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The Animal Control and Environmental Survey (ACES) program aims to educate residents on how to come into compliance with county ordinances

involving domestic animals and solid waste while offering opportunities to beautify the area where they live. In recent years, multiple ACES projects have been conducted countywide.

On Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon, a roll-off and tire shredder will be available until containers are filled as part of the clean-up initiative. Additional community outreach services, including low-cost microchipping and rabies vaccinations, will also be available that day, and staff will be helping residents schedule spay and neuter operations for pets.

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DASO program helps find lost loved ones

A Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department initiative continues to reconnect residents with their loved ones who suffer from cognitive issues – Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or some forms of autism – that can cause them to wander.

Project Lifesaver, a wristband location device, has been offered to residents in Doña Ana County through the sheriff's department since 2002. The state-of-the-art personal radio transmitters assist first-responders in locating anyone wearing the devices when they become lost.

Statistics show more than half of those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease wander and become lost, and about 72 percent of those are repeat wanderers. If they are not

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Appointments will be scheduled at 20-minute intervals, but walk-ins also will be welcome.

The spring blood drive is one of three coordinated each year at the Doña Ana County Government Center. Each drive historically results in the donation of about 30 pints of blood, which United Blood Services distributes to area medical facilities.

Donors will receive a snack and some juice. Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region. The staff at United Blood Services screens each applicant and then allows qualified donors to take a seat in one of the comfortable recliners where the donations are processed.

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Ben Ray Lujan first to announce for Udall's seat

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan will give up the seat he has held representing New Mexico's Third Congressional District since 2009 to run for the U.S. Senate.

Lujan, 46, announced Monday, April 1, that he will run for the seat that incumbent Democrat Tom Udall has held for the past 11 years. Udall announced in late March that he will not run for re-election to a third term in the Senate in 2020.

Lujan, 46, said New Mexico needs another "champion" in the U.S. Senate who follows the example set by Udall and former New Mexico Sens. Jeff Bingaman and the late Dennis Chavez.

"You have to earn the trust of the people of New Mexico," Lujan said in the advice Udall gave him in running for the Senate. As a senator, Lujan said Udall told him, "it's your job to serve them and it's



PHOTO BEN RAY LUJAN
FACEBOOK PAGE

U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M.

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your responsibility."

"It's always been an honor to learn from Sen. Udall," Lujan said. "He's always been a mentor."

"I believe I'm the strongest candidate" for the Senate, Lujan said in a telephone interview. "I've been humbled by all of the outreach encouraging me to the run," he said in an online video. Lujan said a vigorous Demo-

cratic primary in the Senate race "is good for our party and good for New Mexico, so I welcome it."

As chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Lujan said on the video that he led the effort to win back control of the House (in November 2018). "To move forward," he said, "we've got to fix the Senate where (Republican Senate Majority Leader) Mitch McConnell stands in the way of progress."

Lujan said there is "a lot of concern with President Trump's approach to immigration," including cutting U.S. aid to El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Instead, Lujan said, Trump "should be working with those countries" to address the violence that is causing people to flee those countries. More investment is needed for humanitarian efforts and to support asylum seekers, he said.

"We are willing to work

together on a bipartisan basis" to deal with immigration, Lujan said, including improved technology for screening at all U.S. ports of entry and filling vacancies among customs officers and judges with authority in immigration issues.

Additional challenges for New Mexicans include reducing the cost of health care and prescription drugs, Lujan said, protecting the environment, improving infrastructure and creating job opportunities.

Lujan said he has been a "huge proponent" of expanding broadband access across the state and of technology transfer, which he said includes the state's national laboratories and institutions like New Mexico State University. In the U.S. House, Lujan said he has helped pass legislation to deal with the nation's opioid crisis, reduce student-loan debt and to support advanced research.

"We have to work

together," Lujan said. "We have differences of opinion, but we all have the same goal. Our best days are ahead of us. "It's up to each and every one of us."

Lujan said he and his staff "care about our constituents very much," and about one-third of the constituent service his office provides in northern New Mexico is veteran related. "My team is very aggressive," he said. That service, Lujan said, is "something I will take across the state" if he is elected to the U.S. Senate.

Lujan still lives on the farm he grew up on in Nambé, about 15 miles north of Santa Fe. He has a bachelor's of business administration degree from New Mexico Highlands University. Lujan

was elected to the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission in 2005 and served through 2008 when he was elected to the U.S. House. He currently serves as assistant speaker of the U.S. House.

Lujan's father, Ben Lujan, represented Santa Fe County in the New Mexico House of Representatives 1975-2012, including the last 10 years as House speaker.

Ben Ray Lujan said he learned from his parents and grandparents "that hard work matters, that no job is too big or too small.

They instilled in me a love for New Mexico," he said.

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Espina Street construction

ABOVE: Construction continues on Espina Street between University Avenue and Horseshoe on the New Mexico State University campus. The work includes “removal and reconstruction of the Espina road surface, installation of new street stripping/markers, upgrading ADA ramps and installation of new curb and gutter structures,” according to an NMSU news release. In addition to the portion of Espina Street, the construction project is also closing College Drive between Espina and Knox streets, North and South Horseshoe Street, parking between Sweet and Espina streets and parking lot No. 5 near the NMSU Music Building. Buildings impacted include Knox Hall, Gerald Thomas Hall, Skeen Hall, ASNMSU Center for the Arts, Music Building, Chemistry Building, Hadley Hall, Goddard Hall, Jett Hall and Jett Annex. The closure of Espina Street began March 4 and is expected to continue until June 1, 2019.

LEFT: The traffic control plan and detours for construction on Espina Street at NMSU. The drawing was made by Molzen Corbin architects, engineers and planners, which has offices in Las Cruces.

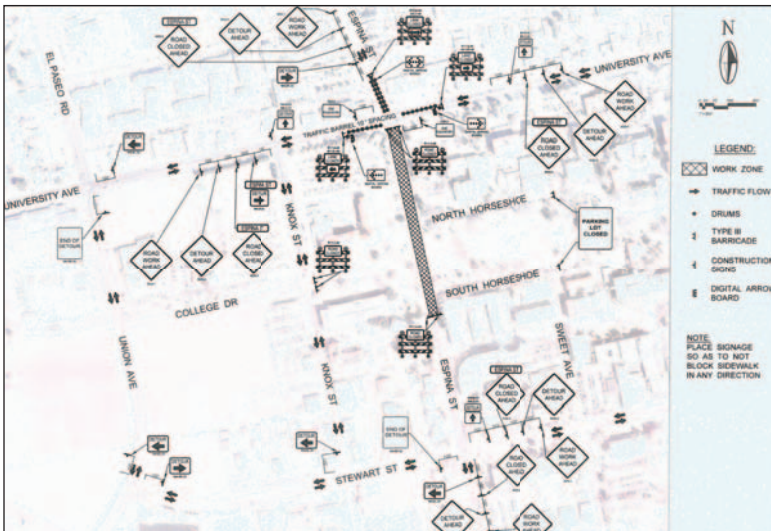


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Film incentive bill includes role for Las Cruces

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

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Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham referenced film-making in Las Cruces and highlighted the contribution of a Las Cruces lawmaker as she signed a bill Friday, March 29, that more than doubles the cap on rebate payments to qualified film and television productions in New Mexico and provides an additional 5 percent credit for productions that film in Las Cruces or anywhere outside of Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

"This is historic, and we are so excited," Lujan Grisham said just after she signed the bill at Albuquerque Studios that will raise the cap from \$50 million to \$110 million.

The bill (Senate Bill 2: Film Tax Credit Changes) also includes an additional 5 percent tax credit for productions that work in Las Cruces and other parts of the state outside Albuquerque and Santa Fe. That provision was proposed by state Sen. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña, who is president of the nonprofit Film Las Cruces (FLC).

"We're celebrating because we pioneered the 5 percent idea," Steinborn said in a telephone interview. "We started working on it before the session, making a full court press on the administration and legislators. We prevailed. It was the right thing to do."

FLC, he said, took "a real leadership role organizing film offices around the state" in



Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signs New Mexico Senate Bill 2, Film Tax Credit Changes, at Albuquerque Studios March 29. At immediate left and right are the bill's chief sponsors, state Rep. Antonio "Mo" Maestas, D-Bernalillo, and state Sen. Nancy Rodriguez, D-Santa Fe.

support of the additional tax credit.

"Las Cruces is positioned to benefit from the new law by being the only community in the higher incentive area with a qualified film production studio facility, Film Las Cruces Studios, as well as having a local film production crew base," Las Cruces Film Liaison Jon Foley said in an FLC news release. "The additional tax credit boosts New Mexico's total available film production rebate to 30-35 percent, making it among the most competitive in the country."

New Mexico is "creating a hub for every kind of production, Lujan Grisham said at the March 29 news conference. "There are production efforts

that are available no matter where you live, if you're in Milan, if you're in Las Cruces.

"New Mexico's crew is the best in the country," she said. "That is something that puts us ahead of every other state. The bricks and motor investment, the incredible landscape, the talent that New Mexicans bring to bear, partnership with New Mexico policymakers. New Mexico can be Number One in any number of areas and film production is exactly that kind of area."

Lujan Grisham said the state also has repaid about two-thirds of the estimated \$382 million backlog in incentive money it owed to filmmakers and will continue to pay it off. It's important to "demonstrate

that priority" to filmmakers, the governor said, that "we're going to pay our bills, we're open for business."

Lujan Grisham said "\$3.44 billion has been infused into New Mexico's economy" since the state's film tax credit incentive was established in 2003. Lujan Grisham said she thinks that figure is actually low because the state, for at least the past eight years, has not been collecting all the data on film production.

"This is clean, high paying, productive, will last generations," the governor said.

At the bill signing, the bill's chief sponsor, state Sen. Nancy Rodriguez, D-Santa Fe, thanked Steinborn and state Rep. Nathan Small, D-Doña Ana, who



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Sen. Jeff Steinborn

"helped us figure out a way to include rural areas," she said.

Steinborn, Rodriguez said, is "the one who came to me and said, 'We'd really like support for the rural areas.'"

"Today is a big day for film and television and the industry here in New Mexico," Rodriguez said. "SB 2 is different because it takes all the wonderful things that have come before and challenges us to take this industry into a new level."

"This is the best film statute we can create; it is fantastic for the rural communities," said state Rep. Antonio "Mo" Maestas, D-Bernalillo, who carried the bill in the New Mexico House of Representatives. The bill, he said, "will bring tens of millions of dollars into our economy that will multiply over and over again."

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A look back at Udall's political career

Within minutes of the announcement Sen. Tom Udall would not run for re-election in 2020, the speculation began on who would or should run for his seat.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

It felt like the NCAA basketball tournament, as everyone fired off predictions and what-if scenarios. Instead, I thought back to the first time I met Udall in 1996.

