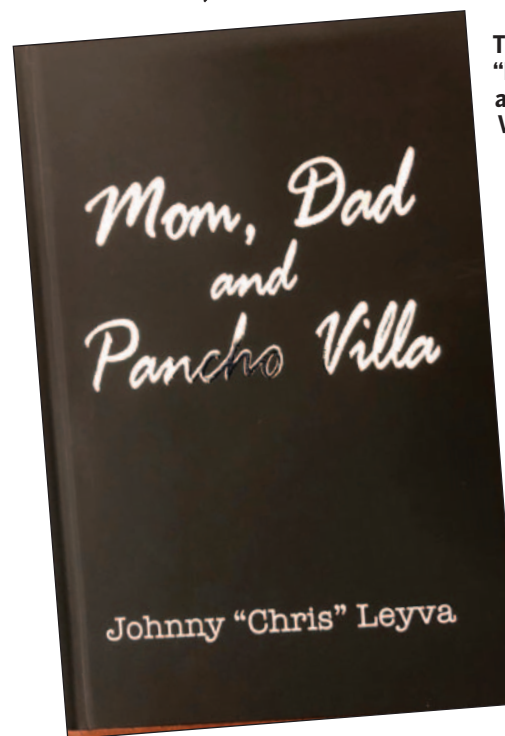
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those stories into adulthood, he remained fascinated with them. So, when he sat down to write a book it is no surprise that he took those tales; real events and people; and his family history and wove them together into an imagined history of the revolution.

“[The book] starts in 1910 and goes through when Pancho Villa was

assassinated,” Marilyn said. “And it goes on to when his parents came here. There is a lot of historical license taken but the historical facts are correct.”

Although the photo on the title page is a blended image of Pancho Villa and Johnny’s parents, Chris and Francisca Leyva, his parents did not ever really interact with the revolu-



The cover of “Mom, Dad and Pancho Villa”

tionary, Marilyn said.

Marilyn refers to her mother-in-law, Francisca, as “the most loving, the most Christian woman you would ever want to meet, she was gentle and kind.”

Francisca’s mother died when Francisca was very young, Marilyn said.

“There is a part in the back of the book where I wrote about my husband,” she said. “His mother’s mother died in maybe 1912 and his mother was only 6

years old. During the revolution his father and brothers were woodcutters and they took her to Mexico, so they could ply their trade. They left her with some relatives in a walled compound down there. And despite all those things, the relatives were not all that kind to her.”

Johnny didn’t start writing the book until the last year of his life, Marilyn said. She didn’t even know what he was writing, only that when

he became ill he got very busy writing a story.

Marilyn planned a July 6 book release party which has now turned into a family reunion. Camargo and Johnny’s sisters are coming from California for the event. Marilyn said it is her intention to present the book to everyone her husband loved.

Johnny went from ranching life to airline work in 1964 and worked in that industry for 38 years. In 2012 the couple moved back to the Las Cruces area.

“He loved history,” Marilyn said. “The book’s background is accurate, the characters are people from his past, incorporated into the story, but the story of Pancho Villa is very accurate. Pancho Villa retired in 1920 and they gave him a ranch. He was killed in 1923. That’s when the parents came to the United States in the book.”

Marilyn said the completion of the book has been a labor of love for both herself and Camargo.

“He (Johnny) is always with me,” she said. “If it weren’t for Manuel, I don’t think I would have had the will to carry on and publish this.”

“Mom, Dad and Pancho Villa” is available for downloading from the Hatch Public Library and copies will be available for checkout at local libraries. For your own copy, contact Marilyn at elnino1@comcast.net for availability.

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Reyes announces for District 4 city council seat

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Antoinette Reyes is making her second bid for local elective office in the race for District 4 on the Las Cruces City Council. The seat is currently held by Jack Eakman, who has announced that he will not run again.

Reyes, 26, finished second in the five-way Democratic primary for Doña Ana County Commission District 1 in 2018, receiving almost 24 percent of the vote to 37 percent for Lynn Ellins, who won the primary and the general election.

Reyes, a private contractor working in health, education and energy, has been interested in politics for more than a decade. "I've wanted to be involved since I was 17," she said.

"I don't feel well-represented at any level of government," Reyes said. That's why she decided to run for city council. A native of Silver City, Reyes is a 15th generation New Mexican, she said, and has "very New Mexico values." She moved to Las Cruces in 2011.

If elected, Reyes said her priorities will be public safety, improving education, cutting wasteful spending and creating a more sustainable community.

She also wants to focus on improving local infrastructure, including broadband service, and helping small business.

"I am very passion-



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ate about what I think I can bring to the city," Reyes said. Reyes said she wants to be sure all available positions are filled in the Las Cruces Police Department and that officers have the resources and technology they need and are adequately trained to deal with people with behavioral health issues.

Reyes said the Coffee with a Cop program should be expanded citywide to help more residents "see law enforcement in a positive way."

She also supports

decriminalization for possession of marijuana raised above the current state level of one-half ounce.

Reyes also said the city is not fully ADA compliant and the concerns of some residents with disabilities are "not getting heard."

Reyes supports the implementation of specialty courts in municipal court to serve local homeless, veteran and teen populations, she said.

And, she said the city needs a hotline so residents can report local code violations, especially to ensure a "safe, habitable environment" for tenants.

Reyes wants the city to expand its partnerships with Las Cruces

Public Schools and New Mexico State University, including hiring more co-op students so they can gain work experience with the city.

It's also important, she said, to make books, computers and internet service more widely available in the city. And, Reyes said, the city should restart the mobile library it used to operate.

Reyes said the city has a "top-down approach to managing. I don't agree with that." There should be more engagement with staff, she said, and employees should be listened to.

It's important for the city to "prioritize Las Cruces businesses" in the contracts it awards to keep city spending

local, Reyes said, and the city needs to do a better job of making local businesses aware of the services it offers them.

Reyes said her review of city audit reports shows wasteful spending that should be addressed.

The city needs more detailed audit reports that are publicly released, she said.

Reyes said she supports expanding community schools in Las Cruces to provide additional services to families, and she wants the city to do more to address local food insecurity, especially for children.

"We need to lift our entire community up," Reyes said. Las Cruces,

she said, should be "a safe community with opportunity."

Reyes has a bachelor's degree in anthropology and applied science from NMSU, where she is completing a master's in applied economics. She is the mother of two young children.

Reyes said her campaign kickoff event will be 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at Pepe's Restaurant, 1405 W. Picacho Ave.

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AntoinetteReyes.com and facebook.com/AntoinetteReyes4NM.

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Tasty treat



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The annual Taste of Las Cruces event, presented by three local Rotary clubs June 6, raised \$16,245.92 for local food pantry Casa de Peregrinos. Pictured are Rio Grande Rotary Club President Ken Binkley, Casa de Peregrinos Executive Director Lorenzo J. Alba Jr., Mesilla Valley Rotary Club President Allison Smith, Christina Villegas-Fierro of Casa de Peregrinos and Las Cruces Rotary Club President Patty Groth.

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IN THE NEWS



Essay contests

Local Commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Post 3242,6917 and 10124 have announced the kick-off of the VFW's annual Patriot's Pen youth essay competition. Middle school students in grades 6-8 in this area have the opportunity to compete and win thousands of dollars in national awards.

The deadline for this year's entries is Thursday, Oct. 31.

The VFW enacted the Patriot's Pen competition in 1995 to encourage young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society by composing a 300- to 400-word patriotic-themed essay. The theme for the 2019-20 competition is "What Makes America Great."

Students begin by competing at the local post level. Post winners advance to district competition with district winners advancing to the state competition. State first-place winners compete for their share

of thousands of dollars in awards, and the national first-place winner is awarded \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

For more information, including rules, eligibility requirements and an entry form, visit www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen.

Mobile hours

Representative Xochitl Torres Small (NM-02) announced the dates, times, and locations of mobile office hours for July. Mobile office hours are an opportunity for constituents to meet with staff, ask questions, and get help with federal case-work such as Medicare, Social Security, and VA claims – all in their local communities.

For additional details regarding mobile office hours, contact the Las Cruces Office at 575-323-6384 or visit torressmall.house.gov/about/MobileOfficeHours. Please note, last-minute changes subject to occur.

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Requesting proposals

The Education Trust Board of New Mexico, the state entity that administers the New Mexico 529 education savings program, announces that it is requesting proposals from organizations providing digital marketing and digital advertising services. This includes analytics, website update, and ongoing development to promote and grow The Education Plan, New Mexico's 529 education savings plan.

Proposals are due by Monday, July 22.

The proposal is for activities that are applicable to New Mexico as well as to a subset of the 21 other states that currently have no tax benefit for contributions to the state's 529 program or provide such tax benefits for contributions to any 529 program regardless of the state sponsor.

The Education Trust Board of New Mexico is responsible for governing and administering the New Mexico 529 education savings program. For more information, including the proposal and associated materials, visit www.nmetb.org.

The Education Plan offers a low-cost, tax-advantaged way to grow savings over time that can be used to cover more than 200 qualified education expenses, including tuition, room and board, books, computers and fees, at any accredited college, university, trade or technical school that

accepts federal financial aid across the country, and even internationally.

For more information, visit www.theeducationplan.com. Contact Mariah Taglialegami, 505-797-6673, or mtaglialegami@jameskorenchen.com.

Fishing report

Southwest NM fishing report, from New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, effective July 2:

Alumni Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing for crappie has been good for people using small jigs and flies fishing from a flyrod. Catfishing has been good using worms and chicken liver.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was fair to good using minnows for crappie. Fishing was good using crank baits that dive 8- to 12-feet, grubs and sassy shad for white bass, walleye and crappie. There were no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair and getting better using top water lures, minnows, crank baits and tubes for white bass. White bass fishing is starting to pick up. Fishing was slow to fair using chatter baits, crank baits, creature baits, jigs, top water lures, senkos and jerk baits for large-mouth bass and small-mouth bass. Fishing for walleye and crappie was fair to good using crank baits that dive 12- to 14-foot deep, sassy shad, and curly tail grubs. Fishing was good using cut bait, worms and chicken liver for catfish.

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DACC students succeed at skills conference

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students placed 2nd and 3rd in the nation at the 55th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Robyn Banegas was second in the nation with a silver medal in Computer Programming and Rion Osborne earned a third-place bronze medal in Technical Computer Applications. Students participated in events held in Louisville, Kentucky, last week.

The conference is the world's largest showcase of skilled trades. Quality career and technical education is the centerpiece of the conference. More than 19,000 students, teachers, education leaders, and representatives from 600 national corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions participate. The highlight is the SkillsUSA Championships with 103 hands-on skill and leadership competitions.

Twelve DACC students competed against other state winners in their respective technical areas of study. Other students participating were Turner Ashby in Electronics, Brendon Candelaria in Internet Working (high school level), Scott Caretto and Daniel Kerr in Cybersecurity, James Chambers in HVAC, Anthony Garretson in Job Skill Demonstration, Ro-



PHOTO BY LEILANI BENOIT

Robyn Banegas and Rion Osborne

dolfo Ruacho in Medical Terminology, Isaiah Silva in Information Technology Services, Shannon Smith in Internet Working, and Nancy Villalobos in Related Technical Math. Simon Sanchez served as a voting delegate representing New Mexico in the House of Delegates.

Faculty coaches included Tim Chappell, who coached Banegas; and Fred Huff, who coached

Osborne. Other coaches included Leilani Benoit, John Carter, Luis Meza and Edward Lopez.

"We are extremely proud of all of our DACC students who participated at the national level and represented New Mexico and DACC," said Sandra Castillo, DACC Dean of Advanced Technology. "We are thrilled to have two national medalists. Next year we hope to have even more representatives and medalists at nationals.

"Also, congratulations to the instructors and staff who played a vital role in preparing our students for the competition."

The national event featured representatives from career and technical education. According to the Skills USA website, "the philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs."

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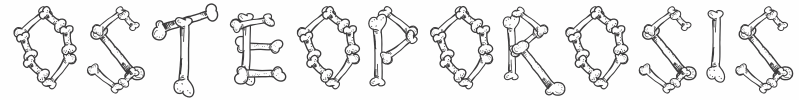
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A person is often not aware that he or she has osteoporosis until a fracture occurs. But there are occasionally symptoms that may reflect the disorder, including backache, a gradual loss of height and an accompanying stooped posture.

You're at higher risk of osteoporosis if you:

- are over 50.
- female.
- postmenopausal.
- have a small, thin frame.
- have a family history of the disease.
- take steroids for a long period of time.
- take other medications that raise the risk.
- have other conditions that raise your risk, such as rheumatoid arthritis.
- smoke.
- are female and over age 65
- are male and over age 70

Consider putting some or all of these tips into practice. They may help to strengthen your bones and protect your body against osteoporosis.

Consume plenty of calcium

Calcium helps to keep your bones strong and prevent osteoporosis. Increase calcium intake by having a fortified oatmeal for breakfast. Canned sardines, shrimp, and salmon are packed with calcium and high in protein.



Dennis Prickett
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Almonds, brazil nuts, and pistachios are also rich sources of calcium. Collard greens, kale, bok choy, and raw spinach are also good options. If your diet alone doesn't help you to reach the daily recommended amount of calcium, talk to a doctor or pharmacist about adding over-the-counter calcium supplements to your daily routine.

Increase your Vitamin D intake

Vitamin D helps your body hold onto bone-strengthening nutrients. Without enough vitamin D, your bones may weaken, increasing the risk of fracture. Increase your Vitamin D by eating cereal fortified with vitamin D, eggs, and fatty fish (such as salmon). Try to get at least 5 to 10 minutes of daily sun exposure. Spending a little time in the sunlight helps your body to absorb vitamin D naturally.

Participate in weight-bearing exercise

You can do this by taking a walk for 20 to 30 minutes 3 to 4 times per week. The pace and frequency of your walks or jogs are up to you. Your doctor or physical therapist can help you decide what is appropriate. You can increase the intensity by climbing stairs or doing bench steps or light jumping exercises. You may also like to do some resistance or strength training. A session of lifting, pushing, and pulling weights or resistance bands 2 to 3 times per week is good for your bones and promotes overall health.

Make lifestyle changes - quit smoking and avoid excessive alcohol use. Smoking may be a significant risk factor for bone loss. Not only that, smokers are shown to display poorer balance than non-smokers, raising the chances of falling and breaking a bone. Heavy alcohol consumption interferes with the body's ability to absorb and regulate calcium and vitamin D.

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COMING UP

Saturday Family Science: “Lift off!” exploring Newton’s third law of motion through experiments with rockets, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 6, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Free. Info: 575-522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

Candle making: Hand-dip your own wax candle to take home, 1:30-3 p.m. Saturdays, July 6, 27, NM Farm & Ranch heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Info: 575-522-4100; nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Non-perishable food drive: Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Chapter 431, 7-11 a.m. Sunday, July 7, Walmart, 3331 Rinconada. Info: 575-800-9432.

Share the Road Visibility Ride: Real-time demonstration of how bicyclists can ride with traffic safely, sponsored by Velo Cruces. Gather at 7:05 a.m. Monday, July 8, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Departure 7:15 a.m. Wear helmets, obey all traffic laws.

Diabetes classes: Three sessions, 1-4 p.m. July 9-11, Families and Youth, Inc., 1320 SD. Solano. English and Spanish. Info: 575-522-0289.



NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum summer camps:

- Wonders of Wool: July 9-11 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ages 7-11 \$35 non-members, \$30

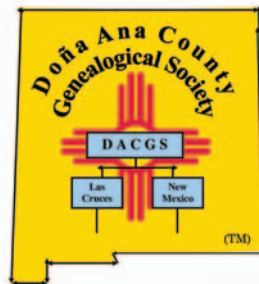
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Ever wonder how a sheep’s fleece is transformed into fabric? Students will prepare wool from the museum’s sheep and learn to spin, dye, and weave. Please bring a lunch every day. Deadline to register is July 4.

- Little Farmers Story Time: July 23-25 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 5-8 \$30 non-members, \$25 members

Do you love farm animals? Join us for farm animal story time and crafts, then visit with the animals at the museum and build your own farm. Deadline to register is July 18.



Doña Ana County Genealogical Society: Exploring the newest version of FindAGrave.com, a website to post memorials of deceased relatives and friends; 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

Summer Wednesdays: “Bioluminescence,” 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Free. Info: 575-522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

New Mexico Trails & Tales: Get to know some of New Mexico’s historical characters in a series of Chautauqua-like performances, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11,

NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Free admission. Info: 575-522-4100; nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Archaeology Afternoon: Learn how find sites, how to excavate them. 1-4 p.m. Friday, July 12, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Open to ages 8-14, \$3 per student. Register by July 9 at friendsnmfarmandranchmuseum.com.

Cruces Apple User Group: Meets 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 13, 2nd floor Living Room at NMSU Barnes & Noble. This month: “What’s new with Apple.” Info: Louise Foster, louise-foster@mac.com.

Crafts for Kids: 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children of all ages create their own craft to take home. Free with regular admission (\$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17).

- July 13: Pinecone Pineapple
- July 20: Ice Cream Cone

STEAMPunk – John Glenn: Monthly hands-on presentation about the first American to orbit Earth, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

Wild Birds Unlimited series: “Butterflies & Butterfly Gardens,” 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13, HBU Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 130. RSVP: 575-523-5489 or wbulcnature@gmail.com.