I was the editor of the Alamogordo Daily News, and our publisher, Tom Reeves, called me into his office to meet the New Mexico attorney general.

There was Udall, then 47 years old, wearing cowboy boots with his suit. Reeves wore cowboy boots almost exclusively. That day I happened to be wearing a pair of boots, too.

I've always loved how New Mexico still, at times, can feel like the Old West. To learn that the state's attorney general wore boots was somehow comforting.

I had only a few months before moved to Alamogordo from Arkansas, and the guy who preceded me as Daily News editor told me, in New Mexico, elected officials are unusually accessible to the press and constituents. For the most part, that has proven true.

Udall was completely down

to earth that day, as were all the other elected officials I met those first few months in New Mexico: Gov. Gary Johnson, Sen. Pete Domenici, Sen. Jeff Bingaman and U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen.

Even then, it was not a stretch to envision Udall in Congress, given his family history. My first question was to ask Udall if he was related to Mo Udall, who ran for president in 1976. "That's my uncle," said Tom, who added that his father, Stewart Udall, was Secretary of the Interior under presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He also has three cousins who served as senators in Colorado, Oregon and Utah.

Two years after our meeting, Tom Udall won the U.S. House seat, New Mexico District 3, where he served for 10 years, 1998 to 2008.

Prior to becoming attorney general, Udall lost a Congressional bid, falling to Steve Schiff in 1988. My colleague Mike Cook worked for Schiff at that time, as communications director. Cook recalls, after the election, a meeting between Schiff, a Republican, and Udall, a Democrat. The two had just finished a hard-fought campaign. In today's political climate, such a meeting probably wouldn't even happen, but Cook remembers clearly the fondness and respect Schiff had for Udall. I think that says a lot about both men. Schiff would pass away in 1998.

In 2008, after Domenici announced he would not run again, Udall gave up his Dist. 3 U.S. Rep. seat and ran for Senate. Udall won, defeating Steve

Pearce, who had given up his Dist. 2 U.S. Rep. seat to run for Senate. (And in the Republican primary, Pearce defeated Heather Wilson, who had given up her Dist. 1 U.S. Rep. seat to run for Senate.)

Udall handily won re-election in 2014 against Allen Weh.

By the time his term ends in 2020, Udall will have served 10 years as U.S. Rep and 12 years in the Senate, which seems a more than reasonable amount of time to call it a career. Udall is also 70 years old, which I would not have guessed. He seems much younger. I'm pretty sure neither he nor I have aged 23 years since 1996.

Debbi Moore, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, worked with Udall often during his 1998-2008 tenure as U.S. Representative, while she headed the chamber of commerce in Rio Rancho.

"I have always respected his commitment to our state, particularly his commitment to small business," Moore said. "His love and passion for New Mexico are always evident."

Given his father's role as Interior Secretary, it makes sense Udall's passion for New Mexico would involve the outdoors and public lands. And that's the role where Carrie Hamblen, president and CEO of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, came to appreciate Udall.

Hamblen and many others worked tirelessly in 2013 and 2014 seeking national monument status for Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks.

They found a strong ally in

Udall, and Hamblen believes it could not have happened without Udall.

"He's really good at listening and connecting people and organizations for the protection of our public spaces," Hamblen said. "Not only national monuments, but areas all over the state and the country that enhance quality of life for communities."

On a personal level, I appreciate Udall's humility and down-to-earth nature.

"I've always been impressed with the fact that no matter his busy schedule, he'd find a time to meet with you," Moore said.

"What makes him uniquely Tom Udall is, he is not one to take sole credit," Hamblen said. "He will always recognize people who have been on the ground doing the hard work."

It's important to note this is not a eulogy. Udall still has nearly two years of work left as a Senator.

Udall is a big proponent of addressing climate change, and one of his quotes in his announcement reads almost like a battle cry: "I see these next two years as an incredible opportunity ... to help reverse the damage done to our planet, end the scourge of war, and to stop this president's assault on our democracy and our communities."

His early announcement will give candidates time to mount solid and serious campaigns.

"He's built an incredibly solid foundation," Hamblen said. "I'm glad he is opening the opportunity for new and fresh voices to be part of that."

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Udall withdrawal could mean big brawl

Thanks to Tom Udall, New Mexico's political landscape just got a lot more interesting.

You can bet Udall's decision not to run for re-election in 2020 to the U.S. Senate is causing headaches and heartaches for Democrats nationally and statewide because it puts into play a seat that had been considered safe for the D's. It has also opened the door for a flood of candidates from both parties.

The race will still very likely be rated as leaning-Democrat even with Udall on the sidelines, but an open seat means a very different race next year.

The last time an incumbent was defeated in a New Mexico U.S. Senate campaign was in 1982 when former astronaut Harrison "Jack" Schmidt lost the seat he had held for six years to then Attorney General Jeff Bingaman.

Bingaman served 30 years in the Senate, most of them alongside Pete Domenici, who held his



MIKE COOK

Guest Column

seat for 36 years. Their successors, Udall (in Domenici's seat) and Sen. Martin Heinrich (in the Bingaman seat) have each been elected and re-elected.

With that history in mind, whoever wins Udall's seat in 2020 likely will hold it for years to come. So, for many hopefuls, it may be their best and/or only shot at the Senate.

Who's likely to run? I'm not a political insider, but here is what I'm thinking.

The Democrats have a much deeper bench than the Republicans because New Mexico is one of the bluest states in the country. Every statewide office is held by a Democrat.

We know that Ben is in. U.S. Rep. Ben Lujan, 46, a Democrat who lives in Nambe Pueblo and has represented New Mexico's Third Congressional District for 10 years, was the first candidate to announce for Udall's seat.

The other two U.S. House members, Debra Haaland, 58, from Albuquerque in the First Dis-

trict and Xochitl Torres Small, 34, from Las Cruces in our own Second District, are freshmen. Haaland won in 2018 by a comfortable margin and likely will be a heavy favorite for re-election. Torres Small won narrowly and, based on the electoral history of her district, which includes the conservative / Republican eastern part of the state, she may be facing a tough bid for re-election.

Torres Small could continue her progressive agenda in the House, build name I.D. statewide and become a formidable Senate candidate by next year. Udall, Heinrich and Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham are all former U.S. House members. (Sidebar: Imagine the U.S. House races if one, two or all three sitting members decide to run for Senate!)

Attorney General Hector Balderas announced March 28 that he will not run for the Senate seat, which really surprised me.

He lost to Heinrich in the 2012 Senate Democratic primary, then won the AG race by a wide margin in 2014 and was

re-elected with more than 60 percent of the vote in 2018. My prediction: Watch for Balderas to announce for Lujan's House seat.

Would Lujan Grisham, 59, give up the governor's chair she won last year to run for Senate? What about Lt. Gov. Howie Morales, 46? There are also powerful legislators to consider, including our own state Sens. Jeff Steinborn and Joseph Cervantes.

Mayors and other city and county officials will also look at the 2020 Senate race. I haven't asked Ken Miyagishima his thoughts, but he could be an interesting candidate in the Democratic Senate primary.

Miyagishima, 55, is completing his 12th year as mayor of Las Cruces, to go with six years as a city councilor and eight on the Doña Ana County Commission. Miyagishima hasn't announced if he will run for a fourth term as mayor this year, but he has been spoken of for several years as a possible candidate for higher office.

On the Republican side, state Party Chair

and former congressman Steve Pearce, 71, will, I'm sure, give the Senate race a hard look. He lost to Udall in the 2008 Senate campaign and to Lujan Grisham for governor last year, both by wide margins, so Republicans might look for a candidate with stronger statewide appeal.

But at least part of the reason Pearce wanted to be Republican chair was to keep his name out there.

No Republican ran well statewide in 2018; the top vote getter outside of judicial races was land commissioner candidate Patrick Lyons at 43 percent. That doesn't mean a Republican couldn't win the Senate seat in 2020. Remember when Garrey

Carruthers ran and won the governor's race in 1986 without any previous political experience? This could be the year for a so-called dark horse or even another political outsider like Carruthers.

And don't forget the Libertarians in the Senate race. Former governor and two-time presidential candidate Gary Johnson got only 15 percent of the vote against Heinrich last year, finishing third and keeping Republican Mick Rich at less than a third of the vote. With a much longer campaign opening this year, Johnson might decide to run again.

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MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

a move to make this country a simple democracy where each person has equal say in the government.

We have always been a representative republic.

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all-out assault on our method of government by legislators and the media to apply principles of a democracy rather than those of a republic. The current push is to overturn the Electoral College without following the U.S. Constitution.

Within our constitution there are proscribed ways to change the constitution, by amendments.

A constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College will not pass. The new ploy is a "Work-around" where the Electoral College electors vote outside of the constitution politically: namely, the presidential candidate with the most national

votes wins the presidency rather than the candidate with the most state-by-state Electoral College votes.

This came up because in the opinion of the media and many politicians the wrong candidate won in 2016.

Now, if the Electoral College is wrong because of democracy issues, what about the U. S. Senate? New Mexico has 5 percent of the population of California but has equal power in the Senate. That cannot be fair with the objectives of changing the Electoral College.

The "one person one vote" democracy is not in effect in the U. S. Senate. I get 20 times the representative power

than someone in California. If we change the Electoral College, it seems we must also change the U. S. Senate.

Also, consider the uneven distribution of U. S. presidents by their state of origin.

While each represents all states at the same time, they also have a special bond with their state of origin.

Even if our country was a democracy, not all 50 states can be represented, yet. Six of the 50 would still be waiting their turn.

However, it should appear to the "one person one vote" crowd that Virginia, Ohio, New York and Massachusetts with 24 total presidents have way too many

while New Mexico is among 25 states who have had no presidents.

Is this fair to the people who want to abolish the Electoral College? To be consistent they must prohibit over-represented states from having a candidate for president. Regardless of the vote, the next president must be from one of the other 25 states.

This is not how a representative republic functions. The question for all of us is: Can we keep the Republic that the Founders created?

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New Mexico State University Softball Complex, \$7. 575-646-1420

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Rio Grande Theatre, 7pm. Free. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 3 - 4

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APRIL 4

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Rio Grande Theatre, \$5. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 4 - 7

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Black Box Theatre, \$10-15. nostrings.org

APRIL 5

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Main Street Downtown, 5-8pm. Free. downtownlascruces.org

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Rio Grande Theatre, 5-8pm. Free. riograndetheatre.org

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APRIL 5 - 7

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Oldies But Goodies

Rio Grande Theatre, 7pm, \$10. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 6 - 7

Aaron Gifford Pickleball Tournament

New Mexico State University Complex, 1pm. pickleballtournaments.com

APRIL 7

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Spaceport America, 10am-3pm. FREE. LCspacefestival.com

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Veterans Memorial Park, 4pm, 575-522-8900, 575-644-1895

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Rio Grande Theatre, 6pm, \$15-25. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 7 - 13

Las Cruces Space Festival

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APRIL 8

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APRIL 9

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Movie: Apollo 13 (Space Festival Week)

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APRIL 10

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APRIL 11

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Las Cruces Convention Center, 11-7. FREE. LCspacefestival.com

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Rio Grande Theatre, Free. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 12

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APRIL 13

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Plaza de Las Cruces, 10am-2pm. FREE. LCspacefestival.com

Movie: WALL-E (Space Festival Week)

Rio Grande Theatre, Noon. Free. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 13

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Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 2pm. Free. 575-528-4005

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Rio Grande Theatre, 2:30pm. Free. riograndetheatre.org

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APRIL 13 - 14

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APRIL 24

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Rio Grande Theatre, 7pm, \$23-50. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 26

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APRIL 26 - MAY 5

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NMSU Center for the Arts, \$5-\$18. nmsutheatre.com/events

APRIL 26 - 28

USSSA Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tourney

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Showcase of Homes

Various locations throughout Las Cruces. Free. 575-526-6126

APRIL 27

Children's Business Bazaar

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces, 9am-1pm. Free. 575-680-6766

International Day of Dance

Rio Grande Theatre, 5-8pm. Free. riograndetheatre.org

APRIL 27 - 28

La Viña Spring Wine Festival

La Viña Winery, Noon-7pm, \$10-20, 12 & under free. lavinawinery.com

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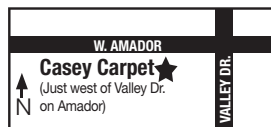
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Electoral College stabilizes system

Fueled by frustration over the last presidential election, New Mexico legislators are considering a plan to change the process. The proposal is the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, or NPV.

It promises to "make every voter equal," but NPV would destabilize our political order and put minority rights at risk. Frustration with an election outcome is a bad reason to reject the current Electoral College process.

NPV's founder, John Koza, is a California computer scientist who also invented the scratch-off lottery ticket. In fact, Koza spent the 1980s lobbying states to adopt lotteries. He wins on every ticket, and he has invested his winnings in lobbying for NPV.

Most people think it would take a constitutional amendment to get rid of the Electoral College, but Koza's plan is clever. NPV would leave the current structure but have state governments ignore how their own people vote in presidential elections.



TRENT ENGLAND
Guest Column

Instead, the state would try to collect the vote totals from every other state, add them up, and appoint presidential electors based on the total.

There are a lot of practical and legal problems with this.

NPV could require a national recount but is silent on how it would work. In fact, it says almost nothing about the new disputes that might arise between states or voters. A state could try to join or leave the compact in order to game the results (NPV only takes effect if passed by enough states that they together possess 270 or more electoral votes – the majority needed to control the outcome). NPV claims to limit such manipulation, but the provision is probably unenforceable.

The U.S. Constitution requires that interstate compacts have the consent of Congress. Koza claims this is unnecessary, pointing to old court cases. But those compacts were about water rights and milk prices, not the presidency. For this one

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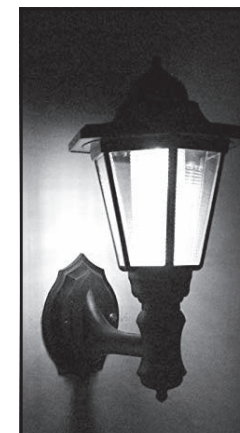
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The Romantic Cowboy

There's nothing like an evening of calving to promote the romantic image of the cowboy. Right, ladies?

Don invited a nice woman out to his ranch in Alberta for an evening of candlelight, wine and canned bean dip. This dinner date coincided with calving season. After an hour of civilized conversation about French painting, Brexit and the condition of the rodeo arena in Ponoka, Don invited his date to go with him to check the cows.

She didn't exactly squeal with delight, but he explained how scientific livestock raising had become. "Almost like visiting a human hospital maternity ward," he said, authoritatively.

They drove his F-250 out into the calving pasture and immediately spotted a braymer cross cow tryin' to calve. "We'll watch her for a few minutes to see if everything comes out okay," suggested Don sliding an arm around her shoulders.

They sat in the warm cab, moonlight mixing with Don's elaborate discourse of bovine parturition. After half an hour he decided to assist the cow. Partly for the cow and partly to show off.

The calf appeared to be hip locked. His date prepared to see her date save the day. Don drove up to the head end of the cow and left the headlights shining in her eyes. Sneaking out, he slipped around behind her. He slid the O.B. chains over the calf's protruding



BAXTER BLACK
On the Edge
of Common Sense

front feet. At first tug the cow arose like a bee stung buffalo!

She whirled to mash Don. He was jerked off his feet but clung to the straps as the cow chased him like a dog chasin' its tail!

He was alternately upright, flat out, levitating, scooting, skiing, sliding, screaming and squirreling as the three of them circled like a shaky ceiling fan. His only hope of survival was to hang on and stay behind the helicoptering cow. She managed to land enough blows to win the round and tromp his fallen hat to a pulp.

On one mighty jerk, the calf popped out. Don executed a complete cartwheel and landed on his back. The cow rolled him once and headed off into the darkness.

His date, who had watched Don's calving technique from the cab, was not impressed. "Less than professional," she had commented as he climbed in his cab after giving the departed cow a 4-alarm cussing.

Don tried to regain his composure and recapture the mood by explaining that he had been in control the whole time. However, it was not very convincing what with the big glob of manure plastered on the side of his neck and the piece of placenta dangling from his ear.

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

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reason alone, NPV is likely to be thrown out by the courts.

The Electoral College, on the other hand, has been around since the first election of George Washington. It lets the people of each state register their will in each presidential election. Winning requires more than just a national plurality. It requires a majority of electoral votes, which comes from achiev-

ing enough support in enough states across the country.

This helps to provide political stability and safeguard minority rights.

Consider American politics after the Civil War. Democrats were powerful in the South, with massive support among whites and tragically effective vote suppression directed at newly freed slaves. Republicans were strong in the North, but not with the same overwhelming majorities. This meant that

Democrats had a chance at winning the national popular vote, but not the Electoral College. In fact, this was the result in 1876 and 1888.

Democrats had to moderate, to reject the most extreme elements of their Southern coalition in favor of winning new voters, especially Catholic immigrants, in northern cities. The Electoral College prodded the Democratic Party away from regionalism and back toward being a national coalition.

The current Electoral College system has served our diverse nation well. Just like buying a lottery ticket is a poor strategy for building personal wealth, buying into the claims of National Popular Vote would put much at risk for very uncertain results.

Trent England is director of Save Our States, a project of the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, and is an adjunct fellow of New Mexico's Rio Grande Foundation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the temporary storage

To the editor:
On behalf of Libros Para El Viaje/Books for the Journey, the Refugee Book Drive sponsored by Casa Camino Real Bookstore and the Border Servant Corps in collaboration with The American Booksellers Association (ABA), we want to thank the Sisbarro car dealership, which became the temporary home of thousands of donated books that Casa Camino Real Bookstore collected at the American Booksellers Association (ABA) Winter Institute in Albu-

querque in January.

Without this landing place and the generosity of the Sisbarro family and their many professional and helpful staff, we could not have sorted and distributed the many books that were donated. We will never forget your kindness and your friendship.

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Presented by Jim Peach, Jon Barela,
Jill McDonald, Aaron Hull

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Monday, April 8: Jim Peach, emeritus professor, New Mexico State University. "An Overview of the Border Region." We will discuss the key features that characterize the US-Mexico Border region.

Wednesday, April 10: Jon Barela, CEO, Borderplex Alliance. "Economic Development in the Border Region." We will discuss the Borderplex Alliance's activities that seek to stimulate economic development in this region.



Monday, April 15: Jill McDonald, professor, College of Health and Social Services, New Mexico State University. "Border Health Issues." We will discuss the challenges we face in seeking to improve health conditions in the Border region.

Wednesday, April 17: Aaron Hull, Chief Border Patrol Agent, El Paso Sector. "Border Security." We will discuss what has been done and can be done to provide security in this region.



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Roundup at the Register: April-long drive benefits ACTION Program for Animals, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Money and pet supplies accepted. Info: 575-523-0436.

NARFE: Region VII biennial conference, Thursday-Saturday, April 4-6, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. Info: 575-649-6035; nmreeses@msn.com.

Lenten Fish Fry: Annual event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces, 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 5, Good Samaritan Social Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Tickets: \$10, available from high school Key Clubs and at the door. Info: Grady, 575-521-0598; Kiwanis-las-cruces.org.

La Mesa Lions Club rummage sale: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, San Jose Catholic

Church Parish Hall in La Mesa. Over 1,000 items for sale, to benefit the New Mexico Dental Foundation's Mission of Mercy. Info: Vicky Rader, 575-526-9030.

Volunteer Fair: Eighth annual, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Plaza de Las Cruces. No charge to attend or for organizations to participate. Register at Las Cruces Volunteer Fair & giving Day 2019 Facebook page. Info: Ryan Steinmetz, 575-528-3035; rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org.

Early College High School Honor Society Bookfair: 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6, Barnes & Noble in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Theater performances, ukulele showcases and STEM activities in support of ECHS students. Free.

Saturday Family Science: The math and science behind harmony in music, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

Roller Derby: Crossroads City Derby teams Spitfire Sallies vs. Reguladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the rink behind the Meerscheidt Center. Gates open at 7. Tickets: \$7 in advance at Nessa's Café, \$10 at the gate. Kids under 12 free with paying adult.

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

- April 6: Coffee Filter Butterflies
- April 13: Cardboard Satellite
- April 20: Woven Magazine Coasters
- April 27: 3-D Bumblebees

Tour de Optimism bike ride: Las Cruces Optimist Club presents 6th annual, 8 a.m. Sunday, April 7. Riders depart from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, 3501 Arrowhead Drive on the NMSU campus.

100 KM (62 miles), 50 KM (31 miles) and shorter routes. Register at www.newmexicosportsonline.com. Fee \$35 in advance, \$40 day of the event. Info: Donald Wilson, 575-640-1814; dwilson0884@gmail.com; www.lascrucesoptimistclub.org.

Jewish Food & Folk Festival: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Blvd. Info: 575-649-4356; mzaggieo@gmail.com.

Share the Road Visibility Ride: Gather at 7:05 a.m., leave at 7:15 Monday, April 8, from Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Sponsored by Velo Cruces. Wear a helmet and observe rules of the road.

Academy for Learning in Retirement: New Mexico State University's programs for April:

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Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees: Meet 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. This month's speaker is from the Southwest Sport and Spine Center discussing balance and dizziness. Cost of the luncheon is \$12. Reservations: Navora Richardson, 575-649-7663, or Kathi Becker, 575-639-0338.

Indivisible Las Cruces: A discussion with your legislators, with invited guests, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, Thomas Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Doña Ana County Genealogical Society: Meets 1:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the Roadrunner Room on the second floor of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Speakers will be Larry Taylor and Jim McKinney, who attended RootsTech, an annual family history and technology conference and trade show. Info: 575-527-1833; kburke@nmsu.edu; www.dacgs.org.