Stuff the Bus Family Walk and 5k: Hosted by Athletics Race Management, 7-10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Field of Dreams, 2501 Tashiro Drive. The one-mile family walk/run and 5k race helps ease the financial burden of back-to-school shopping for families throughout Las Cruces Public Schools through donating a portion of race fees and all donations received in either money or donated items such as backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, paper, combination locks, calculators, USB drives and other school supplies. To register or volunteer, visit runsignup.com/Race/NM/LasCruces. To be an event sponsor, email athleticracemanagement@gmail.com.

Ice Cream Sunday: 16h annual, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 21, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. First 600 paying customers receive free Caliche’s coupon. Info: 575-522-4100; nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

ONGOING

Back Country Horsemen-Lower Rio Grande Chapter: Trail riding and trail maintenance, meets the first Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Delicias Café, 1413 E. Amador Ave. Info: Lisa, 724-612-1226

Big Daddy’s Flea Market: 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Info: 575-382-9404.

Canasta games, lessons: 11:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays, Munson Center, 975 S Mesquite. Free.

Connection Group: For those living with mental illness, 3 p.m. every Friday, La Clinica, 100 E. Griggs Ave. Info: Micah Pearson, 575-528-9453.

Epilepsy Support & Education Services: 1-2:30 p.m. first Saturday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Info: 505-243-9119; epilepsysupportnm.org.

Family Support Group: 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Info: Susan Michelson, 575-649-6766.

Farmers & Crafts Market: Regional produce, crafts and street musicians, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.



Geography Club: Explore culturally significant and historical sites in the Land of Enchantment, 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154.

Honors Flight of SNM: Veterans breakfast, 9 a.m. second Thursday, IHOP on Del Rey Boulevard. Info: John, 505-977-8579.

Las Cruces Civitan Club: Meets noon the second Tuesday and 6 p.m. fourth Tuesday, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

Las Cruces Optimists Club: Meets 6:45 a.m. every Thursday at IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. New members welcome.

Las Cruces Shriners: Meet the second Monday, 1150 W. Brown. Info: 575-526-8396.

Mesquite Historic District: Input sought from neighborhood residents for “What’s Your Las Cruces,” an exhibit about the region’s history, identity and culture planned for the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: Norma Hartell, 575-541-2159.

Military Order of the Purple Heart #2004: Meets 6 p.m. first Monday, American Legion #10, hall 1185. Info: 575-496-1312 or 575-644-1045.

Soroptimists: Noon, second and fourth Wednesday, Good Samaritan Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net.

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach: Info: 575-522-0289; snmdo@snmdo.org:

- Children/Youth, elementary-middle school: 6-7:30 p.m. first and Third Tuesday, MountainView Regional Medical Center, Community Education Room, first floor, 4311 E. Lohman Ave.
- Adults: 5-6:30 p.m. first Tuesday, MountainView Regional Medical Center.
- Adults with healthy cooking demo: 10-11:15 a.m. third Thursday, Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

LAS CRUCES UTILITIES

East Mesa office offers advantages for LCU customers

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
and **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

Customer Central staff have a quick smile for Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) customers walking through the frosted door of the East Mesa Utilities Customer Service Office at 5195 Bataan Memorial West.

This office is a satellite “mini version” of City Hall’s Customer Service location, offering all the services you will find downtown but without the wait you might find at the busy downtown office.

“We want to give our customers more options with this location,” said Jose Provencio, LCU deputy director Business Services. “With the East Mesa growing in population and business, this is a way for Utilities to extend our services to those who may not want to make the trip downtown.”

By bus, the office is easily accessible – take Route 3 on the Roadrunner Transit; by car, take the Mesa Grande exit off Highway 70, and look for a bright blue sign. The East Mesa Utilities Customer Service Office hours are modified from normal City Hall hours; the East Mesa Office is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, to allow customers extra time if they’re commuting from the East Mesa homes or businesses.

Plenty of services and answers are available to customers at the East Mesa Customer Service Center: it’s not just for paying your bill, but also



Bright blue signage makes it easy to spot the East Mesa Customer Service Center at 5195 Bataan Memorial West, right off the Mesa Grande exit of Highway 70.

for activations and deactivations and inquiring about payment plans.

“There are plenty of different ways to pay,” said Provencio. “You can schedule a payment or make a partial payment with a promise to pay the remainder. It’s also easy to see if you qualify for assistance with your bill if you are having financial difficulties.”

Customer Central can be easily reached by phone at 575-541-2111 during regular business hours. But if you want in-person service, the East Mesa Customer Service Center is a great option. Even for those who don’t live nearby, this location

might save time. There is rarely a wait, aside from early bird customers who come right at 9 a.m. And, on occasion, at City Hall there is sometimes a recommendation from staff to try the East Mesa Office when the wait time is longer than usual. With a short drive, you can get in and out really quickly at the East Mesa Customer Service Center.

Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses. Reach them at 575-528-3500 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.



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Cashier Edna Espinoza processes a payment for a local customer at the LCU East Mesa Customer Service Center.



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Mathys announces for U.S. House seat

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces businessman Chris Mathys has announced his entry into the Republican primary in the race for the New Mexico District 2 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. The seat is currently held by U.S. Rep. Xochitl Torres-Small, D-NM, of Las Cruces.

According to a press release, Mathys, owner of Mathys Properties in Las Cruces and Oro Financial in Fresno, California, has more than 38 years of business experience, according to a campaign-announcement news release, which said he is a licensed real estate broker in New Mexico, Colorado, California and Wyoming.

Mathys received an MBA from University of the Southwest in Hobbs and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Fresno State university.

Mathys ran for the District 5 seat (which includes Doña Ana County) on the New Mexico Public Regulation in 2018 Republican primary. He lost by fewer than 30 votes out of more than 15,000 votes cast to Ben Hall. Hall was defeated in the general election by Democrat Steve Fischmann of Las Cruces.

"Public service has always been part of Mathys' family history, beginning with his service in the United States Army with the Southern Command in Panama," the news release said.

"He is a proud member of



Chris Mathys

New Mexico Right to Life, and the National Rifle Association. He also is a member of the Knights of Columbus and volunteers as an usher at San Albino Basilica in Mesilla. He served as a Republican city councilor in Fresno 1997-2001.

The news release said Mathys "is a proud conservative Republican and remains firm in his Love for God, family and country. He publicly advocates for protecting our unborn children, our Second Amendment rights and the need for strong border security, including a wall. He is against socialism and believes we need to fight against the Democrat socialists to protect our freedoms and constitution."

The Mathys campaign team includes Hall, to whom Mathys lost in the 2018 Republican Primary for PRC, who is campaign chair; treasurer Eli Calles, owner of Western Frontier Gun Show; and Las Cruces businessman Christopher Schoonover.

For more information, contact Mathys at 575-644-9408. Visit mathyscongress.com.

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LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL

Convention center manager, parks and rec plan approved

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council on July 1 approved SMG World of West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, as the new manager of the Las Cruces Convention Center (LCCC). It also approved the city's parks and recreation management plan and a write-off of the city's bad debt from FY 2013.

Convention center management

The management contract is for an initial term of two years with an option to renew for three additional years on one-year contracts, not to exceed \$75,000 annually. The company will also receive three percent of the gross of food and beverage sales at LCCC during the life of the contract.

The vote was 4-1 in favor of approving the contact, with Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg and Councilors Greg Smith, Gabe Vasquez and Jack Eakman voting in favor of the contract. Councilor Yvonne Flores, who said she had concerns about the contract, voted against it. Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Councilor Kasandra Gandara were

absent from the meeting.

Four management proposals were evaluated by the city, Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said. He said at least one of the four proposals was from a local company.

Councilor Gabe Vasquez said that while he is disappointed that a local management company was not selected to manage LCCC, he is "excited to take our convention center to the next level."

"It's our desire to work with as many local providers as possible," Bryan Crowe of SMG said at the meeting. Crowe said SMG will sub-contract with local providers for some food and beverage services.

SMG is the world's largest venue manager, according to its website (www.smgworld.com). It replaces Global Spectrum as LCCC manager. Global Spectrum has managed the convention center since it opened in January 2011.

Parks and Recreation Department

The council also voted unanimously to approve the city's 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which replaces the city's 2012 master plan for facilities citywide. The parks

and recreation vision has eight goals, including parkland acquisition and development and community connectivity. The plan includes an updated inventory of the city's parks and recreational facilities. The plan's development included a project website, an online community survey, stakeholder meetings and public open houses.

According to the city currently owns and operates 94 parks containing 1,537.5 acres, including regional (metropolitan, county and state parks and accessible national monuments, parks and recreational areas), local (pocket, neighborhood and community parks), civic (greens, squares, plazas and parkways) and special use (linear parks, natural areas/open space and athletic complexes, swimming pools and aquatic centers, skate parks, dog parks, golf courses, shooting ranges and multi-use trails).

The city has one regional park (Hadley Avenue Recreation Complex, 84.8 acres), 11 community parks (147.4 acres), 37 neighborhood parks (108.9 acres), 23 pocket parks (13.2 acres), five special use parks/facilities (533.5 acres), one civic park

(Plaza de Las Cruces downtown, 0.7 acres), one natural area/open space (Las Cruces Dam, 3011 E. Lohman Ave., 644.1 acres) and 15 linear parks/multi-use trails (4.8 acres).

The city has 1.54 acres of parkland per 1,000 city residents, according to the master plan.

The Parks and Recreation Department's 2017-18 budget was approximately \$13 million, with a staff of

219.

The council also voted unanimously not to change city park development impact fees, which are currently \$2,600 per dwelling unit.

Bad debt write-off

At the meeting, the council also unanimously approved the write-off of almost \$395,000 in bad debt from the city's FY 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013)

budget.

The write-offs are of uncollectible utility and billing accounts, said city Treasurer Karin Byrum. She said state law allows for the write-off of bad debt that is at least four years old and which all reasonable efforts have been made to collect.

Mike Cook may be contacted at mike@lascrucres-bulletin.com.

COMMUNITY PARKS
LAS CRUCES PARK SYSTEM INVENTORY (2019)

147.4
ACRES

FIGURE 2.9. COMMUNITY PARKS, EXISTING (2019) ¹

NUMBER	PARK NAME	ADDRESS	ACRES
1	APODACA PARK	801 E. MADRID AVE	24.5
2	BURN LANE	1852 AMADO AVE	12.8
3	DESERT TRAILS	3492 SONORA SPRINGS BLVD	14.0
4	EAST MESA	4851 PORTER DR	5.4
5	LA LLORONA PARK	2499 W. PICACHO AVE.	5.0
6	LAS CRUCES LIONS PARK	701 W. PICACHO AVE.	7.7
7	LEGENDS WEST PARK	1120 N. MOTEL BLVD.	11.2
8	MESILLA PARK	304 BELL AVE.	4.4
9	METRO VERDE SPLASH PAD PARK	7125 METRO PARK ST.	2.9
10	R.L. YOUNG PARK	850 S. WALNUT ST.	21.5
11	VALLEY VIEW PARK	750 S. ESPINA ST.	9.0
12	VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK	2652-B ROADRUNNER PEWY	9.0
			TOTAL ACRES: 147.4

1. Also see Map 2.1, Regional and Community Parks, page 23

The City of Las Cruces' 12 community parks, from City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Master Plan slide.

The event hits Picacho Peak Brewing 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, food and beverage available, and live music from Oklahoma acoustic duo "The Big News," Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Tickets available at local breweries.

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Gary Tindal (left) and Steffen Sparks of Discount Fireworks on Highway 28 in Mesilla stand outside their tent with some of their artillery fireworks for sale Monday, July 1. They are legally able to sell fireworks through July 6.

Rad Retrocade



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Rad Retrocade, a new-school/old-school arcade with up to 50 video games and pinball machines, had a good turnout when it opened June 28 in downtown Las Cruces. The establishment also has a gastropub.



COURTESY PHOTO

Current New Mexico 4-H state officers include (back from left) Bailey Grady, Katelynn Kenyon, Marco Gutierrez, John Wyatt Hemphill, (front from left) Maggie Loudmouth, Anne Hodnett and Cursten Blanton. New Mexico 4-H youth will have the opportunity to elect new state officers as part of the state conference held at New Mexico State University July 8-11.

Annual state 4-H Conference coming to NMSU

By **FAITH SCHIFANI**

For the Bulletin

Senior 4-H youth from across New Mexico will gather at New Mexico State University Monday, July 8, through Thursday, July 11, for the 96th annual State 4-H Conference.

Inspirational spokesman and self-denoted farm boy Matt Rush will headline as this year's guest speaker. He is a New Mexico native with a background in agriculture.

"Matt Rush has entertained, lectured, lead groups and leadership workshops, and has given keynote addresses

for years. He is passionate about inspiring people to do more, be more and have more than they ever thought possible," according to the state 4-H website. "Rush is passionate about his values, helping others and is dedicated to the development of a strong, successful future for our current and upcoming generation."

In addition to presentations by Rush, the conference will feature several workshop options for participants. Some of the topics that will be covered include career preparation, health, technology, fashion and textiles, welding

and agriculture. The youth also will be participating in a variety of contests that fall under subjects such as family and consumer sciences, livestock and horse, public speaking and presentations, skill-a-thons and judging.

"The youth attend this event to have the opportunity to show their skills in the different contests as well as strive to receive first place in the contests they are competing in," said 4-H Youth Activities Specialist Amy Zemler. "Those placing give them the opportunity to represent New Mexico by competing at the national

level. Participants also have the opportunity to learn leadership and teamwork skills in the workshops, participate and learn how business sessions are run, and take part in the elections of the new officers."

The skills that these youth learn from partaking in each aspect of the State 4-H Conference help them prepare for future conferences and the world beyond, she added.

For more information on the conference, visit aces.nmsu.edu/4h/conference.

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Roy Collins selected as NMSU's general counsel

By **JUSTIN BANNISTER**

For the Bulletin

Roy Collins III has been selected as New Mexico State University's new general counsel and chief legal affairs officer. In the position, Collins will serve as NMSU's primary attorney, providing legal guidance and services. He was previously associate general counsel and interim general counsel at the University of Hartford.

Collins will begin his new role at NMSU on July 29.

"We're very excited to have Roy Collins join us," NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu said. "He brings a very rich and relevant background to NMSU, with practical experience working in areas related to our land-grant mission."

"New Mexico State University has a proud heritage as a premier land-grant institution in the Southwest," Collins said. "The university has positioned itself with a formidable leadership team to both honor the purposes of that past and to ensure it meets the ever-evolving needs of all stakeholders in this region."

Collins is a native of Galveston, Texas. He worked at the University of Hartford since 2010, focusing on compliance and enterprise risk management, intellectual property, commercial contracts and transactions and other areas.

He previously served as associate general counsel at Idaho State University



Roy Collins

and assistant general counsel at Texas Southern University. He also served as commercial counsel for Chrysler Corporation and had his own private law practice.

"My background in providing business-focused legal counsel to three other universities and a major U.S. automobile manufacturer, and in administering technology transfer programs at a state university system, can be of benefit to NMSU in aligning its operations with strategic initiatives set forth by its governing board and senior leadership," he said.

Collins has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Southern University, a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and a Master of Laws degree in intellectual property from the John Marshall Law School. He also has more than seven years of experience as an engineer, primarily in the aerospace industry.

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NMSU emeritus professor, wife establish physics scholarship

By ANGEL MENDEZ
For the Bulletin

A loyal Aggie couple has established a new, transformational scholarship to assist graduate students studying physics at New Mexico State University. George H. and Barbara Goedecke funded the scholarship with the goal to make NMSU's physics program more competitive with other universities.

"With this gift, the Goedeckes are only growing the number of NMSU students they have helped and will help for many years to come," said Tina Byford, interim vice president of University Advancement. "For more than 50 years, this couple has taught, mentored and nurtured hundreds of students. We are humbled by their continued gifts of time and resources, and we're certain our students have already experienced the benefits of their commitment."

The duo first arrived in Las Cruces in 1961 when George was hired at NMSU as one of five new faculty members. On campus, he completed three terms in the Faculty Senate, including two years as chair. By 1987, he earned the role of physics department head where he served until his retirement in 1995. George says his greatest achievement was rebuilding the number of graduate assistantships available for students studying physics at NMSU.

"With physics, you have to pursue graduate training to be consid-



PHOTO BY ANGEL MENDEZ/NMSU

Dr. George and Barbara Goedecke meet one of their scholarship recipients (left) at a dedication ceremony where the NMSU Physics Department named its conference room after the couple.

ered for employment," George said. "And, I have seen how graduate assistantships make NMSU competitive because they recruit talented students who are offered the same research assistance to study somewhere else. That's why Barbara and I decided to support graduate students – to help them fund their next and final step in their academic career at NMSU."

Barbara, who earned her master's degree in biology from NMSU, volunteered her time with the physics department and the local community for many years. She helped type papers and proof-read textbooks authored by faculty, she taught as a substitute biology, chemistry and physics teacher at Las Cruces area high schools and she served as an officer in many capacities, including as president, for the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces. To the physics department,

she is best known for her ability to complement "George's brain food with her delicious, solid food at many department get-togethers."

"For over three decades, George and Barbara provided motivation and emotional support to our students," said Heinz Nakotte, interim physics department head. "The Goedecke's scholarship will help to continue that spirit."

In honor of the duo's gift and long-time commitment to NMSU, the Department of Physics named its conference room as the "Dr. and Mrs. George H. Goedecke Conference Room."

"We had honestly only been trying to help out these students," George said. "After all of these years, we very much appreciate being recognized in this way."

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NMSU alumnus, wife create Hispanic student scholarship

By ANGEL MENDEZ
For the Bulletin

A new scholarship in the Government Department at New Mexico State University works to inspire and broaden career exploration for Hispanic students.

The José N. and Joan T. Uranga Law Endowed Scholarship is the second NMSU scholarship funded by José Uranga and his wife Joan. Both scholarships focus on increasing the number of Hispanic students who pursue career pathways currently underrepresented by Hispanic professionals.

"This is our way of giving back, but it's not only to support students financially," said José, a 1969 NMSU alumnus and retired environmental lawyer. "These scholarships, we hope, will incentivize students to take certain courses that will whet their appetites for careers in law or education."

José, who practiced environmental law for 30 years, graduated from NMSU with a bachelor's degree in government and a minor in pre-law. He earned his juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law School and a master's degree in environmental sciences from the University of Texas at San Antonio. The eldest of seven siblings, José received financial aid from NMSU, including free housing in Garcia Hall, which helped him become the first in his family to graduate college.

"Throughout my academic journey, I never had one Hispanic teacher or professor," José said. "That's what inspired our first scholarship in the College of Education – to increase the number of Hispanic educators who could be role models for their Hispanic students. Our new scholarship in the Government Department came from my experience being the only Hispanic at Georgetown Law."

During his first year at Georgetown, José approached the dean of the law school with an idea to increase the Hispanic, law student population on campus.

"I asked him to pay for me to go on three recruiting trips to colleges with large Hispanic enrollments. One to the



José and Joan Uranga

East coast, another to the West coast and the last one to the Southwest," José said. "And, he approved it. By the time I graduated in 1972, Georgetown Law had the highest Hispanic population among law schools east of the Mississippi. But, still today, only about four percent of all lawyers are Hispanic."

The Urangas' new scholarship hopes to change that statistic. Awardees are Hispanic juniors or seniors studying government, who take at least two law courses and demonstrate an interest in pursuing a law degree.

"With these scholarships, José and Joan are shaping the demographic of two critical, career pathways by creating opportunities for NMSU students to be the pioneers of increasing Hispanic representation in those fields," said Tina Byford, interim vice president of University Advancement. "Not only do the students benefit financially to explore these careers they may not otherwise have pursued, but those industries also benefit by gaining new perspectives, voices and backgrounds to enrich their teams. We commend the Urangas for devoting their gifts to such a thoughtful, far-sighted mission."

Angel Mendez: 575-646-1795, anmendez@nmsu.edu



VIRGINIA ANN NEWBERRY TAYLOR

Virginia Ann Newberry Taylor, 97, passed away on June 15, 2019 at the Village of Northrise. Virginia was born on October 9, 1921 in El Paso, Texas to John Wesley and Rachel Ellen Newberry. She spent most of her life on the family farm in Fairacres. She graduated from Las Cruces Union High and enrolled in New Mexico A&M at the age of 15, where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She married Scott Taylor, her partner for 77 years, in 1941 and raised son David and daughter Janis in Blythe, CA. Truly a member of the "greatest generation", she was a loving and giving mother, a fantastic cook and a talented seamstress. Virginia was known as a "fierce" bridge player and was active in the local bridge playing community into her late 90s. She loved to travel with Scott to Hawaii and enjoyed riverboat cruises throughout the states. She was a member of the Methodist Church and made many lifelong friends in Las Cruces and during her time in Blythe, CA. Virginia made many contributions to the New Mexico State University

archives, documenting her historic family farm (Newberry farm) and the early agricultural history of the Mesilla Valley. Virginia is survived by her son, David A. Taylor, and wife Linda of Fairacres, NM. Grandchildren: Lindsay E. Taylor of San Marcos, CA, David S. (Scott) Taylor and wife Brooke of Dallas, TX. Great-Grandchildren: Taylor, and Jack Belanich and Dylan, Kaitlyn, and Evelyn Taylor. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ivan S. Taylor, and her loving daughter Janis E. Newman. A graveside memorial will take place on Monday, July 1, 2019, at 10 AM, at Masonic Cemetery with Dr. Paul Duerksen officiating. A reception will follow. The family wishes to express our gratitude to Dr. Baker, to the staff at the Village at Northrise and to Mesilla Valley Hospice for their compassion and caring for Virginia. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Getz Funeral Home 1410 E. Bowman Ave., Las Cruces NM 88001. Please visit www.GetzCares.com to sign the local online guest book.

ERIKA SKALIC

ERIKA SKALIC, 94, was born in Vienna, Austria in 1924. As a young teen, she was sent to Belgium when Hitler's Army invaded Austria. A year later she was taken to England and briefly interned on the Isle of Man with other German-speaking refugees. Later back in London she met John Skalic, a US Soldier, and in 1945 they were mar-

ried. After the war ended, she emigrated to Chicago as a war bride where she became naturalized US Citizen. She leaves behind a daughter, Linda Skalic and son, John Skalic; a grandson, Jamie Skalic; granddaughters, Christy Ann and Andrea Lynne Gonzales; great grandchildren, Zinana, Angelique, Dominic, Jackson, Paisley, Levi and Kayden; as well as her kitty. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 2 PM Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at St. Albert the Great Newman Parish. She will find her final resting place with her beloved John in Fort Bayard National Cemetery, 200 Camino de Paz, Fort Bayard, NM. The Skalic Family has entrusted their love one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

EMMA J. AGUILAR

EMMA J. AGUILAR, 102, joined her Heavenly Father in Heaven on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Survivors include six children: Jane Madrid, Eileen Chavez, Nancy Arnold, Lupita Chavez, Gilbert Aguilar and Cecilia Flores; sixteen grandchildren; thirty-two great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held Friday, June 28, 2019 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, where

the Funeral Mass will be concelebrated immediately thereafter with Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., and Msgr. Juan Moreno. At her request cremation will follow and Inurnment of cremains will take place a later date. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

EPIFANIA LEDESMA

EPIFANIA LEDESMA, age 93, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice. Survivors include one son, Paul B. Ledesma; three daughters, Julie M. Martinez, Carol Ruiz and Jeanette Saenz; a sister, Piedad Anaya. Other survivors include ten grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1110 Burke Road, Las Cruces. Cremation will take place and inurnment of cremains will be held at a later date. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Home of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222 For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

JACQUELINE "JACKIE" G. MOORE

JACQUELINE "JACKIE" G. MOORE, age 44, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Hospitals of Providence Trans-mountain Campus in El Paso, TX. Survivors include her loving husband, George Moore, US Army stationed in Iraq; a son, Alonso Moore; a daughter, Alyssa Moore; her mother, Isidra Garcia; three brother, Ricardo, Rafael and Carlos Garcia. An Evening Service was held Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in Cedar Hills Church of the Cross, 5550 Stern Drive where the Funeral Service took place Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Concluding Service and Interment followed in San Albino Cemetery where she was laid to rest. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

LORENZA CHAVEZ

Lorenza Chavez, 79, beloved wife and mother, was called home to our Heavenly Father on Friday, June 21, 2019 at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. She is survived by her loving husband, Ignacio Chavez; eight children, Martha Gutierrez, Sergio Chavez, Olivia Bertoldo, Ana Sanchez, Isela Trevino, Javier Chavez, Lucy Serna and Robert Chavez; 22 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. A

Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Las Cruces First Assembly of God, 5605 Baatan Memorial West. Concluding Service and Interment followed in Masonic Cemetery, where she was laid to rest. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

MARTHA ISELA GAYTAN

MARTHA ISELA GAYTAN, age 49, of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by all her loved ones. Survivors include her companion, David Reynolds; four brothers, Javier, Rene, Ivan and Omar Gaytan; two sisters, Nancy Abeyta and Nanette Melendrez; the parents that raised her, Abdon and Shirley Melendrez Jr. of Doña Ana. At Martha's request cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service was held Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel. Inurnment of cremains followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 575-527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

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Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager (575) 525-2927

Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2019, Gillis Homestead LLC, PO Box 321, Arrey, NM 87930 together with Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC, PO Box 217, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-4621-1 into LRG-1163 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County whereby Gillis Homestead, LLC proposes to lease water rights in the amount of 65.835 acre-feet per annum, pursuant to NMSA 1978, 72-6-1 to -7.

The water to be leased was historically diverted for the irrigation of 14.63 acres of land, owned by Gillis Homestead LLC, located within the SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 5 West, NMPM, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRO-28-009-0009 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, from the following wells:

LRG-4621 located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 16 south, Range 5 west, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°53' 6.83"N, 107° 14' 43.46"W (WGS84), on land owned by Gillis Homestead LLC; and

LRG-4621-S located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 16 south, Range 5 west, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 53' 10.64"N 107° 19' 59.60"W (WGS84), on land owned by Gillis Homestead LLC; and

LRG-4621-s-2 located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 16 south, Range 5 west, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 53' 6.26"N, 107°19' 41.8"W (WGS84), on land owned by Gillis Homestead LLC.

The proposed diversion of 65.835 acre-feet per annum is to be exercised under the lease for a period of six (6) months ending on December 31, 2019, for the irrigation of 14.63 acres of land, also known as USRS Tract 13-3A, located within the SEV4 of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and within the SW 1/4 of projected Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC, from the following wells:

LRG-1163-S located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at approximately 32° 15' 35.23"N, 106° 46' 15.61"W WGS84, on land owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC; and

LRG-1163-S-2 located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at approximately 32 °15' 34.62"N, 106°46' 15.16"W WGS84 on land owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC.

Wells LRG-1163-S and LRG-1163-S-2 are located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 792 Carver Road.

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

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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, specifically NMSA 1978, SS 72-6-1 to -7.

Dates: 06/28, 07/05, 07/12, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2019, River Valley Dairy, LLC, 1100 South Main Street, Suite 21, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC, 1100 South Main street, suite 21, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-4286 into LRG-1163, OSE File No. LRG-1163, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-4286-S, LRG-4286-S-2, and LRG-4286 POD4, located as follows:

Well
Subdivision
Section
Township
Range. NMPM

LRG-4286-S
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4
33
25 South
3 East

LRG-4286-S-2
SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4
28
25 South
3 East

LRG-4286 POD4
NW 1/4 NE 1/4
28
25 South
3 East

All located on land owned by River Valley Dairy, LLC, and transferring the diversion of 90.0 acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined, historically exercised from aforementioned wells LRG4286-S, LRG-4286-S-2, and LRG-4286 POD4 and from Elephant Butte Irrigation District surface water delivery structures for the irriga-

tion of 20.0 acres of land located within the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, also known as USRS Tract 23-1B, owned by River Valley Dairy, LLC.

Said 90.0 acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined diversion is to instead be exercised from existing well LRG-1163-S, located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at approximately 32° 15' 35.23"N, 106°46' 15.61"W (WGS84), on land owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC, and well LRG-1163-S-2, located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at approximately 32°15' 34.62"N, 106° 46' 15.16"W (WGS84) on land owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC, and from Elephant Butte Irrigation District surface water structures, and stacked on an existing surface water right appurtenant to 20.0 acres of land, also known as USRS Tract 13-3A, for irrigation purposes, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and within the SW 1/4 of projected Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC.

The transfer of the 90.0 acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined diversion is contingent upon proof from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District of the transfer of the surface water right appurtenant to the move-from 20.0 acres, also known as USRS Tract 23-1B, owned by River Valley Dairy, LLC, to instead be stacked upon the existing surface water right appurtenant to the move-to 20.0 acres of land, also known as USRS Tract 13-3A, owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC.

In summary the surface and groundwater combined water right appurtenant to the 20.0 acre move-from place of use, also known as USRS Tract 23-1B, owned by River Valley Dairy, LLC, located at the physical address of 1400 Lechuga

Road, Anthony, NM 88021, near the intersection of Franco Road and Mustang Street, is to be transferred and stacked upon an existing surface water right appurtenant to the 20.0 acre move-to place of use, also known as USRS Tract 13-3A, owned by Cielo Nogal, LLC, located at the physical address of 792 Carver Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Wells LRG-1163-S and LRG-1163-S-2 are located northeast of San Pablo, NM and may be found at the physical address of 792 Carver Road, wells LRG-4286-S, LRG-4286-S-2, and LRG-4286 POD4 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, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 06/28, 07/05, 07/12, 2019

Best of Summer

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2019, River Valley Dairy, LLC, 1100 South Main Street, Suite 21, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-4286, OSE File No. LRG-4286, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by transferring 59.79 acre-feet per annum, historically diverted from wells LRG-4286-S, LRG-4286-S-2, and LRG-4286 POD4, located as follows:

Well
Subdivision
Section
Township
Range. NMPM

LRG-4286-S
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4
33
25 South
3 East

LRG-4286-S-2
SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4
28
25 South
3 East

LRG-4286 POD4
NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4
28
25 South
3 East

all located on land owned by River Valley Dairy, LLC, and from Elephant Butte Irrigation District surface water delivery structures for the irrigation of 13.287 acres of land, also known as a part of USRS Tracts 21-94A and 21-95, located within the SEV4 of Section 28, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, owned by River Valley Dairy, LLC.

Said 59.79 acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined diversion will continue to be exercised from the aforementioned wells LRG-4286-S, LRG-4286-S-2, and LRG-4286 POD4 and from Elephant Butte Irrigation District surface water structures, but instead stacked on an existing surface and groundwater combined water right for irrigation purpose appurtenant to 13.287 acres of land, also known as USRS Tract 23-25, located within the NEIL of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, owned by River Valley Dairy, LLC.

The transfer of the 59.79

acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined diversion is contingent upon proof from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District of the transfer of the surface water right appurtenant to the move-from 13.287 acres of land, also known as USRS Tracts 21-94A and 21-95, to instead be stacked upon the existing surface water right appurtenant to the move-to 13.287 acres of land, also known as USRS Tract 23-25, owned by Cielo Nogal Estates, LLC.

In summary, the surface and groundwater combined water right appurtenant to the 13.287 acre move from place of use, also known as USRS Tracts 21-94A and 21-95, located approximately 0.5 mile northeast of the intersection of Franco Road and Mustang Street, is to be transferred and stacked upon an existing surface and groundwater combined water right appurtenant to the 13.287 acre move-to place of use, also known as USRS Tract 23-25, located due south of the terminus of Franco Road.

Well LRG-4286-S is located southeast of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 0.5 mile southeast of the intersection of Franco Road and Mustang Street. Well LRG-4286-S-2 is located southeast of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 400 feet northeast of the intersection of Franco Road and Mustang Street. Well LRG-4286 POD4 is located southeast of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 0.4 mile southeast of the intersection of Mustang Street and Repollo Lane.

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

Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 06/28, 07/05, 07/12, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 4, 2019, Gilberto and Jessica Porras, 1620 N. Resler Ste. A, El Paso, TX 79911, filed application numbered LRG-17699-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-17699-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill and Use a Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling new well LRG-17699-POD2 to a depth of 250 ft. with an 8-inch casing, to be located within the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 28 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 54' 28.57" N, 106°38' 13.16" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, to supplement existing well LRG17699-POD1, located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 27 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°54' 34.07" N, 106° 38' 25.11 " W (WGS84), on land owned by Eduardo and Georgina Contreras, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 2.72 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 28 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), as described by Subfile LRS-28-019-0094 of the

Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The proposed site of supplemental well LRG-17699-POD2 is located south of La Union, NM and is approximately 820 feet southwest of the intersection of Cielo Dorado and Cielo del Oeste.

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, email address, 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.

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 29, 2019, Five T Farms, 400 Pocado Ln Dr., El Paso TX 79912, filed application numbered LRG-4641-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-4641-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-4641-POD6 to a depth of 75 feet with an 18-inch casing, in a location within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19S, Range 03W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40'

Dates: 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 29, 2019, Five T Farms, 400 Pocado Ln Dr., El Paso TX 79912, filed application numbered LRG-4641-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-4641-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-4641-POD6 to a depth of 75 feet with an 18-inch casing, in a location within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19S, Range 03W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40'

58.622"N, 107°10'23.844"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-4641, located on land owned by the applicants located within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19S, Range 03W (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40' 58.906" N and 107°10'23.695"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement

Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, together with wells LRG-4641-S-2, LRG4641-S-3, and LRG-4641-POD5, described in OSE file LRG-4641-1, for the irrigation of 116 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 19S, Range 03W, SW 1/4 of Section 05, Township 19S, Range 03W (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRR-28-007-0001 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico in New Mexico ex rel, Office of the State Engineer v Elephant Butte Irrigation District, et al., Case No. CV 96-888.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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, email address, 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)

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days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 2019

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License with on premises consumption only to Grill Operations 2017, LLC d/b/a Genghis Grill, to be located at 840 South Telshor Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday, August 5, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

Witness my hand and seal this 24 day of June 2019.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 2019

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Small Brewer 1st Off-Site Location Liquor License to Icebox Brewing, LC d/b/a Icebox Brewing Company, to be located at 3231 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday, August

5, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

Witness my hand and seal this 24 day of June 2019.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1639

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ALEXIS A. ESPARZA FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALEXIS A. ESPARZA, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from ALEXIS A. ESPARZA to ALEXIS ALAZAE, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 9th day of July 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Alexis A. Esparza
Alexis A. Esparza
2006 Embassy Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-650-0507

Dates: 06/28, 07/05, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB 2019- 87
Judge Arrieta

MATTER OF ESTATE

OF BETTY K. BAROODY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KENNETH W. KIKER has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) 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 counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
/s/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
NM State Bar No. 7629 200
W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009 522-5031
FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 2019

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

Cause No.
D-307-CV-2019-00401
Judge: James T. Martin

THE CASITAS AT MORNINGSTAR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Plaintiff,

v.