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Udall pays a visit to discuss issues

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Just days before announcing he would not be a candidate for reelection in 2020, U.S. Tom Udall, D-NM, visited Las Cruces to champion national voting reform and conservation. Udall also held an impromptu meeting on the New Mexico State University campus, during which he said students expressed their concerns about gerrymandering and the electoral college.

The perception among college students, Udall said during his March 21 visit to Las Cruces, is that

“nothing good” is being done in the nation’s capital and issues like health care, gun safety and climate change are not being addressed.

“They feel very negative about it,” he said, and are also concerned about the job opportunities they will have, he said.

“I do not think there’s an emergency on our border,” Udall said during an on-campus interview. The number of undocumented aliens being apprehended at the U.S.-Mexico border “is way down” from previous years, he said. “We’re doing a good job there.”

President Donald

Trump has “manufactured a crisis” at the border and denied access to asylum seekers “in order to sell his wall,” Udall said.

Udall applauded plans by the New Mexico Legislature to put an additional \$500 million in education in the state, including, a 6 percent raise for teachers and efforts to help at-risk kids.

Work at the federal level to support education, he said, included the “Every Student Succeeds Act” education reform bill, which Udall voted for and President Barack

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Obama signed into law in 2015.

Udall said he will take the lead in the U.S. Senate in support of H.R. 1, the "For the People Act" of 2019, which he said would increase voter access in New Mexico and across the country. The act, he said, "unrigs the system by ensuring that all Americans can vote (and) shines a light on secret money and requires shadowy mega donors to disclose their spending."

The bill, which has passed the U.S. House of Representatives, also would "tighten the rules on lobbyists and foreign agents" to reduce their influence in U.S. elections, Udall said.

Udall said 39 Senate Democrats already



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With New Mexico State Rep. Nathan Small, D-Doña Ana, standing far right, U.S. Sen. Tom Udall spoke March 21 at the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument celebrating the passage of federal legislation to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund and create the largest designation of Wilderness in New Mexico in a single year in 40 years.

support the bill and he believes all 45 will vote for it, along with the two independents in the Sen-

ate, both of whom caucus with the Democrats. It will take 60 votes to pass the bill in the Senate,

and Udall said he thinks it could get at least 60 votes.

"Governing "should

be most of what we're doing," Udall said about elected officials and political campaigns. Running for office should be kept to "a much smaller part of the two-year cycle," he said.

Udall also spoke at the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument "to celebrate the passage of landmark legislation to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and create the largest designation of Wilderness in New Mexico in a single year in almost 40 years," according to news release from his office. Udall and fellow U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich "were instrumental in securing measures in the public lands package to designate over 270,000 acres of wilderness in New Mexico," the release said.

The LWCF, which Udall's father, former U.S. Interior Sec. Stewart Udall, helped to create, would "open the out-of-doors to every American."

Udall also hosted a public discussion in Las Cruces about "the importance of creating green jobs and investing in energy efficiency and energy conservation projects ... and effectively combat climate change," his office said. He was joined at the discussion by former Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, who now heads the Center for the New Energy Economy at Colorado State University; Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima; and NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu, among others.

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April 11, to meet school officials and observe classes. Info: 575-521-9384; lascrucesacademy.org; 575-521-9384.

Cervical cancer and HPV screening for Latinas:

With Wendy Barrington, professor at the University of Washington and researcher at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Noon Thursday, April 11, NM Department of Health, 1170 N Solano Drive, Room 1101. Free, open to the public. Info: Rebecca Palacios, 575-646-4309.

Zoot Suit Murders of 1943:

History lecture on racial riots in Los Angeles between Mexican-American youth and returning servicemen, with author Trisha Stanton, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 11, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154.

Satellites, Water & New Mexico's Agricultural Future:

Presented by NMSU professors Zohrab Samani and Hatim Geli, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Free. Info: 575-522-4100; nmfarman-dranchmuseum.org.

Medical conference: New approaches in the treatment of mental illness and chronic disease, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 13, Room 304 of the Corbett Center, NMSU. Info: Stuart Kelter, 575-639-3325.

Cruces Apple Users Group:

Presents the documentary, "Cyber War," 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 13, Alex Sanchez Hall, Room 114, DACC Espina Cam-

pus. Info: Louise Foster, louisefoster@mac.com.

Fashion Show Community Fundraiser:

Sponsored by Women's Progress Club, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. \$25. Info: 575-522-5474.

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley:

Meet 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Speaker is Janice Williams, RWMV president, on focusing committee efforts. Info: Carol Cooper, 575-526-4983; tscoper@qwestoffice.net.

Spaghetti dinner and bake sale fundraiser:

5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at The Hope and Care Ministry at Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave. Cost \$8 adults, \$4 children 10 and under. Dinners-to-go

and gluten-free available. Info: Judy, 575-523-6528 or 575-649-0139, or JoAnn, 971-237-0343.

Back by Noon: Natural history/ecology outings, presented by the Southwest Environmental Center, Saturdays through May 11. Free, open to the public, bring sturdy footwear, water, sunscreen and a hat. Advance registration requested before each outing by calling 575-522-5552. Info: www.wildmesquite.org:

- 6 p.m. April 13 (Back by Midnight), The Secret World of Bats, with biologist Rachel Burke

- 8 a.m. April 27, The Explosive History of the Organ Mountains, with volcanologist Emily Johnson

Military Officers Association:

Mesilla Valley Chapter meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, Las Cruces Convention Center. Dinner is \$28 per person. Info: Christine Sautter, 352-317-7129, or Bob Gaupel, 575-993-3060.

11th Annual Lou & Mary Henson Community Breakfast:

Boys & Girls Club supporters welcome Olympic Gold Medalist Dan O'Brien as guest speaker, 7 a.m. Thursday, April 18, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum,

4100 Dripping Springs Road.

March for Science:

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 20 (Earth Day), on the downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. Sponsored by faculty and students from New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College. Info: Hiranya Roychowdhury, 575-642-2921; www.marchforscience.com.

Lecture: "Heaven and Heather, God and Gorse: Living Between the Worlds," 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces San Rafael Room. Info: Weeden Nichols, 785-259-2969; redolaf1@gmail.com.

Fundraiser: Dinner and silent auction to benefit Distinguished Young Women of New Mexico, 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, American Legion Hall, 1185 E. Madrid. Music by Caliente and food from Rudy's BBQ. \$10 per person. Info: Dora, 575-644-4514.

Breast Cancer Support Group:

Meets 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, Memorial Medical Center, West Side Annex, 2450 S. Telshor. Topic: "The Amazing Digestive System." Free, open to all. Info: 575-524-4373.

LCHS-MHS Class of 1969 50th Combined Reunion: Nov. 1-3. Info: Talea Alberson, tandealbertson@gmail.com, or Bill McKinney, bmckinney51@gmail.com (MHS); Lisa Gray, troop2030@aol.com, or Robert Francis, rwfrancis69@hotmail.com, 575-649-9565 (LCHS).

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

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.

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IN THE NEWS



Volunteer Fair

The City of Las Cruces' eighth annual Volunteer Fair and Giving Day will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Plaza de Las Cruces in conjunction with the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market.

The event will bring together more than 50 nonprofit organizations "for potential volunteers to find a cause that fits them," City of Las Cruces Volunteer Coordina-

tor Ryan Steinmetz said in a city news release.

"Volunteerism is vital for a healthy community," Steinmetz said. "We have over 400 volunteers serving with just city-sponsored programs alone. These volunteers help with our museums, library, senior centers, police department and after-school programs just to name a few."

The Volunteer Fair/Giving Day is free to the public and to participating nonprofit organizations. All attendees will get a punch card, and as they visit with booths about potential volunteer opportunities, they earn a free custard cone from Caliche's. Attendees are also invited to bring canned food items to donate to Casa de Pergrinos emergency food

bank.

This year, participating organizations raising donations at their respective booths will be eligible for matching funds from United Way of Southwest New Mexico and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico through various grant monies they have procured, according to a news release.

The Volunteer Fair/Giving Day will also include new attractions coordinated by Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Police Department's identify-a-child program.

For more information, contact Steinmetz at 575-528-3035 or rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org.

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Quality of Life Dept. stresses social engagement

Department sets strategic goals

By 2020:

- Adopt a short-range plan to expand transit services to additional areas of the East Mesa
- Reduce the rate of falls by the elderly by 20 percent through senior recreation programming
- Increase adult literacy and educational programming by 25 percent

By 2021:

- Increase teen participation in QoL programming by 25 percent
- Provide Sunday transit service

By 2022:

- Add regular Sunday and evening hours to museum system access
- Collaborate with Las Cruces International Airport and the city's West Mesa Industrial Park to assess transportation needs to support the city's plan to offer daily regional flights
- Provide a full-service library branch on the East Mesa
- Open an interactive children's museum facility
- Make half of fixed-route buses battery-electric powered

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Talk about a win-win. Two Las Cruceans have joined Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's cabinet and moved to Santa Fe, just as the former head of the largest department of state government has taken a job with the City of Las Cruces.

Former Doña Ana County Commissioner Karen Trujillo is secretary of the New Mexico Public Education Department, and former state Rep. Bill McCamley took over as Public Works Department secretary. Coming to Las Cruces full-time as director of the city Quality of Life Department (QoL) is Dr. Lynn Gallagher, who was secretary of the New



LYNN GALLAGHER

Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) 2016-18. With her background in public health, a love for public transportation and a commitment to public service, Gallagher is positioned to lead QoL, which was renamed and reorganized in January 2017. The department is comprised of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, the city museum system, senior programs, the Network Volunteer Center and RoadRUNNER transit system.

In a larger sense, QoL touches on all those "quantifiable things that the community needs to be in order to thrive, grow and prosper," Gallagher said. "The department is so outwardly facing," and very driven by its customers' experience.

At first glance, the bus system might not seem to go with the library, a museum or a senior center. But, as Gallagher points out, for many people riding the bus is the best — and in some cases, the

Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) 2016-18. With her background in public



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Las Cruces seniors who are City of Las Cruces Network Volunteer Center food distribution volunteers are, from left, Robert Vaughan, Mary Suydam, Cheryl Vaughan, Sylvia Enriquez and Josie Perez.

only — way to get to the books, the art, the meals, the parks and trails, the farmers market and all the amenities the city offers.

"You need to ride the bus," said Gallagher, who became QoL director Feb. 4.

Transit services provide ready and inexpensive access to all "the cultural and literary components that interconnect to provide for a better quality of life" in Las Cruces, she said. Plus, riding the bus is more social than driving by yourself, and you don't have to deal with traffic,

road construction and finding a parking place. Collectively, Gallagher said, that makes public transit an "organic component" of health and quality of life.