THE RODERICK C. FARR AND ELEANOR J. FARR 2013 LIVING TRUST Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment issued out of the District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on May 7, 2019, in the above entitled cause in which it was determined that Plaintiff has a judgment against the Defendant THE RODERICK C. FARR AND ELEANOR J. FARR 2013 LIVING TRUST in the amount of \$10,034.45 together with interest from and after April 26, 2019 at

the rate of 8.75% per annum, and by which judgment I am among other things commanded to sell all the lands described in said judgment, which real estate is to be sold in the foreclosure sale and more particularly described in the judgment of said cause and hereinafter described.

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of July, 2019 at the hour of 1:15pm in the front of the Dona Ana County Judicial Complex located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, I will in obedience to said Judgment sell the following described real estate to wit:

Unit 2305, Casitas at Morningstar Condominiums, a Condominium in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Mexico, being more fully described in the Condominium Declaration recorded on January 7, 2005 in Book 578, Pages 695-763 and the Amended Condominium Declaration recorded on March 27, 2007 in Book 800, Pages 358-430 of the records of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, together with undivided interest in the common areas and facilities appurtenant to said unit.

Said property's address is commonly known as 3650 Morningstar Dr. #2305, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and real property address, the legal description shall control.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate and in any way pertaining to said premises to satisfy the amount due on Plaintiffs Judgment in the total amount of \$10,034.45 together with interest to the date of sale in the amount of \$194.85 and all costs of said sale.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the amounts to be paid, and to whom said amount shall be paid. Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid all or a part of its Judgment.

DATED this 31st day of May, 2019.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
By /s/ Stephen Hosford
Stepfen Iosford, Special Master
P.O. Box 420
Array, NM 87930-0420
575-644-6068

Dates: 06/14, 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Judge: James T. Martin
No. D-307-CV-2019-01493

EDWARD H. AVALOS and FRANCES E. AVALOS, GILBERT E. AVALOS, CARISSA VASQUEZ, and KENNETH R. AVALOS, Plaintiffs,

-vs-

ESTATE OF RUDY AVALOS, Deceased, GLORIA DAVIS, MARY ANN AVALOS MONTANO, ANY AND ALL OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF RUDY AVALOS, Deceased, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE BEING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT BY PUBLICATION

FROM: THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF INTEREST IN THE REFERENCED AND DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been filed against you by Plaintiffs in the above referenced and titled cause the general object of this matter is to quiet title in and to 9273 Arroyo Road, 6545 Coyote Road, 9277 Arroyo Road, and 9269 Arroyo Road, all located within Dona Ana County, New Mexico and

being within that certain tract of land more particularly described as follows: SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 5, Twp. 22S, R.3E, N.M.P.M., containing 10 acres of land, more or less, except for 30 feet in width on the east side for road purposes.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you enter your appearance, or file a responsive pleading in this cause, on or before the time allowed by law, a judgment by default will be entered against you, and the relief prayed for by the Petitioners will be granted. Petitioners' attorney is:

Daniel Sosa, III
Sosa Law Firm, LLC
Post Office Box 12293
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87195
Telephone: (575) 526-6864

Witness my hand and seal of Court on this the 31st day of May, 2019.

By:/s/ EBalizan
DEPUTY CLERK
David S. Borunda, Court CEO
EBalizan, Jud. Spec. II

Dates: 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1690
MARCI E. BEYER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BALLOLA BUSTAMANTE-CHAVEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ballola Bustamante-Chavez a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Ballola Bustamante-Chavez to Lola B. Chavez, and this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 15th day of August 2019, at the

hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ballola Bustamante-Chavez
Ballola Bustamante-Chavez
2544 Calle Tercera
Mesilla, New Mexico 88046
PO Box 178
Mesilla, New Mexico 88046
575-523-5209

Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00086
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RODNEY J. CHRAS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: June 10, 2019

/s/ Anthony DePiazza
Anthony DePiazza, Personal Representative of the Estate of Rodney J. Chras, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 2019

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

PB-2019-78
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE LOUISE GARCIA, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Law Office of Jill V. Johnson Vigil, LLC, 1475 N. Main Street, Suite E, Las Cruces, NM 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Dated this day 15th of May, 2019

/s/ Sandy Terry Garcia
SANDY TERRY GARCIA
Personal Representative of the Estate of Marie Louise Garcia, Deceased
PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:
LAW OFFICE OF JILL V. JOHNSON VIGIL, LLC
/s/ Jill V. Johnson Vigil, NM Bar No. 12466
Sharice Ogas Pacheco, NM Bar No. 148978
Estrella Sedillo, NM Bar No. 150462
1475 N. Main Street, Suite E
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
575-527-5405
575-527.1899 Fax
Attorneys for the Estate of Marie Louise Garcia

Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00085
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF

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**THE ESTATE OF
DAVID NOBLE ALLAN
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned **THERESA LYNN DONAHUE** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) 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 c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 18th day of June 2019.

/s/ Theresa Lynn Donahue
THERESA LYNN DONAHUE,
Personal Representative of the Estate of
DAVID NOBLE ALLAN,
deceased.

Prepared by:
The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A.
By /s/ Dana M. Kyle
Dana M. Kyle
P.O. Box 2277
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2277
(575) 525-0020
(575) 525-0017 fax
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 2019

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03811

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF PRISCILLA O. GRIJALVA, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LILLIAN GRIJALVA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MIGUEL GRIJALVA, JR., AND PRISCILLA O. GRIJALVA REVOCABLE TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1989, AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 8, 2007; THE MIGUEL GRIJALVA, JR., AND PRISCILLA O. GRIJALVA REVOCABLE TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1989, AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 8, 2007; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.

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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1810 Halfmoon Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 66 IN BLOCK NUMBERED OF CRESCENT PARK ADDITION, PLAT TWO, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID CRESCENT PARK ADDITION, PLAT TWO, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 12/11/1963 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 11.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 on July 25, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 foreclosure Judgment granted on May 13, 2019, in the total amount of \$199,075.43, with interest at the rate of 3.80999% per annum from September 30, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this

Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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 (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00679

**MRH SUB I LLC,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

CRESCENCIO A. HIDALGO, EMMA L. HIDALGO, WILMINGTON FINANCE, INC., CITIMORTGAGE, INC., KRISTEN GARCIA AND

**STATE FARM MUTUAL
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Kristen Garcia,
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 1331 Magoffin Place, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 2, BLOCK M, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PEASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4152, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2005, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21, PAGES 208-209, PLAT RECORDS.

Unless you file and 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,
WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

/s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
5801 Osuna Road NE, Suite A-103
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
Phone: (505) 348 3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 2019

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00313

LSF10 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

GENA C. CLARK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GB HOME EQUITY, LLC, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GENA C. CLARK; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3460 Northridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 56, BLOCK 6, NORTHBRIDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE IIB, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT NO. 1428 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 26, 1986, AS IN BOOK 14 PAGES 166 167, PLAT RECORDS. Also known as: LOT 56, BLOCK 6, NORTHBRIDGE SUBDIVISION, PHASE IIB, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 1428 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 26, 1986, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 14, PAGES 166-167, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 AM on August 22, 2019, Third Judicial District 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 foreclosure Sum-

mary & Default Judgment granted on June 10, 2019, in the total amount of \$144,843.16, with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from October 13, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. LSF10 Master Participation Trust, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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 (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
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**STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-02126

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

BECKY A. URBINA ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5803 Organ Peak Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 21 IN BLOCK D OF VISTA DE LA MONTANA SUBDIVISION 2 PHASE 3, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VISTA DE LA MONTANA SUBDIVISION 2 PHASE 3, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 30, 2008 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 411-412.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 on August 8, 2019, at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 foreclosure Judgment granted on February 4, 2019, in the total amount of \$167,474.15, with interest at the rate of 4.1250% per annum from November 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be

sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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 (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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**STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2019-00120

**MIDFIRST BANK,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF JON J. STEWART, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVI-

LEGAL NOTICES

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SEES AND LEGATEES OF JON J. STEWART, DECEASED,

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Midfirst Bank has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 2853 Borroughs St, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 118, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE 1, 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 DECEMBER 27, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 83-91 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default may be entered against you.

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Dates: 07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2018-02184

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

FAY A. GARCES, NEW

MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FAY A. GARCES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 16, 2019 at 12:00 PM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Pícacho, 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 13, Block 1, of McClure Manor Subdivision Unit No. 1, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on June 20, 1984 in Plat Book 13, at Pages 265 and 266 as Plat No. 1197, records of Dona Ana County.

The address of the real property is 1113 Winton Circle, 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 April 5, 2019 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 \$90,358.19 plus interest from January 31, 2019 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.250% 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 payoff, 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.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123
(505)715-3711

Dates: 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 07/12, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-00914
Judge Beyer, Marci

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a New Mexico municipal corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; the UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; ARLENE LYNCH, POSSIBLE HEIR OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; AMANDA BROOKS, POSSIBLE HEIR OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; and FIRST-LIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 705 Fifth Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

Subd: PALMER'S SUBDIVISION Lot: PT LT 21-24 INCL Block: 20 S:13 T: 23S R: IE If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The sale is to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, outside of the front doors of the Third Judicial District 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 or certified funds, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on June 13, 2019 in the total amount of \$47,218.28 with interest at the rate of 12% per annum from June 7, 2019, through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this

Court approving the sale.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, payable by the close of business on the day of the sale; provided, however, that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid on the property all or a portion of its Judgment or an amount in excess of the Judgment as authorized in lieu of cash.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the whom said amount shall be paid.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid; the Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's attorney.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due.

City of Las Cruces, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the Purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is" in its present condition, 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 ninety (90) day right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: /s/ Matthew P. Holt
MATTHEW P. HOLT, Special Master
P.O. Box 16495
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Telephone: (575) 649-2493

Dates: 06/28, 07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2018-00476
JUDGE: MANUEL I. ARRIETA

NICOLE YVETTE AVILA, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDMUNDO E. LUJAN and JOANNA MALOOLY LUJAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:
Edmundo E. Lujan and Joanna Malooly Lujan
119 Feathermoon
Santa Teresa, New Mexico 88008

GREETINGS DEFENDANTS: You are hereby notified that Nicole Yvette Avila, as Plaintiff, has filed an action in the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and wherein the said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is: Complaint for Personal Injury. You are further notified that unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment will be entered against you. The name and address of the Attorney for Plaintiff is as follows: Gabriel S. Perez, Esq., of Ortega McGlashan Hicks & Perez, P.L.L.C., 609 Myrtle Ave., Suite 100, El Paso, Texas 79901.

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 Dona Ana County on May 21st,

2019.

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

(seal)

By: /s/ E Balizan
Deputy E Balizan
Deputy

Dates: 06/28, 07/05, 07/12, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

NO. 19-0125

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARRY JOHN DEGRAAF, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons

having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana, 845 N. Motel Blvd 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: June 11, 2019

/s/ Jeremy John DeGraaf
Jeremy John DeGraaf
2400 San Carlos St.
Chaparral, NM 88081

Dates: 06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 2019



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"Troops of Friends"



"Sooeeee Pig"

Into the zone

Time stops when Dinah Swan pulls out the pastels

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Artist Dinah Swan's husband, Terry, was president of the board at the Durango (Colorado) Arts Center a few years ago and asked her to take a class in acrylic painting at the center so there would be enough people signed up to offer it.

Dinah, a longtime theatre professor, author and playwright, had never painted before, but decided to give it a try.

The first assignment in class was to copy a photo of a dog named Brewskie, Swan remembered. "It wasn't horrible," she said. "It had a certain paint-by-numbers look to it."

In addition to taking the class, she was reading "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" by artist, author and teacher Betty Edwards, who also founded the Center for the Educational Applications of Brain Hemisphere Research.

The book, art classes, a private art teacher and a lot of

practice convinced Swan that painting and drawing were about two things: training your brain to see better and "just knowing it's going to happen."

"It didn't come quick and easy by any means," she said. But it did come. "Anyone can draw," Swan said. "You can learn."

Her other suggestions to confuse your brain and "make your brain work better" as you paint and draw: turn your painting upside down and look at it in reverse in a mirror. Or,

simply look away from your painting or drawing at anything else and then come back to it.

At first, she tried plein air (outdoors) painting, but found it was "like a big salad out there – all green." She discovered pastels and has stuck with them, in part because there are no brushes to clean and no paint to mix. Already an animal activist (she even became a vegetarian about 10 years ago),



Artist Dinah Swan

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UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- **FRIDAY, JULY 5TH FROM 9-12** -
ROOFTOP NIGHTS AT JAX WITH "DJ ROBE"
AT JAX ROOFTOP LOUNGE ABOVE THE AMADOR
- **SATURDAY, JULY 6TH FROM 8-11 PM** -
"BROKEN DIME BAND"
ON THE AMADORLIVE MAIN STAGE
- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH FROM 7-9PM** -
WINE'UP WEDNESDAY WITH THE "NOVA JAZZ TRIO"
FEATURED WINES AND \$1 OFF SELECT COCKTAILS
AMADOR PATIO, BAR AND GRILL PATIO
- **THURSDAY, JULY 11TH FROM 8-11 PM** -
"RUBEN GUTIERREZ"
AT 575 CRUCES CRAFT COCKTAILS
- **FRIDAY, JULY 12TH FROM 8:30-11:30PM** -
ROOFTOP NIGHTS AT JAX WITH "AFTERAFFECT"
AT JAX ROOFTOP LOUNGE ABOVE THE AMADOR
- **SATURDAY, JULY 13TH FROM 8-11 PM** -
"UNLEASHED"
ON THE AMADORLIVE MAIN STAGE
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AT JAX ROOFTOP LOUNGE ABOVE THE AMADOR
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- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH FROM 7-9PM** -
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AMADOR PATIO, BAR AND GRILL PATIO
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"CW AYON"
AT 575 CRUCES CRAFT COCKTAILS
- **FRIDAY, JULY 26TH** -
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- **SATURDAY, JULY 27TH FROM 8-11 PM** -
"FREQUENZIA"
ON THE AMADORLIVE MAIN STAGE
- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST FROM 7-9PM** -
WINE'UP WEDNESDAY WITH THE "CANYON JAZZ TRIO"
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PHOTOS COURTESY DINAH SWAN

"Las Cruces Pugs"

SWAN

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Swan started taking pictures of animals to paint from.

She started painting at her kitchen table, discovering that painting and drawing, like the dancing she had studied years before, could put her in "the zone" that is well-known to committed athletes.

"Time just seems to stop because you're so focused on what you're



"Coyote"

doing," Swan said. "I believe in that consciousness. The zone is to be

valued."

Born and brought up in the South, Swan began coming to Las Cruces after her parents moved here from the Gulf Coast to retire. Her sister, Leslie Leavitt, moved to Las Cruces in 2000 to care for them and still lives here. The Swans owned a couple of homes in Las Cruces and spent several winters here and still make occasional visits.

After a show of her work at Tombaugh Gallery at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Las Cruces, Swan asked about having an exhibition at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Her exhibition, "Animals of the Southwest," continues at Farm & Ranch through Sunday, Aug. 4.

Swan is looking for her next art inspiration, she said, and may try watercolors, creating bigger pieces of art or paint-

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ing animals in specific situations. She remains a devotee of impressionist painters, including Van Gogh and Rembrandt.

Swan has a Ph.D. in theatre from Fort Lewis College in Colorado and is the author of 19 plays and five novels. (The writing group she belonged to in Durango included Blake Crouch. His “Wayward Pines” trilogy was adapted into a television series. Swan said Crouch was a part-time paralegal when they were in the writing group together.)

Her novels include “Cana Rising,” “Hacienda Blues,” “Romantic Fever” and “Now Playing in Cana,” and are available at amazon.com.

In her 2013 novel “Hacienda Blues,” Sarah

Hunter persuades her two best friends to leave their homes in Mississippi and buy and renovate a run-down hotel on 160 acres in Rico, New Mexico. “What could possibly go wrong?” Swan said.

Her mystery novels feature Mary Alice Tate. She’s working on the third one right now, titled “Cana Crossroads.”

Swan’s studio is in a “pop-up tower” in the garage of the Colorado home she shares with husband, Terry, and dog, Gracie.

“It’s never a chore to be there,” she said. “You always smile. You can retreat there. A private space is a wonderful thing.”

For more information, visit dinahswan.com/home.html.

Mike Cook may be contacted at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.