At NMDOH, Gallagher saw the "bigger picture" of how major public programs link together to function statewide. Now she's applying that knowledge and experience to making "evidence-based decisions that improve the lives of the people of Las Cruces."

Gallagher echoes City Manager Stuart Ed's "commitment to excellence and wanting to be the best," she said. "Everything can be improved upon."

But growth must be done "in the right way," Gallagher said, including expanding city bus routes and improving museum and programming and senior services. QoL is also focused on public outreach so the community is more aware of what it

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offers.

Gallagher also wants to improve meal service and nutrition for seniors at congregate sites and in their own homes.

“Healthy aging is my passion,” she said. Providing socialization opportunities for seniors is also important, because many live in isolation, Gallagher said. And senior services are increasingly important because by 2030 there will be more people over age 60 than under age 18.

For people of all ages, Branigan Library and city museums are an important social connection, Gallagher said. All will benefit from “more robust” programming that will also build attendance.

Gallagher has already



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Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

met more than half the 210 people in her department and is impressed with the “passion of excellence” she finds in Las Cruces. “They have this ‘we’re gonna do it better’ attitude,” she said.

Las Cruces, she said, “can become one of the healthiest, most socially engaged cities in all of



A City of Las Cruces Road-Runner Transit Service bus.

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Gallagher is a native of Truth or Consequences, where her mother, Dolores Whitehead, and other family members still live. Gallagher is married to Las Cruces Police Chief Patrick Gallagher. She earned a BA in political science from the State University of New York at

Stony Brook and a Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Visit www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life.

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Schools orbit space festival through curriculum

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

Las Cruces Public Schools is partnering with Las Cruces Space Festival Week April 7-13 as the district promotes science education through its space curriculum.

“The idea is for everyone to be celebrating space, in schools, out of schools, all week,” said Stephanie Hofacket, K-12 science curriculum and instruction coordinator for LCPS.

LCPS already has students taking advantage of the Challenger Learning Center, 505 S. Main St., which gives young people the chance to experience a simulated journey to space. Participants can sign up to participate in a journey to Mars. The experience is free.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bill Guttman, vice president of Spaceport America Aerospace Operations, presents to 6th grade classrooms throughout Doña Ana and Sierra counties.

“Students come here as part of the curriculum in sixth grade, and now they get to share it with their parents,” Hofacket said. “All LCPS sixth graders run a mission with us.”

High school students in physics, aerospace engineering, and astrogeo-

(locational astronomy) courses also visit the learning center for more challenging missions, Hofacket said.

“In the spring we do Challenger in the classroom for the fifth graders. So, we have an elementary, middle and high school model for our center.”



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A Challenger Learning Center instructor begins a mission to Mars simulation at the facility.

Another project concerns the International Space Station and its views from space, Hofacket said.

“A lot of the images I’ve chosen are from New Mexico. Like, they can see white sands blowing in the wind in these images. We try to keep it really local and also give them a bigger picture.”

The Las Cruces Space

Festival helps get children thinking about career opportunities, Hofacket said.

“I’m seeing students think outside the box. A lot of time our students don’t really see themselves as engineers or scientists. It’s neat to get them thinking like ‘I could do this,’ and ‘I could be a medical officer in space.’”

At the Challenger Learning Center, “it’s just fitting the kid to the right job,” Hofacket said. “I think they like the whole idea of simulation learning. You are in the moment and it feels really real, you are really engaged.”

Elva K. Österreich may be reached at elva@lascrucesbulletin.com.



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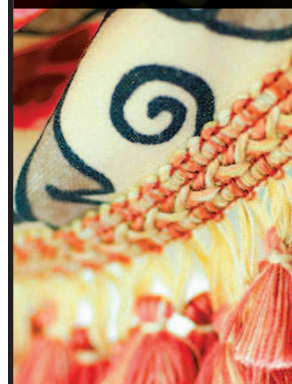
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Crime Victims' Expo and Walk

The Las Cruces Police Department's Victims' Assistance Unit will join several area organizations and programs Saturday, April 6, in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week with an Expo and Walk.

The Expo and Walk is held annually in memory of victims of violent crimes. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Young Park, 850 S. Walnut St.

Opening ceremonies start at 9 a.m. with the Crime Victims' Memorial Walk beginning shortly thereafter. All victims of violent crimes, and family and friends of victims of crimes, are encouraged to attend. The general public is also in-

vited to attend, visit with exhibitors and participate in various activities.

The National Crime Victims' Rights Week is sponsored locally by Victims' Assistance Unit from the Las Cruces Police Department; the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office; the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department; Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office; the Mesilla Valley DWI Resource Center; Families and Youth Inc.; La Piñon; La Casa; Alpha Phi Sigma; and the City of Las Cruces.

Great American Cleanup

The Parks & Recreation Department's Keep Las Cruces Beautiful and New Mexico Clean and Beautiful will host this year's Great American Cleanup from 8 a.m.-noon

Saturday, April 13. Volunteers will then be treated to a free lunch from noon-1 p.m. at Walmart Supercenter, 571 Walton Blvd.

Hundreds of volunteers will assist with the city-wide cleanup and collect litter at parks, schools, streets and business properties during the Great American Cleanup campaign. Last year, nearly 1,000 volunteers from approximately 60 local organizations collected more than 17 tons of litter during the annual event.

Individual volunteers, groups, and civic organizations are encouraged to register before Tuesday, April 9. To register online, visit the City of Las Cruces website at: www.las-cruces.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/KLCB/GAC, or call 575-528-4506.

Operation Trailblazer

Operation Trailblazer, a full-scale, active-shooter exercise, will take place from 7 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 13, at Arrowhead Park Early College High School. The exercise will be coordinated by the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Office of Emergency Management in coordination with Las Cruces Public Schools.

The purpose of the event is to evaluate and improve the first responder community's interoperability during and following a mass casualty attack. The exercise will involve simulated real-world scenarios, along with simulated victims that will be in full makeup.

The high school campus will be closed to the public during the exercise. The public should be

aware that police, sheriff, fire and ambulance vehicles will be clearly visible, along with other vehicles necessary to conduct the training. Traffic detours and a security perimeter will be in place. The public is asked to avoid the area during this time.

Educators celebrated

Barnes & Noble in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., will offer Educator Appreciation Days every Saturday and Sunday in April to celebrate pre-K-12 public, private and homeschool teachers and administrators. The store and BN.com will feature special discounts for educators.

"At Barnes & Noble, our Educator Appreciation Days are an exciting way for us to celebrate teachers and administrators and all of the important work they do

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Contact Graves at 575-522-4499 or crm2144@bn.com. Visit www.barnesandnobleinc.com.

'Beer for a Cause'

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May 20 will be a special day for 16 Arrowhead Park Early College High School (APECHS) and Arrowhead Park Medical Academy (APMA) students, one Centennial High School student, and their sponsors, Jeffrey Johnson and Tamara Miller-Dwake.

That's when they travel to Nienburg, Germany, Las Cruces' Sister City. For three weeks they will experience family, community and school life, interspersed with excursions to nearby cities such as Hamburg, Bremerhaven and Germany's capital, Berlin.

They will be returning the visit of 18 German exchange students, accompanied by teachers



PHOTO BY CHRIS MOORE

Arrowhead students with their German travel scholarship checks tucked into orange envelopes.

Mirko Prasse and Hedda Freese, who came to Arrowhead this past fall.

In 1986/87, the student exchange started between Albert-Schweitzer-Schule/Nienburg and

Mayfield High School, where it continued for more than 20 years. It then moved to Centennial

and has been at Arrowhead since 2015. For three exchange cycles, it has taken place within the framework of the German American Partnership Program (GAPP), under the umbrella of the Las Cruces-Nienburg Sister Cities Affiliation, which arose from the student exchange in 1993.

In preparation for their stay in Germany, most Arrowhead students are taking Oklahoma State University's German Level 1 Online course.

In addition, nine of them completed 18 German "Konversation" hours with retired Mayfield German instructor Ingrid Luchini, who introduced the GAPP to Las Cruces and sponsored it for the first 15 years.

The Centennial student is also in a regular German program. On March 20, these 10 students received scholar-

ships toward their travel expenses.

Four \$500 scholarships from the Las Cruces-Nienburg Sister Cities Affiliation were awarded to Kim Casares, Clyde Miller, Sophia Moore and Zoe Palazzolo; two \$500 scholarships from the local Freunde der deutschen Sprache/Friends of the German Language went to Janos Braun and Daniela Robinson; two \$500 Gavin Luchini scholarships were received by Nathan Rukovena and Gabriel Stookey; and two \$400 Gavin Luchini scholarships went to Tirza Baca and Jillian Johnson.

Las Cruces-Nienburg Sister Cities Affiliation Co-Chair Erda Hillmann, Friends of the German Language member Veronika Barnes, and Las Cruces-Nienburg Youth Exchange Organizer Luchini presented the checks.

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Workforce Solutions secretary supports minimum wage act

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“No one should be working 40 hours a week and living in poverty,” New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) Sec. Bill McCamley said during a March visit to Las Cruces.

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed Senate Bill 437 on April 1. The bill passed both houses of the New Mexico Legislature (27-15 in the state Senate, 43-21 in the House) in March and will increase the state minimum wage for the first time since Jan. 1, 2009, boosting it to \$9 on Jan. 1, 2020, \$10.50 on Jan. 1, 2021, \$11.50 on Jan. 1, 2022 and \$12 on Jan. 1, 2023.

Since the City of Las Cruces raised its minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour effective Jan. 1 of this year, it will not be impacted by the mandatory statewide increase until 2022 at the earliest, McCamley said. The increase will impact Mesilla and other communities in Doña Ana County, he said.

The secretary said the wage increase should also include an education component to inform employers about increases and how to avoid problems paying them and to help workers who receive increases decide how to spend the additional money and how to deal with any loss of eligibility for poverty programs that may occur because of a salary increase.

The argument that increasing the minimum



BILL MCCAMLEY

wage hurts business “doesn’t seem to hold water,” McCamley said. The minimum wage is \$11 an hour in Arizona, he said, and is \$11.10 an hour in Colorado, and both have automatic CPI-based annual increases. “Their economies are doing better than ours,” McCamley said. People getting the increase are not “investing it in the Cayman Islands ... or in Wall Street,” he said. “These are people that are going to take their money and buy another car or get their car fixed, people that are going to put their raise right back into the economy.”

New Mexico’s economy will do better with the minimum wage increase, McCamley said, “because workers are spending more.”

McCamley said NMDWS will deal with about 1,800 cases on file of people claiming wage

theft in violation of New Mexico wage laws. The department will begin turning over cases involving claims of more than \$10,000 to district attorneys, he said, which hasn’t happened in New Mexico in eight years.

McCamley said the debate about increasing the state minimum wage should also include a discussion of tying future increases to the consumer price index, along with an education component to inform employers about increases and how to avoid problems paying them and to help workers who receive increases decide how to spend them and how to deal with any loss of eligibility for programs that may occur because of a salary increase.

McCamley was a Doña Ana County state representative 2013-18. He also served four years on the Doña Ana County Commission.

Visit www.dws.state.nm.us.

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

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BACK PAIN: How to Get Housework Done Without Making Your Back Worse

Has this ever happened to you? You're going about your day doing your usual day-to-day jobs, you could be doing something as simple as taking out the trash, gardening, folding up the laundry or changing the bed then all of a sudden you feel a sharp pain in your back and you can hardly move... Sound familiar?

Many people will 'put up' with a bad back for days - even weeks - hoping the pain will go away on its own. You really don't have to play the waiting game and suffer for so long - especially not if it's getting in the way of daily life or events that you've been looking forward to for ages! I'd like to give you some quick tips for everyday housework jobs to help make agonizing back pain a thing of the past - because chores themselves aren't to blame (even though we'd like to think they are). It's how you 'do' them.

1. When using the vacuum cleaner or a mop: One of the most common mistakes people make is pushing a vacuum cleaner or mop in front of them while bending at the waist over and over again. Bending forward from the waist while reaching forward with the arms can place a lot of strain on your muscles - especially the muscles in your back! To fix this, keep your hips and shoulders moving towards the work. Instead of leaning forwards and twisting your back, step forward in the direction of the movement with one foot and bend slightly at the knee, allowing your upper body to stay upright. This will reduce the strain in your back muscles.



2. When doing the laundry: Similar to using a vacuum cleaner, doing laundry often puts your body into the wrong position. Reaching into the washer causes us to bend forward at the waist and reach with our arms (sound familiar?). Then, if that's not enough, we pick up heavy wet towels and clothing out of the washer, which puts a lot of strain on the back. To get around this, try this little trick. When you reach into the washer, put all your weight on one foot, and put the other leg straight out behind you, raising the foot of the floor as you bend forward. Make sure that the leg under you can support you before you try this! You'll have the support of the washer, and lifting one leg behind you will counter-balance the weight of the items you're lifting out of the washer. This will reduce the amount of work that your back muscles are doing. The deeper you reach with your hand, the higher your opposite leg should go so that you can keep your balance while simultaneously reducing the amount of strain on your back muscles.

One more thing, I know it can be easy to get caught up, rushing around the house to get everything done, but one thing to remember is to be kind to yourself and take breaks throughout. Relax for a while before returning to your chores. If you start feeling any signs of pain, walk, stretch and rest your back. Don't allow yourself to get so busy checking chores off your to-do list that you forget the safe way to move your body.

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Dennis Prickett
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and current head brewer at Pecan Grill who is battling brain cancer.

"He is not only a great brewer and mentor but a genuinely amazing person to have in your life," said Dave White, head brewer at High Desert Brewing Co.

All funds raised will go toward Allan's medical costs.

The event is from 3-8 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Picacho Peak Brewery, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Admission is \$5.

Ales and lager pints (for \$5) from craft breweries Bosque, High Desert, Little Toad Creek, Spotted Dog, Picacho Peak, Pecan Grill, Icebox, Ponderosa and Sierra Blanca will be served. There will be food trucks and a silent auction, plus live music

by Jackson Lane, the Smokin' Blue Band, Triple Jack and Derrick Harris.

The first 500 guests will receive a commemorative beer glass.

Timebank deadline

Doña Ana Communities United (DACU) has until Friday, April 12, to raise \$6,000 for its Human Kind United fundraiser "to extend our timebank to incarcerated people and their families," DACU said in an email message.

If the money is raised by that deadline, DACU will be eligible for multiple grants from A Community Thrives, a Gannett program offering \$2 million to support community projects, according to act.usatoday.com.

Human Kind United is led by a DACU timebank member who was formerly incarcerated. Through the letters he received while in prison,

he developed a lifeline to friends and family.

DACU began its timebank in 2016 "to help residents of Doña Ana County connect and share their skills with one another," according to www.da-cu.org. The timebank has grown to over 200 members, 1,000 hours exchanged."

Donations of any amount are accepted. To make a donation, visit www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/rio-grande-community-development-corporation-new-mexico; or www.da-cu.org.

For more information about DACU, contact Kari Bachman at 575-496-4330 or dacukari@gmail.com, Mairead McCarthy at 575-323-0730 or dacumairead@gmail.com, or Enrique Solis at 575-201-3855 or dacuenrique@gmail.com. The DACU office is located at 151 S. Walnut St. Unit B13.

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NMSU's College of ACES to showcase diverse programs

By MELISSA R. RUTTER

For the Bulletin

One of the largest colleges at New Mexico State University, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will open its doors for the second year in a row to the public during its ACES Open House.

The free and family-friendly event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at several of the college's buildings, labs and auxiliary units. It will showcase all the diverse areas of focus within the college, such as wine and beer, fashion, bed bug prevention, turf research and the companion animal program known as the Fido Labs.

"The main thing we are focusing on is showing people what we do in the college because I don't think people realize that the ACES college is doing research on such a wide



A brewery tour and hops sensory demonstration will be performed by NMSBrew during the ACES Open House.

variety of things including cancer prevention and other health-related research.

We have the companion animal program and we do food safety and have a functional food program that enhances the food we have and makes it healthier and more nutritious," said

NMSU PHOTO BY TIFFANY ACOSTA

Natalie Goldberg, interim associate dean, and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at the College of ACES. "We want to really show people the impact of the college on their daily lives and how the work that we do is important to them."

At the welcome center



COURTESY PHOTO

The ACES Open House event will showcase the college's many programs and exhibits to the public, including the Fido Lab where students study behaviors in dogs.

outside Gerald Thomas Hall, children and their parents will be able to pick up an exploration map. The exploration map will include a list of all 60 areas that can be visited along with an area to collect stamps from many of the places visited.

"When visitors are finished exploring the

college, they can come back to the treasure chest rewards center in Gerald Thomas Hall lobby and if they've gone to a few different areas on the maps there will be a little prize from one of the departments waiting for them. If they collect half of the stamps, they will get a T-shirt (while supplies last) along with a smaller prize," Goldberg said. "We're hoping this map will help to move people to see the diverse research and education programs we have."

More activities and twice as many labs and demonstrations will be available than at last year's open house.

"NMSBrew, in the College of Engineering, in collaboration with ACES, will be open for a tour and hops demonstration. Our climate center will also be providing demonstrations. There will be refreshments and food samples in all the

buildings, some will focus on New Mexico products. Southwest Dairy Farmers will be providing ice cream sandwiches," Goldberg said.

"Our Family and Consumer Sciences programs will be making pretzels and healthy tacos in Gerald Thomas Hall. The Arthropod Museum, the Wildlife Museum, and the fisheries and urban entomology labs will also be open. There's going to be a lot of exciting activities."

The event will wrap up with an awards ceremony at 1:15 p.m. for students involved in the poster contests. Students who place in the undergraduate and graduate categories will receive a cash award.

For more information about the ACES Open House, call 575-646-3125 or visit aces.nmsu.edu/open-house.

Melissa R. Rutter may be reached at 575-646-4211, mrrutter@nmsu.edu.



Iconic sight

We Las Crucens – artists and non-artists alike – never tire of gazing upon our iconic mountain range. This particular view, at twilight from the 200 block of East Idaho Avenue, appears to draw the Organs close to the city, creating a more intimate and towering affect.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE



PHOTOS BY ALEX BURR

Geof Wiseman (right), ranger at the Franklin Mountains State Park near El Paso, leads a hiking group from the Southwest Environmental Center to Aztec Cave in the park.



Aztec Cave in Franklin Mountains State Park near El Paso looms above the short but steep hiking trail.

Back by Noon

Southwest Environmental Center field trip explores Aztec Cave

By ALEX BURR
For the Bulletin

Editor's note: Back by Noon field trips are planned through May 11. Consult Coming Up calendar in the Bulletin for details.

The Southwest Environmental Center sponsored one of its latest "Back by Noon" hikes to Aztec cave in the Franklin Mountains State Park near El Paso, Texas. The hike was led by Amberly Barry, who met with most of the group at 7 a.m. at the Pan Am Shopping Center. The group arrived at the state park after picking up a couple more people in El Paso.

The trail to the Aztec Café is a couple of miles north of the entrance near the west end of Transmountain Road. The trail head has ample parking and several picnic tables.

There the group met Geof Wiseman, the park ranger who led hikers 0.6 miles up 500 feet to the entrance of the cave. The path was distinct and well-maintained, but was covered with large gravel and sand, which made footing difficult.

The steepest part had numerous steps formed by well-anchored logs and, in some cases, planks.

Wiseman kept the group together by stopping frequently to give short interesting lectures on various features. He described the surrounding geology with limestone on the left and granite on the right, and with the Rio Grande rift to the north. He gave an introduction to the prickly pear cactus, explaining that the fleshy green parts are really stems and that the needles are leaves. He listed all the snakes in the park, but we saw none. He even identified bird songs for us.

Soon, the cave appeared. It had a tall, wide entrance. Inside, it didn't

penetrate very far into the mountain. Despite the name, it has nothing to do with the Aztecs. The only cave drawing inside was removed because it was determined to be a relatively recent piece of graffiti.

After enjoying the views, the group started back down, being particularly careful not to step on dust covered stones that would cause one to slip. Then, true to the name of the hike, the group was back at the cars by noon.

Alex Burr is a Las Cruces photographer/writer and occasional contributor to the Bulletin.



Geof Wiseman, a ranger at the Franklin Mountains State Park, gives a short lecture about the characteristics and uses of a Sotol plant seen on the trail to Aztec Cave.

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Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 18, 2019, Norma Aguayo and Eugenio Mendivil, 4121 Egyptian Las Cruces NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-12019, OSE file No. LRG-17228-1 and LRG17229-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing well LRG-12019 to be located within the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Longitude and Latitude intersect at 32°15'21.435"N, 106°45'49.079"W (WGS84), on land owned by applicant to replace use of well LRG-01447, located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°15'24.815"N, 106°45'59.812"W (WGS84), on land owned by Roberto A Marquez & Jeffrey Herrick & Christine M. Laney, and well LRG-01447-A located within the NW1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East (NMPM) and more specifically where Longitude and Latitude intersect at 32°15'16.5"N, 106°45'52.34"W (WGS84), on land owned by Roberto A Marquez & Jeffrey Herrick & Christine M. Laney 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 4.09 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 south, Range 2 East (NMPM), as described by Subfile LRN-28-002-0010 & LRS-28-002-0015 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Existing well LRG-12079 is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address 4D4 Egyptian street. Wells LRG1447 and LRG-1447-A 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.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on March 20, 2019, Thomas and Pamela Moore, 9105 S. HWY 28 Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-17600-POD 2, OSE File No. LRG-17600-1, 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-17600-POD2 to a depth of 200 ft. with a 4-in. casing, to be located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 19, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 2' 5.05" N, 106° 40' 28.46" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-17600-POD1, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 19, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 2' 5.73" N, 106° 40' 27.75" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre feet per annum for domestic one household purposes, as described by Subfile No. LRS-28-013-7030 Right B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

The proposed site of well LRG-17600-POD2 is east of Chamberino, NM and is approximately 0.5 miles south of the intersection of Lara Rd. and Highway 28.