“Bosque del Apache Cranes”

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Dorothy Peters stands in front of a quilt she completed over a year of work in 2000.



JoAnne Handzel creates an acrylic yarn shawl.

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Elijah Samaniego, 7, right, watches Sharon Ewing spin cotton on a Schacht Wheel.

'The Souvenir': a dim, bleak look at something called love

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

Are we sure of just what the souvenir is? Is it the small card that Phil leaves for Julie on her birthday? Is it his dishonest behavior, hiding his heroin addiction from her until she finds out by accident, even after naively questioning the track marks on his arm?

Hard to say, but in this fragmented work, an autobiographical piece by director Joanna Hogg, with a sequel in the works, it all doesn't quite come together.

Honor Swinton Byrne, who looks amazingly like my stepdaughter, plays Julie, playing Hogg, a film director, working on a rather unidentifiable feature.

Tom Burke, who looks a lot like a young Stacy Keach, plays Phil, a vaguely important foreign servant agent for the government, a smooth-talking, complicated, bright, sometimes too-bright young man, who is always with a cigarette, and who is more or less a grifter.

Somehow, he ends up staying in Julie's flat while one of her roommates is away and when that roomie moves out, he just moves in. He doesn't really ask, he just does so. Soon they are a couple, but to the attentive, it is obvious he has something going on, besides the habit of borrowing money from Julie.

The scenes in my humble opinion are cut way too short and the lighting, which is often critical, is very dim and makes things hard to see at times. Certainly, this

GRADE: B

Tonight, the 5th of July is opening night for this picture. It will screen at the Fountain Theatre, located in Mesilla.

is Hogg's intention as are some of the eye-capturing shots with blurred images and through windows, but they don't help advance the story.

Tilda Swinton (swoon) plays Julie's mother, but only appears in a few scenes, mostly after Phil does one of his disappearing acts and fails to come back. She is my favorite actress, but this is not her best film, by far. And at some point, Julie becomes a bit untrustworthy herself, as she borrows money from her mom to lend to Phil. Oddly, Julie only questions his addiction once, briefly, not long before it turns more serious.

Hogg also uses a lot of static camera shots making the movement and action in the film minimal, while often allowing the camera to linger for a while on many rectangular images and objects. This worked for me.

The film moves along at its own pace, as Julie falls



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Just because Phil (Tom Burke) has needle tracks on his arm and smokes like a chimney doesn't mean he's, well, untrustworthy – right?

more deeply in love with this cad and tries, mostly in vain, to keep working on her film. A few fellow film school students try to help, but to little avail.


"The Souvenir" is at once bleak but interesting and pretty well-written. However, it may be a bit too self-indulgent for some tastes. There are some scenes of gentle humor and it seems possible that Phil loves Julie, but only when it suits him.

"The Souvenir" may disappoint in the end, but

it will never leave you bored.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives

in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.

 Fountain Theatre 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla 575.524.8287 www.mesillavalleyfilm.org	
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A&E EVENTS

NM Vintage Wines: Live music, 2461 Calle de Principal. Info: 575-523-9463, nmvintagewines.com.

- July 5: La Maldita Union, 8-10 p.m.
- July 6: Ricky & Emily, 8-10 p.m.
- July 7: Allison Reynolds, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- July 12: Rio Grande Bluegrass Band, 8-10 p.m.

Storytellers of Las Cruces: Stories for all ages, 10 a.m. Saturdays. Free.

COAS bookstore downtown: 317 N. Main St.

- July 6: Gloria Hacker *COAS bookstore Solano: 1101 S. Solano Drive*
- July 6: Sarah “juba” Addison & Sharlene Wittern

Barnes & Noble Booksellers: July events at the Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Info: 575-522-4499.

Storytime. All events begin at 11 a.m.; some include activities related to the topic.

- Saturday, July 6: “How to Catch a Dinosaur”
- Sunday, July 7: Baby & Me: “Hello, World! My Body”

- Saturday, July 13: “The Lion King”

- Sunday, July 14: Baby & Me: “Busy Bee: Copycat Peekaboo”

- Saturday, July 20: “Moon! Earth’s Best Friend”

- Sunday, July 21: Baby & Me: “Busy Bee: Never Touch a Crocodile”

- Saturday, July 27: “We Don’t Eat Our Classmates”

- Sunday, July 28: Baby & Me: “Busy Bee: Happy Llama”

Young Adults Book Club: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11, “We Hunt the Flame” by Hafsa Faizal. (The new YA book club meets the second Thursday of each month.)

Las Cruces Civic Concert Association Book Fair: 2 p.m. Saturday, July 13. Meet some of the association’s long-time members as it celebrates its 75th anniversary.

LEGO Event Featuring Harry Potter: 2 p.m., Saturday, July 13. Build a golden snitch to take home.

Barnes & Noble events:

- **Jennifer Weiner:** “Mrs. Everything, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 16

- **Back-to-school education appreciation shopping weekends:** 10 a.m. Saturdays, July 20, 27; 11 a.m. Sundays, July 21, 28. Pre-K-12th-grade educators receive 25 percent off most books and other merchandise every Saturday and Sunday through Sept. 15.

- **Graphix Con.** 2 p.m. Saturday, July 20. Celebrate graphic novels with activities including drawing, writing and exploring graphic-novel series.

- **Meet author Andrea Flores:** 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27. She will be signing copies of “Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope and Change from Young Female Staffers from the Obama White House.”

- **Harry Potter Book Club:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31. Discuss “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone.”

USA Dance: Ballroom dancing and lessons, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 7, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Members \$5, non-members \$10. Info: Jerry Carson, 575-639-3993; geraldcarolcarson@gmail.com.

Rio Grande Vineyards & Winery: Live music on the patio, 2-5 p.m. Sundays, 5321 N. Highway 28; 575-524-3985.

- July 7: Dr. Dan
- July 14: The 2 of Us
- July 21: Jamie O’Hara
- July 28: Chris Baker

DAAC Arts & Cultural Center: Exhibits and classes, 1740 Calle de Mercado

CALL TO ARTISTS

Agave Artists Gallery, 2250 Calle San Albino next to Josephina’s in Mesilla, seeks artists for a new co-op gallery. There is space for 13 wall artists and 20 artists total, including jewelers. \$100 per month membership, with 90 percent of commissions paid to the artist. One day a month will be set aside for working in the gallery. Interested artists should contact Vickie Morrow, 602-615-1146 or vickiemorrow@msn.com; or Wendy Weir, 575 650-7543 or wendyweir8@gmail.com

Barbershop singers wanted for new quartet forming. Prior experience preferred but not necessary. Must be able to read music. Practices and performances mostly during the daytime. Male and female singers invited. Contact Chuck Riggs, 575-521-1729; chuck.riggs@mac.com.

Calavera Coalition seeks original artwork for the official T-shirt and poster of the 2019 Dia de los Muertos on the Mesilla Plaza. Work must reflect the spirit and celebration of Dia de los Muertos. Must be in a black-and-white format and in pen and ink line art, gender-neutral and not overly detailed. Should be easily converted for screen printing. Winner receives free booth space for the annual event. Deadline July 5. Email digital files to calaveracoalition@gmail.com. CDs can be mailed to P.O. Box 1308,

Mesilla, NM 88046.

Doña Ana Arts Council, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla, seeks submissions for 2020 exhibitions. Submissions for the juried process are accepted through Sept. 1. Applications: admin@daarts.org. Questions: 575-523-6403.

Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library invite authors to participate in the Sixth Annual Celebrate Authors event to be held Sunday, Sept. 8, from 2-4 p.m. at the library. Authors must be residents of southern New Mexico, and books must have been published in 2014 or later. All genres accepted: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, short story collection or children’s literature. Application forms may be found on the Friends website, libraryfriend-slc.org. Send completed forms to Sue Fletcher at sjfletch1940@yahoo.com no later than July 31. Info: Sue Fletcher, 575-521-8507.

Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild invites artists to join in the creation of “BLUE,” a collaborative textile bringing together disparate talents into a single piece representing the community. The parts also represent our perceptions of things blue in our environment: sky, water, mountains, minerals, moods and music. The piece will be included in the Guild exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in December. Pieces should be a

variable of 6 inches: 6 x 6, 6 x 12, 12 x 12, 12 x 18, 18 x 18, or 6 x 18. All textile techniques are acceptable: weaving, felting, knotting, knitting, crochet, embroidery, needlework, piecing, quilting and more. The only color allowed is any shade of blue. No entry fee. Multiple pieces from one person accepted. Pieces returned after the exhibit. Deadline is Aug. 15. Visit mesillavalleyweavers.com.

- “Local Color: Landscape and Architecture,” will consist of any fiber work inspired by landscapes and architecture in the Mesilla Valley, according to the Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild website. Entry fee is \$10 for up to three pieces. Deadline is Sept. 6.

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program announces a call to artists to apply for its September residency. Entries must be received by email on or before July 5. For application and details, visit organmountains-desertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence. Or contact Brenda Gallegos at 575-323-1423; brenda@organmntfriends.org.

Renaissance ArtsFaire seeks artists for a juried art show and food vendors for the 48th annual event scheduled for Nov. 2-3. Artists apply at www.Zapplication.org. Vendors, nonprofits and Children’s Realm participants apply at www.daarts.org. Info: 575-523-6403.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'The Front Porch'

Through July 20
Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.; 575-541-2154

Las Cruces artist Storm Sermay depicts front porches in the Mesilla Valley and northern New Mexico, and what they say about those who live there.

'Personal to Political'

Through July 20
Museum of Art
491 N. Main St.; 575-541-2137.

Fourteen African-American artists prominent in contemporary art across the country represented by prints from Paulson Fontaine Press.

'Lucha Libre'

Through July 26
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Main St.; 575-541-2290

Photography exhibit by Jerry Vilagrana on the costumed wrestlers of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Plein Air Paintings by Five Friends'

Through July 28
DAAC Gallery
1740 Calle de Mercado; 575-523-6403

Michelle Augustyniak, Linda Hagen, Judy Licht, Arlene J. Tugel and Rhoda Winters exhibit their landscapes painted on location outdoors in a variety of applications, including watercolor, acrylic and dyes on silk. Opening reception, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, July 13.

'Summer Art & Wine'

Through July 31
Amaro Winery
402 S. Melendres St.

Las Cruces Arts Association members are bringing art to the walls of the Amaro Winery for summer, with opening gatherings the second Fridays of July, August and September. From 7-9 p.m. July 12, visit with exhibiting artists Diana Ayers, Margaret Bernstein, Karen Granado, Susie Huck and Jan Minow.

'Keeping it Cool'

Through July
Café de Mesilla
2190 Avenida de Mesilla

An exhibition by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association.

'Animals of the Southwest'

Through Aug. 4
NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road; 575-522-4100

Thirty-four pastel paintings by former Las Cruces Dinah Swan portraying wild and domestic animals.

'Entomomania: Insects in Art and Culture'

Through early September
University Museum's Kent Hall
1280 E. University Ave.

New Mexico State University anthropology master's student Rachel Cover's photographic exhibition of insects, bees, butterflies, ants and other tiny creatures, and how they influence culture and interact with the natural world.

'Originales'

Through Sept. 7
Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.; 575-541-2154

An exhibit by regional artist Lidia Avina, exploring memory and Latino culture through paintings and ceramics.

EVENTS

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in the Bulletin Plaza.
Info: 575-523-6403; www.daarts.org.

- July 8, 3-4:30 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m.: Parts 8-9 of the nine-part Feed Your Mind seminar series on the topic of Late 19th and 20th Century Art with Kathleen Key.

- July 10, 2-4 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Get Art-Rageous! With Roy Van Der Aa, an introduction of Pochoir printing, a French technique using stencils.

- July 11 and 18, 1:30-3 p.m.: Feed Your Mind series with Kathleen Key, parts 8-9 of History of Fashion Design. \$20.

- July 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Missoula Children's Theatre summer camp final performance at Las Cruces High School, 1755 El Paseo Road. Culminates week-long theatre experience for children grades 1-12. \$7 adults, \$3 children 3-12, tickets available at the door.

Dance Las Cruces:

Ballroom, swing, salsa and country with DJ Manny Rivera, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Dance lesson at 6:45 p.m. \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Beginners, singles and couple welcome. Info: 575-496-2761.

Doña Ana Photography Club: July events at SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Sessions start at 7 p.m. Free, public invited. Info: daphotoclub.org.

- July 16: "38 Feet from Your Door"

Derrick Lee Trio: Featured July performer for the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's monthly concert series, Sunday, July 21, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo across from LCHS. Derrick Lee, drums; Josh Carter, sax; Carlos Barba, Hammond organ. \$5 members, \$10 non-members, \$1 students with ID. Info: www.mvjazzblues.net.

'Weighing In': the vulnerability of cultural norms

BULLETIN REPORT

"This is about weight, and the occupation of our physical space to hijack out mental health," Las Cruces actor, playwright and business owner Monika Mojica said about her original play "Weighing In," which premieres Friday, July 12 at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. downtown.

"I wrote a play that is very special to me and that I believe would strike a chord with (the) audience," said Mojica, who is also directing the production. "Weighing In" is "about the battle women and men wage daily with a dictated aesthetic stan-

dard. Society may have lit the torch, but for the most part, we have accepted this burden and run with it."

Through a series of monologues, duet scenes and poetry, Mojica said, the play "tackles this issue with a cast of six women and one man in the spirit of 'The Vagina Monologues.' I truly believe that by uncovering the nagging ticker of self-doubt, we strip it of its potential to sabotage our power. This play is both deeply personal and universal. I have been inspired as I researched this beyond my own understanding at how intensely the vulnerability

permeates our culture."

The cast includes Alex Wheeler Larkin, Melis Derya White, Deysi Hernandez, Jessica Jimenez, Melissa Loman, Nora Brown, Claudia Billings, Erin Wendorf, Raquel Garzon and New Mexico State University Theatre Department Head Wil Kilroy.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, July 12-13 and 19-20; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, July 14 and 21; and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18.

For reservations, call Black Box Theatre at 575-523-1223 and visit nostrings.org. Contact Mojica at fremoni@comcast.net.

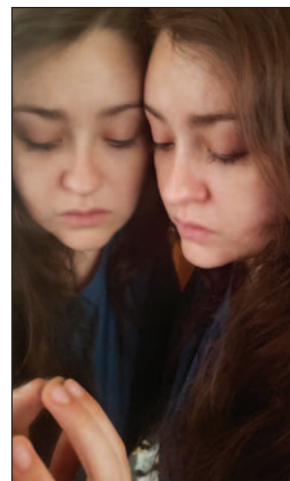


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Alex Wheeler Larkin plays "Alexa" in the No Strings Theatre Company production of "Weighing In," which will have seven performances July 12-21 at Black Box Theatre in downtown Las Cruces.



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Branigan Library booking local writers for celebration

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Read all about it! Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is already booking local writers for its sixth annual Celebrate Authors event, sponsored by the staff and Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (FTBML).

Celebrate Authors will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Roadrunner Room on the second floor of the library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. There is no charge to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

During the event, “authors will be able to display, sign and sell their books,” said longtime FTBML member Sue Fletcher. “Guests will go from table to table interacting with the authors.”

To participate, authors must be residents of the southern New Mexico region and their books must have been published in 2014 or later. Books submitted can be of all genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, science fiction, short-story collections and children’s literature.

Wednesday, July 31, is the deadline to sign up as a participating author. Find an application form at libraryfriendslc.org/celebrate-authors-invitation-2019. Completed forms should be sent to Fletcher at sjfletch1940@yahoo.com.

Helping Fletcher coordinate this year’s event are fellow FTBML Authors Committee



Bob Worthington



C.S. Fuqua



Christine Eber



Gilbert Krebs



L.C. Hayden

members Jo Banks, Bonnie Poloner and Delores Tellez. The nonprofit FTBML was formed in 1976 and currently has about 200 members.

Contact Fletcher at her email address or 575-521-8507. Leave a message with your name and phone number and mention Celebrate Authors.

More than 20 local authors participated last year. Here are five already signed up for 2019:

- L.C. Hayden of El Paso has owned property in Anthony, New Mexico, for more than 10 years. She writes mysteries, thrillers, inspirational and children’s books. Hayden is the author of four books from the Bronson thriller series “When Memory Fails,” “What Lies Beyond the Fence,” “When the Past Haunts You,” “When Death Intervenes” and “Why Casey Had to Die”; “Ill Conceived” from the Aimee Brent romantic mystery series; the standalone thriller “Secrets of the Tunnels”; the nonfiction inspirational works “Angels and Mir-

acles About, “Angels Around Us” and “When Angels Touch You”; and children’s picture books “What Am I? What Am I?” and “Puppy Dog and His Bone.”

“Writing is often paved with rejection,” Hayden said. “Therefore, believe in yourself and don’t ever give up. Write on!”

- Christine Eber has lived in Las Cruces the past 24 years and is the author of “When a Woman Rises,” a work of fiction published by Cinco Puntos Press Genre. As a writer, Eber likes this quote from “Politics and the English Language” by George Orwell: “The great enemy of clear language is insincerity.”

“In his essay, Orwell argues that honesty, conciseness and using the active voice are essential to writing in ways that empower the writer and reader,” Eber said. “I’ve tried to follow Orwell’s advice and have found that it means I have to continually reflect on my biases, examine relations of power, and be ready to be surprised by humanity.”