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: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 22, 2019, Frank and Rebecca Mesa Family Trust, in care of Gilbert Mesa, 829 Rosinante Rd. El Paso, TX 79922, filed application numbered LRG-1919-POD3, OSE File NO. LRG-1919 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1919 located within the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 south, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°19'42.324"N, 106°50'52.18"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling well LRG-1919-POD3 to be drilled to a depth of 200 feet for 14 in. casing to be located within the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°19'42.515 N, 106°50'51.41"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant together with existing well LRG-1919-S located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 23 south, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 19'46.24"N, 106°50'18.52"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22,

2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 63.96 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, and SE 1/4 of Section 4 Township 23 South, Range 1 East NMPM as described by the Office of the State Engineer File No.: LRG-1919 and subfile No.: LRN-28-009-0045 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for the new well may be found approximately 125 feet southeast of the intersection of Shalem Colony Trail and Coral Rd.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Well LRG-1919 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, 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: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 4, 2019, Wilfred E. Binns, 2700 E. Missouri, Ste. 1, Las Cruces, NM 88011, filed application LRG-6567 into LRG-17587 (OSE File LRG-17587) for permit to Change Place of Use, Purpose of Use, and Location of Well, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by transferring 8 acre-feet per annum of groundwater historically exercised for commercial purposes at a business owned by the Wilfred E. Binns & Iva Bernice Binns Revocable Trust dated 10/15/93 (Trust), located within the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 23S, Range 2E, from well LRG-6567, located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 14 & more specifically where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°18'22.473 "N & 106°42'30.509"W (WGS84), on land owned by the Trust, and instead exercising 8 acre-feet per annum from proposed well LRG-17857-POD1, to be located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 17, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), more specifically where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°18'23.423 "N & 106° 51' 35.264"W (WGS84), on land owned by the Wilfred E. Binns & Iva Bernice Binns Irrevocable Childrens Trust dated 10/15/93, #1001 (Childrens Trust) for the irrigation of 32.73 acres of land owned by the Childrens Trust, located within the NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of said projected Section 17. Well LRG-17587-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM, approximately 0.24 miles southeast of the intersection of Spanish Pointe Rd. & Barcelona Ridge Rd. Well LRG-10290 will be properly plugged.

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12,

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: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12,

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on April 1, 2019:

1) **(1) Council Bill No. 19-022; Ordinance No. 2887:** An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) on Five Parcels Encompassing a Range of 1.32 ± Acres to 1.48 ± Acres in Size and Identified with Account ID Numbers R0215808, R0215817, R0215820, R0215832 AND R0223716. Properties are Located on the North Side of Bataan Memorial West, East of Jornada Road, and 2700 ± Feet West of Mesa Grande Drive. Submitted by Kary Bulsterbaum, Steinborn & Associates Realty, Representative (18ZO0500022).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working

Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 2nd day of April 2019.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 04/05, 2019

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

DM-2018-1360
Judge Rosner

EDGAR GARIBALDE MARTOS Petitioner

v.

CRISTINA POLVON TORRES Respondent

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO CRISTINA POLVON TORRES: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County a verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children.

You must file an Answer or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

S T R E E T E R & MARTINEZ-SALOPEK, LLC.
Attorneys for Petitioner
230 S. Alameda Blvd., Bldg. B
Las Cruces, N.M. 88005
(575)541-0329

Witness the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, 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, this 12th day of March, 2019.

(Seal)

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Victor A. Eres
Deputy Victor A. Eres,
Judicial Specialist

Dates: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-806
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DOLORES CONNOR FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dolores Connor 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 Dolores Connor to Jesusita Dolores M. Lucero, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 9th day of May 2019, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

/s/ Dolores Connor
Dolores Connor
4092 Demos Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-649-4784

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-725
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF RALPH RICHARD GONZALES FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that RALPH RICHARD GONZALES, 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 he seeks to change his name from Ralph Richard Gonzales to Rick Ralph Gonzales, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge on the 7th day of May, 2019, at the hour of 9:30 am at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ralph Richard Gonzales
Ralph Richard Gonzales
6665 Rio Dorado
La Mesa, NM 88044
575-993-0112

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CAUSE NO.
D-307-PB-2018-00111
JUDGE: MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY J. MACKEY DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HEATHER MACKEY has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the 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 at the address shown in this notice or filed within the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin & Lutz, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001.

DATED this 15 day of

LEGAL NOTICES

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Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

February, 2019.

/s/ Heather Mackey
Heather Mackey
Personal Representative
5142 S. McMinn Dr.
Gilbert, AZ 85298

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12,
2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-PB-2019-00026
Judge: Manuel Arrieta

**In the Matter of the Estate of
LAURO G. GUADERRAMA
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WINIFRED GAYLON GUADERRAMA a/k/a GAYLON GUADERRAMA whose address is c/o Roggow Law, LLC, 205 W. Boutz Rd., Bldg. 2, Ste. C, Las Cruces, NM 88005, has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the 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 personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2019.

ROGGOW LAW, LLC
By: /s/ James A. Roggow
James A. Roggow
205 W. Boutz Rd., Bldg. 2,
Ste. C
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-526-2448
Attorney for Winifred Gaylon Guaderrama,
Personal Representative of
The Estate of
Lauro G. Guaderrama

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12,
2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00037
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
E. JEANNE HAMM, 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: March 20, 2019

/s/ Betsy Geery
Betsy Geery, Personal Representative
of the Estate of E. Jeanne Hamm, 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: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12,
2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2018-00396

**IDAHO HOUSING AND
FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**JUSTIN MILLER, DIANA
JARAMILLO, NEW
MEXICO MORTGAGE
FINANCE AUTHORITY,**

**THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JUSTIN
MILLER, AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF
DIANA JARAMILLO, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 23, 2019 at 9:30 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 320, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE I, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona 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, Pages 83-91 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 2868 La Union Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 14, 2018 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 \$179,306.69 plus interest from June 15, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.875% 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: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05,
04/12, 2019

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

D-307-PB-2019-00028
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF**

**CHARLES COLEMAN
POGUE,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned **PATRICK POGUE** 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 20th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Patrick Pogue
PATRICK POGUE, Personal Representative
of the Estate of **CHARLES COLEMAN POGUE**, 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: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05,
2019

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

D-307-PB-2019-00042
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN ANN CLARK,**

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned **LYNN ALAN LEDNICKY** 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 15th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Lynn Alan Lednicky
LYNN ALAN LEDNICKY,
Personal Representative of
the Estate of
CAROLYN ANN CLARK,
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: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12,
2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02644

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-8, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSALIE VALDEZ, JERRY VALDEZ; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BOB G. SELBY, 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 305 Tortugas Dr., Mesilla Park, NM 88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT A, TOWN OF SAN JUAN (TORTUGAS) REPLAT NO. 4, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2633, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1995, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18, PAGE 209, 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 May 2, 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 September 29, 2017 in the total amount of \$92,445.23 with interest at the rate of 3.2500% per annum from July 31, 2017 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. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-8, 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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IDSPub #0150985

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3/29/2019 4/5/2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00999

**CMG MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

ROBERT JAMES CAMPOS, MARGARET M. CAMPOS, 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 4308 Calle Sonesta, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 1, BLOCK J, DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3

AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2008, IN BLOCK 22 PAGE(S) 491-492 OF PLAT RECORDS also known as: LOT 1, BLOCK J, OF DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19, 2008, IN PLAT BOOK 22, AT PAGE(S) 491-492 AS PLAT NO. 4733, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 9:30 am on April 23, 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 \$348,516.89, with interest at the rate of 3.25000% per annum from November 3, 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. CMG Mortgage, Inc., 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: Margaret Lake
201 Eubank NE Suite #A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123

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IDSPub #0150979

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3/29/2019 4/5/2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-01293

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MANUEL ALDOYN-PENA; WELLS FARGO BANK; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS F/K/A NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION BENEFIT PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 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 9775 Dawn Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situated west of the Organ Townsite, Dona Ana County, New Mexico in the SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 33, T.21S., R.3E. N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and is more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2 inch

rebar set for the southeast corner of this tract, whence the E 1/4 corner of aforesaid Section 33 bears the following three courses and distances: N.89 deg. 11'30"E., 307.57 feet; Thence S.0 deg., 24'00"W., 955.87 feet; Thence N.89 deg., 56'30"E., 50.00 feet; Thence from the point of beginning S.89 deg. 11'30"W., 307.56 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar found for the southwest corner of this tract; Thence along a barb wire fence line N.0 deg., 23'31"E., 176.99 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar found for the northwest corner of this tract; Thence along the barb wire fence N.89 deg., 11'30"E., 307.58 Feet to a 1/2 Inch rebar set for the northeast corner of this tract; Thence S.0 deg., 23'46"W., 176.99 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.2495 acre of land, more or less. 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 April 18, 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 February 4, 2019 in the total amount of \$61,276.23 with interest at the rate of 5.10% per annum from November 2, 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. BOKF, 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

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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
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03823

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

RANDY SILVA; Defendant,

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 3665 San Clemente Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 19, METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 5105 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 25, 2012, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 23, PAGES 266-269, PLAT RECORDS. Also known as: LOT 19, METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 5105 THEREOF, FILES FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 25, 2012, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 23, PAGES 266-269, PLAT RECORDS. Also known as: LOT NUMBERED 19 OF METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 25, 2012 IN PLAT BOOK 23, FOLIO 266-269.

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 April 18, 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 February 8, 2019 in the total amount of \$220,219.16 with interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum from November 9, 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. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, 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 PUR-

CHASERS 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 NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-01559

BOKF, N.A, Plaintiff,

vs.

DIANA LETICIA TALAMANTES; JOSE MANUEL LOPEZ; STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, 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 1512 Kilmer ST, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 18, UNIT NO. 9 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, 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 AUGUST 27, 1973, IN BOOK 11 PAGE(S) 62-63 OF PLAT RECORDS. And also described as: LOT 1, BLOCK 18, LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH UNIT 9, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT #785 THEREOF FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, CITY OF LAS CRUCES, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ON AUGUST 27, 1973 IN BOOK 11, PAGES 62-63 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 April 18, 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 Default Judgment granted on February 5, 2019 in the total amount of \$122,112.48 with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from December 2, 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. BOKF, 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 NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-02111

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

COMFORT F. RICKETTS AKA COMFORT RICKETTS, Defendant.