- Gilbert Krebs of Las Cruces (he has lived in New Mexico for about 10 years) is the author of “Gilosophy: A Compendium of Personal Thoughts, Little Known Facts, Observations on Life, Weird

Snippets, Comments, Cartoons, And Stuff”; “Never Pet A Burning Dog: A Book of Computer Generated Cartoons”; “Punzoli: Punny Reviews of Movies, TV Shows, Books, Songs, Plays, Sayings and Assorted Humorous Other Stuff”; “Dinner Is On Me: A Gallimaufry of Computer Generated Cartoons”; “Gilosophy II: My Memoirs, Personal Observations and Other Stuff”; and “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Toilet Paper, Stupidity, Galoshes, Communism, Garbage, Old Magazines, Godzilla, Hurricanes, Cigars, Life in India, My Personal God, Fred, Broccoli, Caskets, Fruitcake and Some Poetry.”

“If you can put your thoughts down and come up with an entertaining tome, you can pass the enjoyment to the reader,” said Krebs.

- Musician, award-winning writer and craftsman C.S. Fuqua of Las Cruces (he has lived in New Mexico for the past five years) is the author of “Native American Flute ~ A Comprehensive Guide ~ History & Craft,” a

work of nonfiction, Native American history, music and instruments, and crafting.

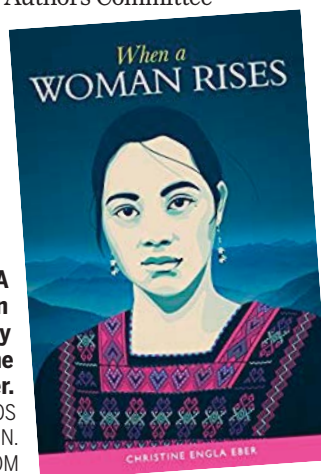
Visit csfuqua.com and csfuqua.bandcamp.com.

- Bob Worthington of Las Cruces moved to New Mexico in August 1987. His latest book is “Under Fire with ARVN Infantry,” published by McFarland and released in October 2018. He also produced a documentary film titled “Combat Advisor in Vietnam,” which was distributed by Borderlands Media and released March 2019. Both the book and the film are works of nonfiction.

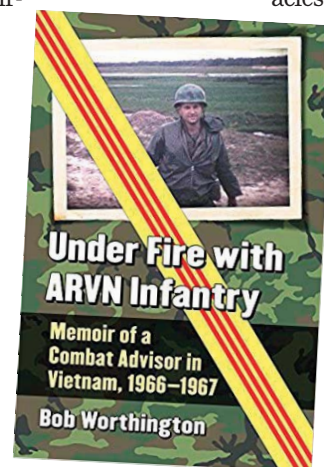
“I write nonfiction books and articles in aviation, military, Vietnam War, firearms, and all have considerable details, historical, technical, personal, equipment, vehicles, etc. which has to be absolutely correct and totally accurate,” Worthington said. “If it is not, readers will drop the article or close the book, believing the writer does not know what he/she is writing. For authors of any genre, accuracy is a must and therefore a writer must be an excellent researcher.”

Visit BobWorthingtonWriter.com, mcfarlandbooks.com/product/Under-Fire-with-ARVN-Infantry, and borderlandsmedia.com.

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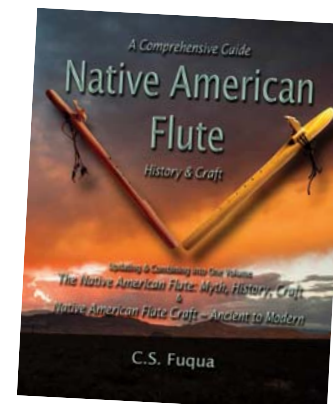
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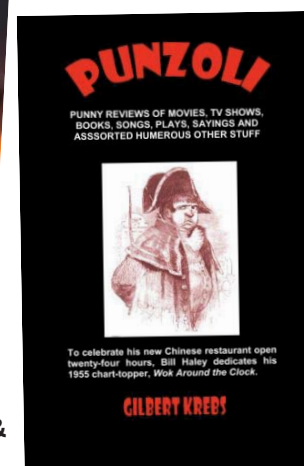
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"White Throated Sparrow" by Richard Harris



"Bandits – Ringed Plovers" by Richard Harris

Watercolors nourish the walls at Salud! de Mesilla

Bulletin REPORT

The New Mexico Watercolor Society's (NMWS) Alternate Spaces Program will have an exhibition of artwork at Salud! de Mesilla Restaurant, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, from July 1-Sept. 1.

It is the third annual NMWS show at Salud!

The show will include 21 pieces of art by 11 artists: Patricia Bonneau-White, Sahyly Martinez, Richard Harris, Nancy Tipton, Debra Vance, Elaine Weber, Mary Diesel, Paul A. Vakselis, Beverly



Pirtle, Cindy Lane and Penny Duncklee.

The opening reception is 5-7 p.m. Saturday, July 13.

Salud! de Mesilla is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. The restaurant is closed on Tuesdays.

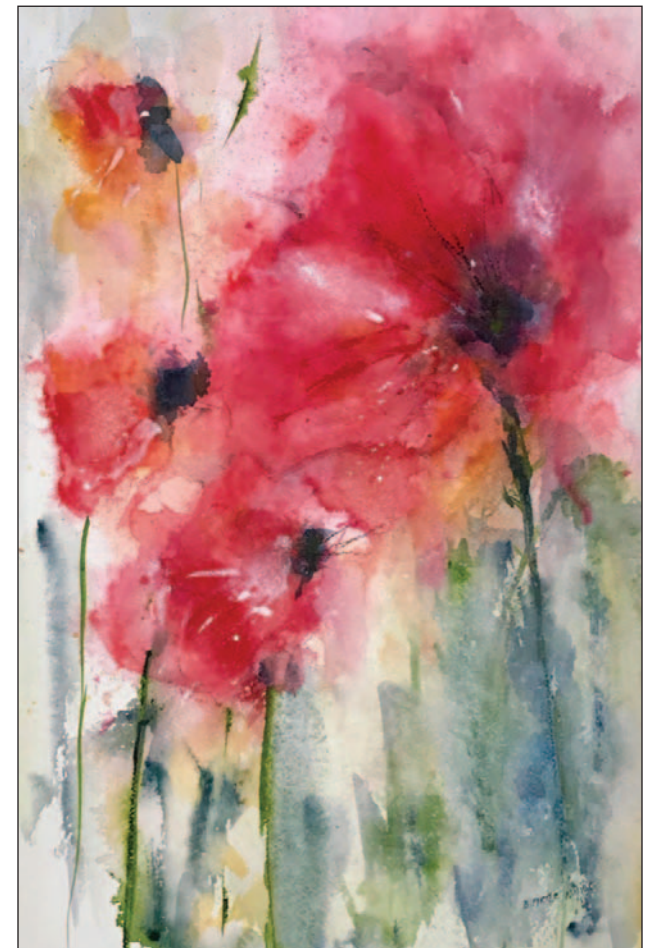
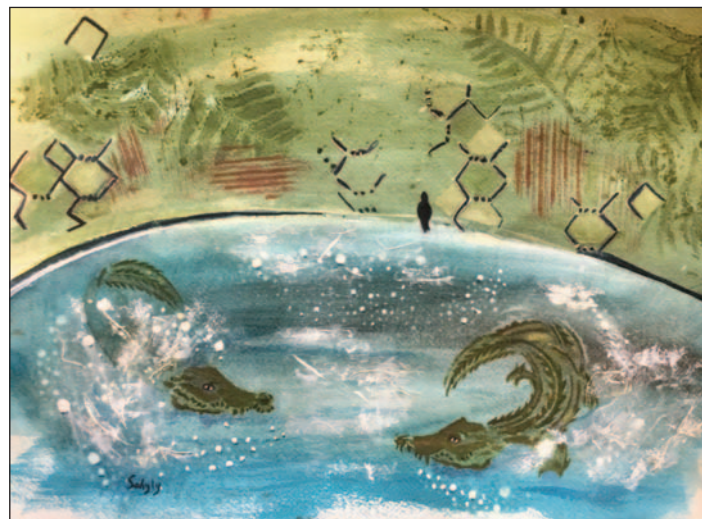
NMWS was founded in 1969 as

a statewide chapter of the Southwestern Watercolor Society of Dallas, according to the NMWS website. In January 1975 NMWS became an independent entity. The society's southern chapter is based in Las Cruces and was formed in 2001.

For more information, visit www.nmwatercolorssociety.org and www.saludmesilla.com.



ABOVE: "Peach Palette" by Nancy Tipton RIGHT: "Lunch at the Plaza" by Sahyly Martinez
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"Poppies" by Beverly Pirtle

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"Tree Silhouette" by Patricia Bonneau-White



"Gonna Be a Masterpiece" by Penny Duncklee



"Southwest Vista" by Penny Duncklee



"Mesilla Ladder" by Debra Vance



"Winter Gray" (monochromatic) by Cindy Lane



"Rainy Day" by Cindy Lane



"Taos" by Elaine Weber



"White Sands Winter Sunset" by Paul Vakselis



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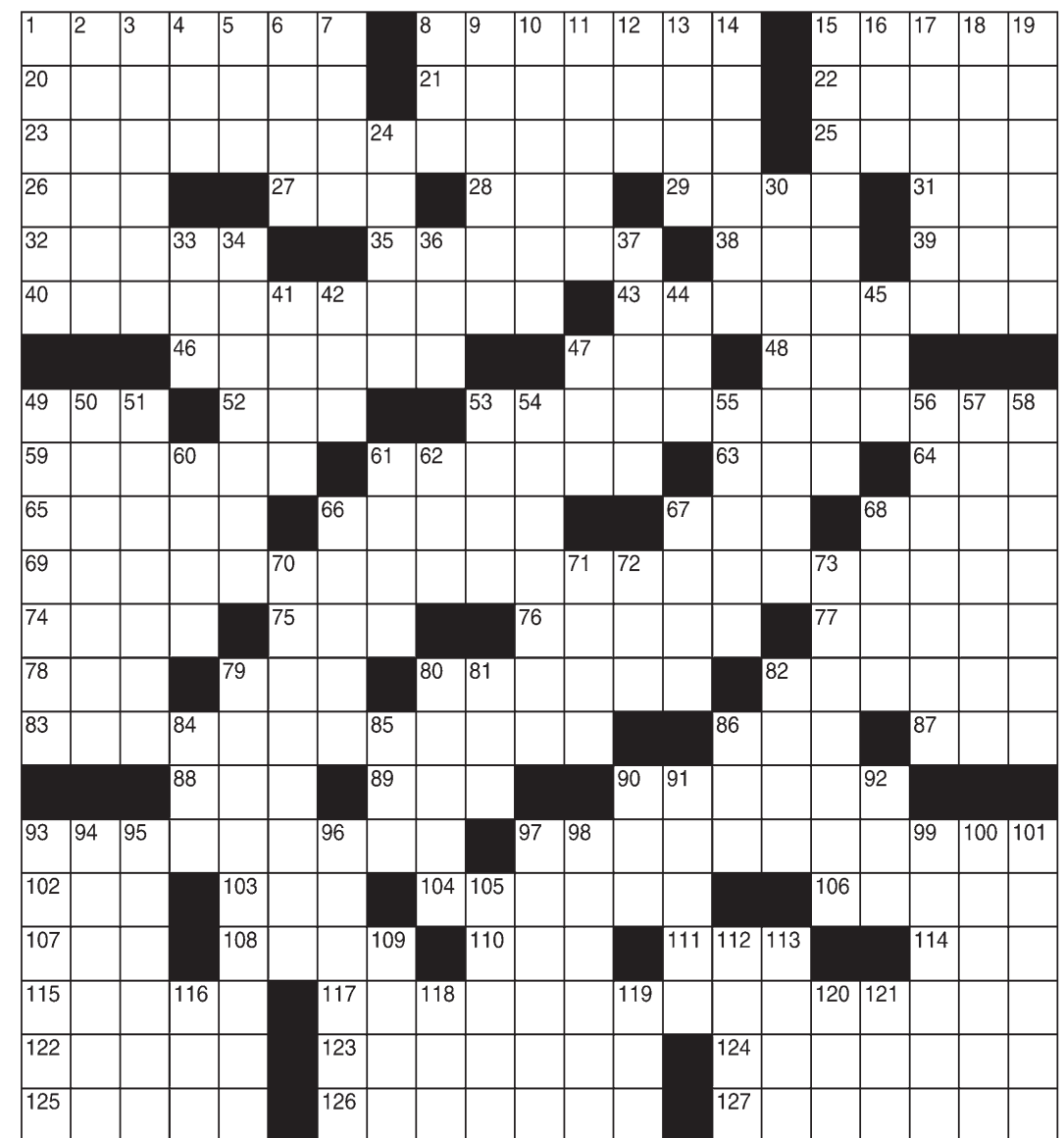
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 98 Natives of Italy's capital
 99 Common Jesuit school name
 100 2006 action-

fantasy film
 101 Begins, as a task
 105 "I'm at your disposal"
 109 Hailed ride
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 113 Tree knot
 116 Tijuana-to-Phoenix dir.
 118 Univ. dorm supervisors
 119 Golfing peg
 120 Anil or henna
 121 First name among U.N. leaders

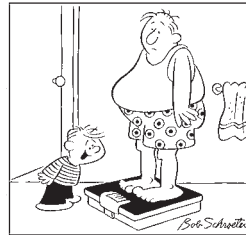
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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2	9			3				6
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SCRAMBLERS



Wow I know what Mom means when she says you're the _____ Dad."

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Clench **SPRAG**

Highest **SMUTTO**

Smirk **PRIMES**

Pure **SCATHE**

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals L

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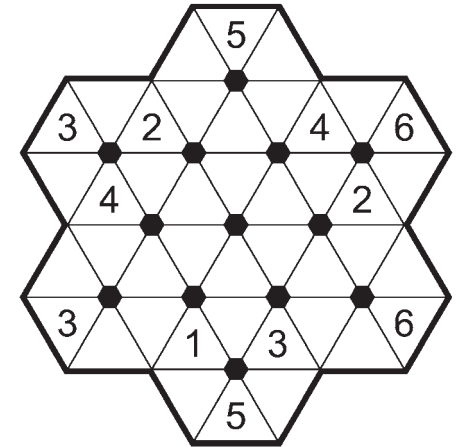
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G YKTJAVH JEKK?

SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

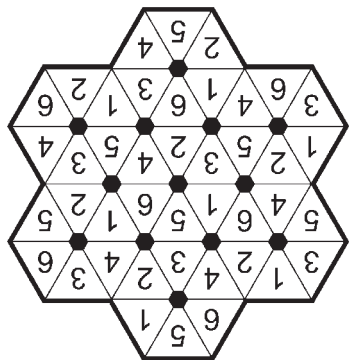
PUZZLE ANSWERS

Do you suppose the factory pills might be designated a slumber mill?

CRYPTOQUIP

GREATEST
Today's Word
1. Grasp; 2. Utmost; 3. Simper; 4. Chaste

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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Everyone's life is worthy of a trading card

I was recently reviewing sports trading cards (baseball, football, basketball) that our son had collected, mostly in the 1990s. My goal is to pare down what we have to a reasonable amount. While it is easy to keep the cards of "name" players in each sport, there were other cards that required closer examination.

Those were the cards of players who may not have been the stars of their teams, but who were significant enough to deserve trading cards featuring the appropriate action shot and their statistics.

I searched for informa-



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tion for every single player whose name escaped me. Of course, simply making it to the Big Leagues is a source of pride for a player, parents, relatives and friends.

I served a congregation in LaSalle, Illinois, for three years as a student rabbi for 18 weekends a year, flying from Cincinnati to Chicago and then driving to my destination. On one of my flights back to Cincinnati, I sat next to the wife of Cincinnati Reds pitcher Frank Pastore. I remember the couple with her telling her before we boarded the plane, "We will be sure

to watch his games when we can." Frank Pastore eventually became a well-known Christian radio talk-show host in Los Angeles. He died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in 2012.

In one of my early years as rabbi at the congregation in Topeka, Kansas, I received a call from a woman named Beth who said that her husband was looking at a job possibility in the area. She was Jewish and wanted to attend services on the Jewish High Holy Days. She eventually told me that her husband was a former baseball player named Joe Keough.

I said, "You mean Joe Keough who played on the Kansas City Roy-

als, who got the game-winning hit in their first regular season game in April 1969 against the Minnesota Twins?" I think I left her speechless.

It was just that type of accomplishment that led me to keep certain trading cards. Players who did something significant in one game or in one season, or who became coaches, analysts and broadcasters got my nod for retention.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we can think of all those people in the history of the United States who have made contributions to the preservation of freedom, constructive and productive discourse, and acceptance of one

another as fellow travelers along this journey, which is approaching 250 years in the not-too-distant future.

We are also closing in on the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing on July 20, 1969, during the Apollo 11 mission. Books, articles, documentaries, and feature films continue to chronicle this accomplishment. We are finding out more and more about the diverse group of people who comprised the team that made Apollo 11 happen. Every person involved in the mission, from the construction of the vehicles to the splashdown recovery team, had a significant role in the success of that historic flight and

the space program.

An 1800-year-old rabbinic saying highlights the importance of each person to our world and our lives: "Despise no one, and call nothing useless, for there is no one that doesn't have his/her time and there is no thing that doesn't have its place."

Every one of us has an opportunity to further human achievement, freedom, respect and decency. May that be our continuing mission.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbetc.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbi-larrykarol.blogspot.com.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Summer matinee

On Sunday, July 14, at 3 p.m., Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will host an Ice Cream Bar, following by a sing-along led by Rabbi Larry Karol. Songs will include hits of the year 1969 (50 years ago), by Elton John and the Beatles, American folk songs, and several of Rabbi Karol's originals.

Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend by sending an email to rabbi@tbetc.org or calling 575-524-3380.

Unitarian schedule

Unitarian Universalists Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Ave. Contact Elisa Sanchez, 575-532-9148.

- **July 7 - Roundtable**
Dr. Dulcinea Lara
"Workshopping Race and other Constructs"
9 a.m., church library
- **July 14 - Roundtable**
Richard Bagby
My UU Spiritual Odyssey
9 a.m., church library
- **July 21 - Roundtable**
Mayor Ken Miya-gishima
"The City of Las Cruces and Asylum Seekers"
9 a.m., church library
- **July 28 - Roundtable**
Joel Brown
My UU Spiritual Odyssey
9 a.m., church library

Interracial marriage

"Interracial Marriage: A Betrayal of Race, or a Power for Peace? A Dis-

cussion on Race Unity" will be on Sunday, July 14, at 3:30 p.m. at the Jean Wilkey Gallery & Studio, 221 N Main St., between the Rio Grande and Southwest Environmental Center. Free parking is available in the lot behind the Rio Grande Theater, just north of Zefiro's restaurant on Water street. From there, you can enter the building under the 221 sign.

Moderators will be Deborah and Darrell Rodgers, an interracial couple. The event is part of a series of interfaith discussions on race unity sponsored by the Bahai's of Las Cruces.

For information, please call Wilkey at 575-528-8912.

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July 3

MoA 5:30pm - 7pm *Art 21: Art in the 21st Century "Time"*
RRM 5pm - 7pm Train Dominoes

July 10

MoNaS 5pm Bioluminescence
RRM 6:30pm Storytime: *The Goodnight Train*, by June Sobel

July 17

MoA 5pm - 7pm Elements of Art: Shape
MoNaS 6pm Family STEM Night - Space

July 24

MoNaS 5pm - 7pm Crime Scene Science
BCC 5pm - 7pm Summer Cooking Recipe Swap

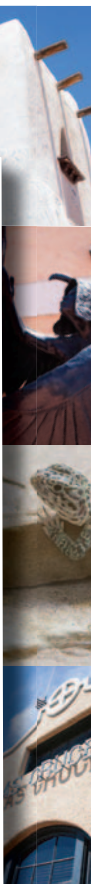
July 31

MoA 5pm - 7pm Family Art Night
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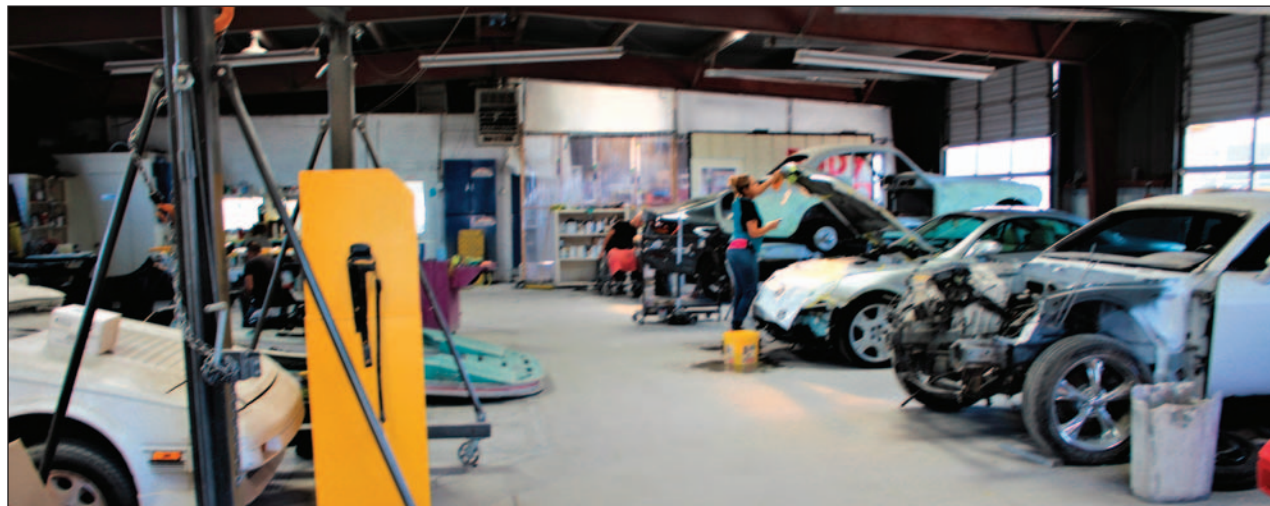


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COURTESY PHOTOS

The Las Cruces Collision Center has had steady work during the Valley Drive NMDOT road reconstruction; now the road is complete and open in front of the business, and access is fast and clean.

Las Cruces Collision Center: a front row view

By **CASSIE MCCLURE AND SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

Editor's note: Nineteenth in a series on businesses impacted by Valley Drive road reconstruction.

It's 8 a.m. and three employees in the Las Cruces Collision Center (524 N. Valley Drive) are already hard at work: one woman stands on a wooden box to gain height while putting finishing touches on a hood; another employee works on the brake lights of a car. Business is now humming along at Valley Drive near W. Hadley Avenue, just like cars going through the new stretch of road.

Owner Joaquin "Jack"

Favela has had a front seat view of the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) development on Valley Drive since the beginning. The road reconstruction is now complete in front of the Collision Center, and now, he says, it's much easier to get in and out of his parking lot.

Even through the construction, business remained steady with insurance claims work, but Favela says his chief "win" was keeping the old-school sign that now advertises Las Cruces Collision Center in front.

"They don't make them like that anymore," Favela said. The sign was grandfathered-in

from 1961 – but, he says, there was a debate over whether it needed to come down with the construction.

"I told them, 'This has been here so long, and I think there are laws to keep it here,'" Favela said. He was right and the sign got to stay.

Favela only moved his business to Valley Drive three years ago, with eight years in business. "We're sorry for the road reconstruction inconvenience to our customers and we understood the frustration, but through it all we were very much open and ready to help get customers get back in their cars as fast as possible with quality work,"

he said.

Favela still grumbles that communication with NMDOT contractors at the beginning was nearly as bumpy as the road during construction. He says workers would park in his parking lot, but after reaching out to construction supervisors, he was able to get them to move their vehicles. Now he's still talking to supervisors who are putting finishing touches on the road and giving them feedback.

"It's good to have access back and we welcome our customers," said Favela. "Valley Drive is open and flowing near

State, city unemployment rates top national averages

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5 percent in May 2019, the same as in April 2019 and up from 4.8 percent in May 2018, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) reported in a June 21 news release.

For Las Cruces, the unemployment rate was 5.3 percent for both April and May 2019. It was 5.1 percent in May 2018.

The national unemployment rate in May 2019 was 3.6 percent, unchanged from April 2019 and down from 3.8 percent in May 2018, NMDWS said.

For New Mexico, the news wasn't all bad.

"New Mexico ranked ninth in the nation for private sector job growth," NMDWS said in a separate news release. The highest growth rate was in Nevada, while the lowest rates were in Maine and Minnesota.

"New Mexico has outpaced the national job growth rate for the first time since January 2013," NMDWS Secretary Bill McCamley said.

"Too often New Mexico is ranked 49th or 50th in the good things our country measures, but this growth, particularly in the private sector, shows New Mexico is headed in the right direction and open for



Bill McCamley

business. If you work hard and learn the right skills, you

don't have to give up your chile and move away for a job. You can earn a great salary here while staying in our friendly, beautiful communities."

Mining and construction reported the largest employment increase with a gain of 5,500 jobs, the release said. Mining added 2,800 jobs and construction was up 2,700 jobs.

Professional and business services employment was up 3,700 jobs, employment in education and health services increased by 3,600 jobs.

Manufacturing employment was up 400 jobs from its May 2018 level. Trade, transportation and utilities was down 2,100 jobs.

Within the public sector, local government employment grew by 800 jobs. State government employment decreased by 700 jobs.

Among southern New Mexico counties, Otero County had a 4.6 percent unemployment rate in May 2019, according to the report. It was 6.7 percent in Sierra County, 4.2 percent in Grant County, 3.4 percent in

Cafecito Divino



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Cafecito Divino Coffee Bar opened May 3 at 110 W. Picacho Ave. across Main Street from CVS Pharmacy. The shop, owned by Mike and Sue Fry, offers special creations like Chocolate Cubano, Cup of Faith, Mexicano, Italiano, Paradise, Model Citizen, Moroccan, Sweet Old American and Irish Coffee (without the whiskey). There are cold brews, a variety of teas and hot chocolate. The menu includes panini, smoothies, frappes, custom sodas, bagels, crepes, burritos, wraps, salads, nachos and Mexican pancakes on Sundays. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Call 575-993-3484, email cafecitodivino@gmail.com and find them on Facebook.

RATES

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Hidalgo County and 10.9 percent in Luna County, the highest unemployment rate in the state.

Eddy County had the lowest unemployment rate in New Mexico in

April 2019 at 2.8 percent, while neighboring Lea County was at 3.5 percent. Eddy and Lea represent the bulk of the state's booming oil and gas industry.

Additional data can be found online at www.dws.state.nm.us and www.jobs.state.nm.us/analyzer.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Job Fair

Job seekers looking for a new start, better job, or different career direction can benefit from a job fair hosted by New Mexico Workforce Connection and some of its partner agencies from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Local employers from a variety of industries are eager to fill vacant positions. Participants can take advantage of free résumé and interview workshops at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. No registration is required for the workshops.

The job fair is free to the public and employers. Employers can still reserve their table.

Partners of the job fair are the City of Las Cruces, the Department of Workforce Solutions, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, and the Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board.

For more information, call New Mexico Workforce Connection at 575-524-6250.

Hospitality funding

As the New Mexico hospitality industry grows, The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott

Foundation has awarded the NMSU Foundation with \$400,000 to support the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

The funding will enhance outreach, recruitment and professional development initiatives in hopes of increasing student interest and awareness in pursuing careers in the hospitality industry, which, in New Mexico, is expected to have 13,000 new jobs available by 2024.

"The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation will have a unique and significant impact on hospitality education, specifically in the Southwest, be-

cause they are investing in the only program in the state that offers a Bachelor of Science in HRTM," said Tina Byford, interim vice president of University Advancement. "If we want to meet the employment demand in our state, it is critical that more students learn about the industry, NMSU and the School of HRTM. We're grateful that The Marriott Family Foundation is making this priority at NMSU one of its own."

To honor this support, the program and associated office space will be named the "Marriott Hospitality Futures Center," pending approval by the University Naming Committee.

COLLISION

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us, and we're open for business!"

You can provide your feedback to NMDOT project supervisors and stay informed about the developments on Valley Drive at the next public meeting, Tuesday, July 16, at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in the Roadrunner Room from 6 to 7:30 p.m. More

information is available at www.valleydrive.net. For immediate concerns, contact Ryan Tafoya, project manager, at 575-418-7891.

The NMDOT Valley Drive road reconstruction project is scheduled for completion in early 2020; in the meantime, the City of Las Cruces encourages residents to continue supporting local businesses and stores on Valley Drive.

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NMSU clinic's renovations will enhance learning, services

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**
For the Bulletin

A clinic offering mental health services on the New Mexico State University campus will receive funding from the state legislature to renovate the clinic, giving it the potential to expand much-needed services to the Las Cruces community.

Recently, New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed a bill to provide \$100,000 to the NMSU Counseling and Educational Psychology department's clinic, located on the ground floor of O'Donnell Hall. Renovations will include new rooms, doors, observation windows and furniture, along with a fresh coat of paint and soundproofing elements installed in the clinic rooms. The clinic recently added a state-of-the-art recording technology system.

"One of the biggest impacts is the number of people that can be served," said Tracie Hitter, NMSU assistant professor and clinical coordinator of the Counseling Psychology program. "Part of the plan in the future is to widen the scope of services that are offered to include assessment services, including learning disability assessments and psychological assessments."

Eve Adams, interim head of the Department

of Counseling and Educational Psychology, has been with the department for about 25 years. The clinic was in existence then, but in several locations. The clinic has helped not only those in need of mental health services, but graduate student trainees in mental health-related training programs. Training sites that are invested in the developmental needs of the trainees are vital to maintaining nationally accredited programs.

Adams said that with the help of College of Education interim Dean Susan Brown and NMSU senior government affairs director Ricardo Rel, they were able to inform state legislators about the need for the clinic upgrades. The project received the support of State Sen. Mary Kay Papen, a proponent of improving the behavioral health workforce in Doña Ana County, as well as increasing behavioral health services in the area.

"I am delighted that NMSU is stepping up to the plate to ensure that the entire state has good mental health help given the shortage of mental health assistance," Papen said.

Adams said the last time the clinic was renovated was about 10 years ago, as part of the overall renovations of O'Donnell Hall.



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Eve Adams, left, and Tracie Hitter stand in the group therapy room in the Counseling and Educational Psychology department's mental health clinic.

"It has been a training clinic, which means we have trainees from all of our graduate programs in mental health – clinical mental health counseling, counseling psychology doctoral program and the school psychology program," Adams said. "This is the clinic where those trainees can get experience seeing clients for the first time as well as conducting assessments of folks, and we have observation rooms where supervisors can have a very close look at their work and provide feedback."

Adams said the clinic has predominantly served NMSU students who are enrolled in Counseling and Educational Psychology classes, and provided data for departmental research teams exploring the impact of

culture and the counseling process on clients' psychological symptoms. According to the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis, by 2025 there is going to be a significant increase in the need for psychologists.

Currently, there is a large need for bilingual healthcare providers, a gap that the Counseling and Educational Psychology department is addressing by offering a minor in Spanish counseling.

The timeline for the clinic renovations is still being finalized. For more information about the Counseling and Educational Psychology department at NMSU, visit cep.nmsu.edu.

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DACC needs assessment leads to new medical degree

BULLETIN REPORT

A new Associate of Science in Medical Assisting is being offered for students at Doña Ana Community College (DACC).

The new degree is the result of a needs assessment of the medical community in Doña Ana County. For several years employers in the area have requested medical assisting courses and have highlighted the need for well-prepared nationally certified medical assistants. The certification process ensures medical assistants have mastered coursework, clinical laboratories and internships.

After successful completion of the educational experience, the medical assistant will perform primarily clinical duties under the direct supervision of a physician including:

- Patient intake and medication reconciliation
- Assist MD with routine diagnostic procedures in-

cluding phlebotomy, ECG and in-office medical procedures

- Health screenings and patient educational support
- Patient scheduling and patient care follow-up

Pamela Orozco, a DACC student who will begin classes in the Associate degree beginning this fall, is pursuing a degree in the medical field. When she was younger, she helped take care of her grandmother, who was in declining health. The experience made a lasting impression on her. To sum up why she wants to enter the medical field, Orozco said, "I am interested in helping people."

The 65-credit-hour degree includes courses in basic anatomy and physiology, medication administration, medical law and ethics, patient psychology, communications, medical office procedures and clinical diagnostic examination, testing and treatment pro-

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A Doña Ana Community College student practices ECG.



COURTESY PHOTO

MountainView Regional Medical Center has a sprawling campus at 4311 E. Lohman Ave.

MountainView Regional receives achievement Award

FOR THE BULLETIN

MountainView Regional Medical Center has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get with The Guidelines®-Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

MountainView earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medica-



Derrick Cuenca

tions and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

"MountainView Regional Medical Center is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get

with The Guidelines-Stroke initiative," said Derrick Cuenca, CEO. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes."

MountainView Regional Medical Center has also met specific scientific guidelines as a Primary Stroke Center, featuring a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the emergency department.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death in the United States.

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cedures. After successful course work a 180-hour internship in a medical office is required to demonstrate learned skills. Graduates of the Medical Assistant degree are eligible to test for the National Certification Examination.

The Nursing Assistant college certificate is part

of the Associates degree, which upon completion allows the student to test for state certification in Phlebotomy and Electrocardiography

These certifications can lead to employment if the need arises to have a more flexible timetable to finish the Associates degree.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports employment of medical assistants is projected to

grow 29 percent from 2012 to 2022. They are employed by a wide variety of medical facilities including physician offices, family and specialty practices, health practitioners, outpatient care centers, general and surgical centers and urgent care.

A cohort of 12 students will begin the program, ultimately growing to 36 students in the third year of operation.



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The phone rang: 'Well ... Daddy's in jail'

My father, William McKinley Justice, introduced me to all the people about whom I intend to write. He, along with my mother, Thelma, have been excellent guides to expand my horizons and gave me a wonderful education that I could not have received without them.

By living in their home, I acquired the equivalent of two college degrees, for I was introduced to great literature, great music and travel in a wider world meeting amazing people and given a strong spiritual undergirding.

My father was born



RUTH MOORER

Not for Sissies

Oct. 3, 1903, in Killeen, Texas, and was the 13th and last child of sharecroppers. Early on, he learned how to work hard on the farm, chopping and picking cotton and other crops. His father was somewhat of a wanderer and was not home very much, traveling back and forth to North Carolina, where the family had originated.

My father's 20-year-old brother, Tom, was the stabilizing factor in his life and challenged him to get an education and reach for high goals. Tom was originally a school teacher and

later became a Methodist preacher. When my father was 6 years old, his parents, who had waited to give him a legal name (he had just been called "Sonny") let him decide between two possible names which he would like to have! He chose William McKinley (who happened to be the president in the year of Sonny's birth).

William earned a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, in 1925, and a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1928. Three months prior to that he married Thelma Dunagan. His life interests,

related to his Christian faith, centered around treating people with compassion and justice. His concerns were for promoting peace, working for social justice and fairness to people of all races. He wrote extensively on these subjects in church and other publications for these causes.

In addition to all the articles he wrote for various periodicals, he was the author of two books and edited a third. He was an excellent Bible scholar and teacher. He loved great literature, including poetry.

One day in 1962, we received a call from my mother from their home in Stony Point, New

York. Her first words were, "Guess where your Daddy is." I replied that I had no idea. "Well, he's in jail!"

Knowing my father's involvement in many things, I was not surprised that he had ended up in jail! He had traveled to Albany, Georgia, with a caravan of 75 other ministers, priests and rabbis from New York state to demonstrate on behalf of voting rights for blacks. They held a peaceful prayer vigil on the sidewalk in front of the Albany City Hall. Then they were ordered by the sheriff to leave but they refused to move. They were then arrested and over half of them were placed in jail,

my father being one of them. They were in jail for about 40 hours before they were released on a bond of \$200 each.

When they returned home, my father and the others were recognized for their courageous stand. My father was especially honored when he was invited by the New York Legislature to serve as the Chaplain for a day. There is much more to tell about him.

(To be continued.)

Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public-school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Losing a parent when you're young

By **RAY VIGIL**

For the Bulletin

For young people whose parent passes away, Social Security is here. Losing a parent is both emotionally painful and, often, devastating to a family's finances. In the same way that Social Security helps to lift up the disabled and seniors when they need it, we support families when an income-earning parent dies.

You should let Social

Security know as soon as possible when a person in your family dies. Usually, the funeral director will report the person's death to Social Security. You will need to give the deceased's Social Security number to the funeral director, so they can make the report.

Some of the deceased's family members may be able to receive Social Security benefits if the deceased person worked long enough in jobs cov-

ered by Social Security to qualify for benefits. Please read the following information carefully to learn what benefits may be available.

Your unmarried child can get benefits if they are:

- Younger than age 18;
- 18-19 years old and a full-time student (no higher than grade 12); or
- 18 or older with a disability that began before age 22.

To get benefits, a child must have:

- A parent who's disabled or retired and entitled to Social Security benefits; or

- A parent who died after having worked long enough in a job where they paid Social Security taxes.

Benefits stop when your child reaches age 18 unless your child is a student in secondary school or disabled.

Within a family, a child can receive up to half of the parent's full retirement or dis-

ability benefit. If a child receives Survivors benefits, he or she can get up to 75 percent of the deceased parent's basic Social Security benefit.

There is a limit to the amount of money that we can pay to a family. The maximum is determined as part of every Social Security benefit computation. It can be from 150 to 180 percent of the parent's full benefit amount. If the total amount payable to all family members exceeds

this limit, we reduce each person's benefit proportionately (except the parent's) until the total equals the maximum allowable amount.

Children with disabilities may also be eligible for benefits. You can read more about Benefits for Children with Disabilities at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf.

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Mulligans Fore Mutts tourney tees it up

BULLETIN REPORT

If you enjoy golf and would like to help homeless animals, the seventh annual Mulligans Fore Mutts Golf Tournament is Saturday, July 13. The four-person scramble begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre.

The deadline for teams to register is Wednesday, July 10. Entry fee is \$500 for a four-member team or \$125 for an individual.

The fundraiser benefits ACTION Programs for Animals in its effort to rescue dogs and cats and to help the community reach its no-kill goal as soon as possible.

The event includes a putting contest courtesy of Top Dog Sponsor Darin Manes Farmers Insurance Agency. Vescovo Toyota has provided a



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Golfers gather at the 2018 Mulligans Fore Mutts Golf Tournament at Picacho Hills Country Club.

Toyota RAV4 as a hole-in-one prize. All golfers who enter the tournament receive a pass for a return greens fee at Picacho Hill Country Club.

Register online at apalascruces.networkforgood.com/events/303-mulligans-fore-mutts.

Golfers should arrive for check-in at 8 a.m. July

13. Lunch will be provided on the course, and food will be provided at the awards ceremony following the tournament.

The tournament will also feature the King Dog and Queen Cat contest. For \$50, you may enter a picture of your cat or dog into the contest. Each golfer will vote on

the best photo, and the winner's photo will be included in next year's tournament brochure.

Volunteers are also needed.

For more information, contact APA volunteer and Mulligans Fore Mutts coordinator Rich Fisher at 708-341-0344 or fishyankees@sbcglobal.net.

Wanted posters



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Cafecito Divino Coffee Bar, which opened May 3 at 110 W. Picacho Ave. in the Village Plaza directly across Main from CVS Pharmacy, has a bulletin board with information about pets needing homes through the organizations From the Heart Rescue and Broken Promises SW. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Call 575-993-3484, email cafecitydivino@gmail.com

ACTION Programs for Animals offers free adoptions

BULLETIN REPORT

Do you want to add a companion pet to your family? July may be the month to do so! July is ACTION Programs for Animals' annual free adoption month. This offer pertains to most of APA's animals.

APA Executive Director Michel Meunier said the nonprofit chose July to tie the offer to freedom and independence.

"When someone adopts from APA, it frees up a space for us to rescue the next animal at the municipal shelter," said Meunier. "The special offer is geared mostly to



Harley is one of many kittens available for adoption at ACTION Programs for Animals. APA is offering free adoptions of most animals during the month of July.

ward moving kittens into homes, as we are overwhelmed with kittens this time of year."

Meunier also said that APA screens all adopters, so that animals are not adopted out to

people who appear to be unable to provide for animals.

"We want to ensure that animals are going to a safe, healthy environment," she said. "All the years we have been doing this, we've had very few issues with quality homes."

You may visit and meet adoptable animals at APA's adoption center, 800 W. Picacho Ave., from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, and by appointment.

For more information, please text 575-644-0505, call 575-571-4654 or email mail@apalascruces.org.

Thrift sales



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All kinds of items – including furniture and recreational items such as this kayak – are available at ACTION Programs for Animals' thrift sales. Beginning Saturday, July 6, thrift sales will be held from 7-11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at APA's warehouse, 1150 E. Las Cruces Ave. Donations for thrift sales may be dropped off between 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at APA's current adoption center, 800 W. Picacho Ave. The nonprofit organization hosts the thrift sales to benefit its animal rescue efforts. "We urge people to shop, donate or both," said APA Executive Director Michel Meunier, "We can also arrange the pickup of large items." To arrange a pickup, call or text 575-644-0505.

Kirby brings experience, accolades to Aggie baseball

BULLETIN REPORT

Mike Kirby, the new baseball coach at New Mexico State University, is apparently the right man for the job, according to many who know him and his work.

Kirby was hired June 24 to succeed Brian Green, who left for Washington State after five years despite signing a new contract in December 2018.

Kirby is the 11th head baseball coach in Aggie history.

“After a nationwide search that yielded several top candidates, I felt that the right coach and the right fit for the Aggie baseball program was Mike [Kirby],” said Athletics Director Mario Moccia. “Mike is an extremely passionate individual who I know will do everything in his power to keep our program successful, take it to new heights and excite our community.”

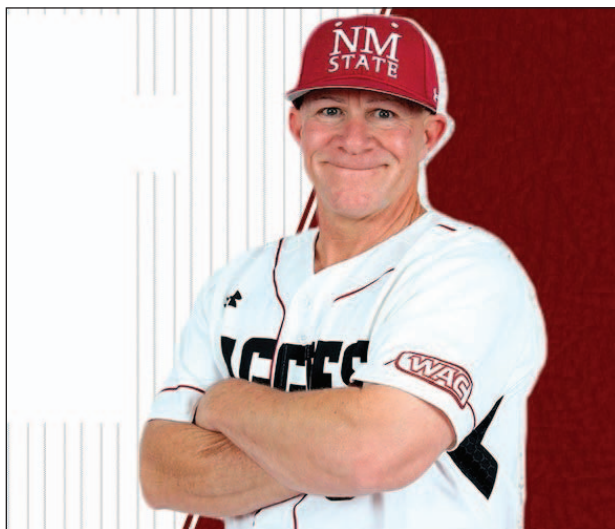
“It is with great enthusiasm that I embrace this new role as head coach for New Mexico State University,” Kirby said. “I would like to first thank Chancellor Arvizu, President Floros and Director of Athletics Mario Moccia for entrusting me with the Aggie baseball program. I’m excited about the opportunity and ready to embark on this journey and look forward to helping continue and build upon the success that has been paved by Coach Green and his staff.”

The Huntington Beach,



Former Aggie baseball coach Brian Green guided NM State to 147 wins in a four-year stretch. The good times weren't enough to keep him in Las Cruces.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Kirby is the program's 11th head baseball coach at New Mexico State University.

California, native played his first two years of collegiate baseball at Cerritos

College, where he helped the Falcons to two state championships before

wrapping up his career at Long Beach State.

Kirby hired on at Cal State Fullerton in 1991 and spent eight of the next nine seasons as either a student assistant (one year), facilities manager (three years) or assistant coach (four years). During that stretch, CSUF hauled in six conference titles and four College World Series appearances (1992, 1994, 1995, 1999) that culminated with a National Championship in 1995.

Under his tutelage, the Titans saw nine position players reach the Major Leagues.

In 2008, Kirby joined Buddy Goldsmith's coaching staff at UNLV after a

nine-year hiatus working in sales for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (1999-2008).

At the University of Oregon, Kirby helped his former head coach, George Horton, lead the Ducks' return to the national spotlight where he coached first base and worked with the outfielders. During his time in Eugene, Oregon earned four-consecutive nationally-ranked recruiting classes – including three ranked in the top 10 and a program-best top 5 ranking in 2010.

He then returned to Cal State Fullerton, where he served as the recruiting coordinator, first-base coach and worked with

the infielders.

Kirby spent the past five seasons at Nebraska, where he served as an assistant head coach, worked with the infielders and was the team's third-base coach. Nebraska made three NCAA Regional appearances while Kirby was on staff in addition to a Big Ten regular-season title in 2017.

A 1994 graduate of Cal State Fullerton with a degree in kinesiology, Kirby is married (Melissa) and has two daughters, Payten and Lauren.

What they said:

Darin Erstad

*Former Nebraska Head Baseball Coach
2002 World Series Champion (Anaheim Angels)*

“Mike is the ultimate baseball guy. With his experience and knowledge of the game, he couldn't be a better fit at New Mexico State. The thing that I have been impressed over the last five years working with him is that he cares more about the student-athletes as a person than the baseball side of things. His abilities to communicate with the kids; I was just in awe of how he did that and learned so much from him. I couldn't be happier for him. Terrific hire!”

George Horton

*Former Cal State Fullerton & Oregon Head Baseball Coach
2004 College World*

Experience helps us adapt to changing conditions

Following a recent golf round in which I played rather poorly I spent some time critically mulling over my game. I'm sure you've never done that. After much anguish I began to grasp how

I had failed to accommodate the myriad variables of the course and the conditions that day, and just how situational golf really is.

For each of us our performance at any given time depends on so much that can change in a heartbeat. Examples are: where we stand in our match; how the wind is blowing; where our missed shots have been heading; what's going on with our swing; how confident we feel. There is a whole host of factors we need to consider on



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

any given shot, for any given round. The best players in the world have trained themselves to do this routinely, almost instinctively, so they focus on other things like the target.

We could break down the conditions and the situation into three categories to make things simpler. First, there is your internal state: how you're feeling both emotionally and physically, and what is going on between your ears. The second is social: where things are going with your golf match, who you are playing with, and how comfortable you are with the social context you find yourself in. Third, you have the environmental factors that are so critical for playing each shot suc-

cessfully. Of course, there is the all-important lie (i.e. where your ball sits in the grass); there's the distance you have to hit it; the direction and velocity of the breeze; your estimate of what club you will select; the intelligent aiming point; trees and other obstructions; consistency of the rough and bunkers. But wait, there's more. What about the putting green? Do you know what type of grass you're putting on and how that would affect the roll? How fast are the greens normally, and have they been mowed today? Are they consistent from one green to the next? Have they recently been top-dressed? Which way is the prevailing slope on the greens? How about the grain – can you read it? When we putt on greens we aren't familiar with there is a lot we need to factor in.

Nary a telecast goes by that CBS golf analyst and teacher Peter Kostis doesn't mention his all-important mantra of "awareness and adjustment." He continually harps on the fact that the pros have to precisely calibrate their play to each new golf course and each new day. For us chops the bad news is that, once we think about it, being able to make the correct adjustments in each round does seem truly daunting. It's almost like we should be carrying a computer along when we play.

But here's the good news: as we gain golfing experience, golfing skill and golfing intelligence, we develop greater and greater capacity to regulate and modify our play to an infinite array of changing conditions. Developing expert aware-

ness and adjustment does take practice, to be sure, but we certainly can learn the process.

Our success in golf often hinges on how accurately and quickly we size up the situation and how deftly we handle the pressure. This is why it's so hard for Tour rookies to get their first win. This is why grown men practically throw up on themselves standing over a four-footer for 10 bucks.

When it comes to self-management in a pressure situation, LPGA Hall of Famer (and New Mexico native) Kathy Whitworth once shared some wisdom she was taught by her mentor, the late Harvey Penick. She recalled needing a par on the final hole to win one of her majors. "Not a difficult 8 iron shot," she said, "but the circumstances made it hard, since there was a

lot riding on that swing. I was nervous, but as I approached the ball I could hear Harvey in my head saying, 'Take dead aim.' He would say, 'it's too late to be thinking about your swing, so you'd better be thinking about your target.' So, I homed in on the flag, focused on nothing else and swung. I won the tournament."

Timeless advice for all of us.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

KIRBY

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Series Champion (CSUF)

"It's great to see Mike [Kirby hired as the head baseball coach at New Mexico State. Mike's actions will inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more! And they will all do it with class and integrity."

Kendall Rogers

Co-Managing Editor of D1Baseball

"Mike Kirby and New Mexico State are a perfect fit. From his Cal State Fullerton days to going to Nebraska, Kirby is the consummate grinder which fits perfectly with Las Cruces. Mike brings a very strong pedigree and background to New Mexico

State and should continue the momentum Brian Green created."

Mark Kotsay

*Current Oakland Athletics Quality Controls Coach
16-year MLB veteran (FLA, SD, OAK, ATL, BOS, CHW, MIL)
Golden Spikes Award & Rotary Smith Award Winner
1995 College World Series Champion (Most Outstanding Player)*

*1995 Collegiate Baseball Player of the Year
1995 Big West Player of the Year
First-Team All-American*

"Very excited for Mike to finally get his chance to transition from long time college coach to now leading his own program as the head coach of the Aggies. Mike was one of the hardest-working coaching as-

sistants at Cal State Fullerton when we shared time together. He's had many great mentors and I'm excited for Mike to lead these young men on and off the field. I'm confident he will do a great job for New Mexico State."

Sean "The Mayor" Casey

*Current MLB Network Analyst
11-year MLB veteran (CLE, CIN, PIT, DET, BOS)
3 Time MLB All-Star*

"He was one of my favorite coaches of all time and I only had him for one summer. Congratulations to New Mexico State on the great hiring. Mike's upbeat personality and baseball knowledge are second to none. He was one of the top coaches I've ever had. People always ask me where I got the nickname The Mayor and I say it was Mike

Kirby who gave it to me in the Cape Cod League in 1994 because he said it always seemed like I was lobbying for votes. Good luck Kirby!"

Mike Lamb

*10-year MLB veteran (TEX, HOU, MIN, MIL, FLA)
1995 College World Series Champion (CSUF)*

"Coach Kirby was one of my favorite coaches at Cal State Fullerton. He taught me a whole lot about toughness and being a tough out. It was great. I loved playing for him. I respect him tremendously. Honestly, I have goosebumps right now. I'm so jazzed to hear that he's going to be a head coach. You guys are getting an incredible person. An incredible coach. He develops outstanding relationships with his players. He is absolutely one

of my favorite coaches that I've ever had."

Matt Chapman

*Current Oakland Athletics Third Baseman
3-year MLB veteran (OAK)
2018 Gold Glove Winner
2018 Defensive Player of the Year Winner*

"Super excited to hear Kirby got the head coaching job! Much deserved! He knows so much about the game of baseball and will help so many kids get to the next level just like he did for me and so many others. More importantly, he's an amazing person and knows how to treat people. He helped me through so many tough times and I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for that man. I couldn't think of a better head coach."

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