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 2010 El Presidio Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011-4193, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, BLOCK A, EL PRESIDIO-PHASE 3A, 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 16, 2004, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 75-77 OF 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 April 18, 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 February 4, 2019 in the total amount of \$221,986.59 with interest at the rate of 3.750% per annum from December 21, 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 assess-

ments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, 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 NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2018-00562

WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2, Plaintiff,

v.

HENRY D ACOSTA, CILICIA VILLEGAS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HENRY D ACOSTA, AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CILICIA VILLEGAS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 9, 2019 at 11:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces,

NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT NUMBERED 43 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 8 OF UNIT NO. 6 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 6 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 30, 1969 IN PLAT BOOK 10, FOLIO 55-56.

The address of the real property is 1801 Flora Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88001. 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 January 15, 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 \$135,738.10 plus interest from September 30, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.00000% 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: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 04/05, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB 2019- 38
Judge Martin

IN THE OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS JEAN O'BRIEN a/k/a DORIS O'BRIEN ESDERS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JORGE A. LARRAZABAL GIL 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 present-

ed 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: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-786
JUDGE MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANDREA NUÑEZ-SALMERON FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF SCARLET KELLY NUÑEZ

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Andrea Nuñez-Salmeron, has filed a Petition to Change the name of her child, from Scarlet Kelly Nuñez to Scarlet Kelly Gibbs. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 9th day of May, 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Andrea Nuñez Salmeron
Andrea Nuñez Salmeron
2944 Burgers Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-202-1601

Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB 2019- 41
Judge Martin

THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET HOUSE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CRED-

ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RAYMOND PAUL MIGAS 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
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Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-787
JUDGE MARCI E. BEYER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANDREA NUÑEZ-SALMERON FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF ALLISON AUTUMN MCCONKEY

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Andrea Nuñez-Salmeron, has filed a Petition to Change the name of her child, from Allison Autumn McConkey to Allison McConkey Gibbs. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 29th day of April, 2019, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Andrea Nuñez Salmeron
Andrea Nuñez Salmeron
2944 Burgers Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-202-1601

Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 2019

State of New Mexico Doña Ana County Third Judicial District Court

No: D-307-PB-2019-00031

In the Matter of Estate of Nancy Lightfoot Watson, 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 four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below or filed with the Third Judicial Court of Dona Ana County New Mexico located at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005

Dated 3/20, 2019

/s/ Marianne P. Gillespie
First American Bank
1553 Avenida de Mesilla
Las Cruces NM 88004
575-524-8000

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 19-0058

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD LEE VASY, AKA RICHARD L. VASY, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Barbara G. Wimbush, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Lee Vasy, AKA Richard L. Vasy. 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 J. David Beasley, Esq., P.O. Box 1620, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, (575) 525-6132.

Dated: March 19, 2019.

Submitted by:
/s/ J. David Beasley, Esq.
J. DAVID BEASLEY, Esq.
Beasley Legal, P.C.
Attorney for the Estate of Richard Lee Vasy, AKA Richard L. Vasy
P.O. Box 1620
Las Cruces NM 88004
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Dates: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-03329

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF RAYMOND J. REYNAUD, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND J. REYNAUD, DECEASED, Defendants:

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed an action against you in the above-titled Court and case on or before thirty days after the third publication of this Notice, a default judgment may be entered against you. Your response must be filed with the above-entitled Court.

This Case involves the real property in this case is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 102 IN BLOCK NUMBERED OF THE PUEBLO AT ALAMEDA RANCH PHASE 2, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID THE PUEBLO AT ALAMEDA RANCH PHASE 2, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 10, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 742-747.

The address of the real property at issue is more commonly described as LOT 102 ISLETA CT, LAS CRUCES, NM 88011.

The name, mailing address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney is as follows:

GREENSPOON MARDER LLP
By: /s/ Kevin J. Sanders

Kevin J. Sanders, Esq.
4 WHITNEY COURT
CEDAR CREST, NM 87008
Telephone: 888.491.1120
Email 1: kevin.sanders@gmlaw.com
Email 2: gmforeclosure@gmlaw.com

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Court Judge of Doña Ana County on this 3rd day of November, 2018.

(court seal)
By: /s/ Claudine Bernal

District Court

Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 04/26, 2019

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PHOTOS COURTESY OTTO RIGAN

"Genesis," by Otto Rigan, stands a quiet guard at the gates of Spaceport America. Rigan will be on hand April 7, speaking during the Spaceport America open house event.

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In the spaceport's beginning there was Genesis

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**

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Otto Rigan always figured the New Mexico spaceport was a fantasy. It became quite real when he was chosen as its official artist.



OTTO RIGAN

He first was invited to collaborate with designers for the visitors' center, incorporating "Earth art" into an architectural model for a plaza and observation deck.

Eight months into the project, the assignment changed.

"They had me shift to the entry," he said. "They said, 'Let's make sure we have something out there to tell people they have arrived.'"

The process of creating the massive "Genesis" statue now standing in the center of the roundabout at the

entry to Spaceport America was more time-consuming than one might think, Rigan said.

"What was out there had to be very relevant to what spaceport was about. There was concern because of the closeness to the trail (Jornada del Muerto). [The artwork] had to be noticeable from a distance but not overwhelming in the landscape."

Because the sculpture was to be built near where spaceport tenants would be bringing in equipment, he wondered, "What can I put up that won't get in the way of a horizontal rocket ship?"

The sculpture couldn't block the view, either, so he imagined something reaching up to the sky.

"It's like opening up your arms to space," Rigan said. "That was the beginning of my shaping the form. I wanted the form to reiterate the night sky. That's where the glass ["star" particles] came in. It is an implication of

the night sky in summer right above that spot."

Genesis, created of iron and glass, was designed to rust, creating a deep reddish-brown finish to blend in with the earth.

Although living in California, Rigan grew up in Roswell. He couldn't wait to return. An astronomer helped him with the alignments, then he made a model to show the Spaceport Authority. It was approved by the New Mexico Department of Public Arts.

Genesis was fabricated in Phoenix in three parts. The glass was cast in West Virginia. All the elements were then shipped out and assembled onsite. The piece is 40 feet wide, 23 feet high and 5 feet deep.

"I tipped the whole thing leaning 7 degrees, so you can see the glass," Rigan said. "The iron is dense and not reflective, and the glass is the lyrical part. It's always different, always

changing. That's the allure to glass."

Rigan will speak during the Spaceport America open house April 7. He's a little apprehensive about coming back and seeing his creation, however. Last time he returned a tourist had climbed on it and knocked off some of the glass.

He has no interest in personally going to space, even as he understands his role in the mission.

"The aspiration aspect of opening up space is really important. Space is here – space freight, space telecommunication and space passenger travel.

"This kind of a project I see in relation to time. As soon as [Virgin Galactic space flights out of Spaceport America] happen, the world's eyes are suddenly going to be there. I see [Genesis's] symbolism as part of the future."

Visit lcspacefestival.com.

Elva K. Österreich may be reached at elva@lascrucesbulletin.com.



"Apparition," 19 x 17 Oil on Rag Paper, 2018

Raul Dorn keeps searching for clues to the light

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces visual artist, musician and arts educator Raul Dorn will have a solo exhibition of new paintings, "America: Purge & Recent Work" Saturday, April 13-Sunday, May 5. at Art Obscura gallery, 3206 Harrelson St.

An opening reception will be held 7-11 p.m. April 13 at the gallery.

Dorn's goal as an artist "is not to replicate or portray what I see, but to discover a deeper seeing, to visually manifest an event that nature, mystery and beauty inspires in me," he said in a news release.

The almost two dozen paintings on canvas and paper for the Art Obscura



Las Cruces artist Raul Dorn

show "represents a shift from water-based acrylic to oil paint and have been created over the last two and a half years," Dorn said. They "are primarily non-objective in structure, but often abstractly reference the human figure, botanical subjects and the experienced landscape."

SEE DORN, PAGE 34



"Above the Neck," 20 x 16 Oil on Paper, 2018

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| THU MARCH 28 • 7:30 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| <i>Pure Country</i> - \$5 | |
| FRI MARCH 29 • 10:30 A.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Rhythm Roundup - Music and Motion for ages 2-5* | |
| FRI MARCH 29 • 3:30 P.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Library Lab - Activities, Games and Stories for 6-10** | |
| FRI MARCH 29 • 7:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Hard Road Trio - \$15-\$20 | |
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| Tai Chi Chuan | |
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| Read to Me - Story time for ages 3 and up* | |
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| WED+THU APRIL 3+4 • 10:00 A.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Toddler Time - Stories and Activities for ages 1-3 with caregivers* | |
| THU APRIL 4 • 7:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| <i>A League of Their Own</i> - \$5 | |
| SAT APRIL 6 • 7:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Oldies But Goodies - \$10 | |
| SUN APRIL 7 • 6:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
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The process Dorn uses “to initiate the creative act is largely improvisational or what is termed ‘automatic painting’ that leads to a more calculated and reflective process,” he said. “Not knowing the next step in the painting process, not having pre-conceived limiting nouns as subjects, groping for clues in the darkness, letting go, keeps me searching for the light and the connective dance with something much greater than myself.

“I continue to be fascinated with that which lies beneath, beyond and behind the visual domain, hidden in the physics of the natural world. So, working abstractly suits my quest to locate the spirit of the subject, to visualize the undercurrent of divinity and possibly



PHOTO COURTESY RAUL DORN

“Momento Mori (1),” Oil on Paper 20 x 18, 2018

most importantly clear and balance my head space.”

Dorn is a member of the Las Cruces band Sister Black Lagoon and anticipates playing

“somewhere within the run of the show” at Art Obscura. This is his first show at the gallery.

Dorn began his formal art exploration at the University of New Mexico in 1976 “after being fully seduced with the creative process in his high school art classes in Albuquerque,” he said. He studied ceramics and creative writing as an undergraduate at UNM, completing a BFA in studio arts at New Mexico State University. Dorn’s central focus at NMSU was in drawing and performance art. He presented five major public performance pieces through the sculpture program which incorporated elements of theater, music, dance, sound collages and visual imagery.

Dorn was the music director and program director at KRUX radio on campus for several years and began his exploration into songwriting and performing in several local bands, including punk-art

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"Party Girl," 20 x 19 Oil on Rag Paper, 2019

DORN

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bands Anxiety of Silence and Muzzled.

Dorn completed a masters in curriculum and instruction in 1988. He retired from public

school teaching at the secondary level after 26 years in the classroom in 2014. He taught drawing, painting, printmaking and ceramics at Mayfield High School for 15 years and later at Alma d'arte Charter High School. He received the Arts in Edu-

cation award by the Las Cruces Doña Ana Arts Council in 2004 and was named artist of the year from Artforms in 2014.

Dorn has exhibited his artwork in local and regional exhibitions during the past 35 years. In addition to Art Obscura,



"Momento Mori (2)," Oil on Paper 20 x 18, 2018

he has been represented by the Matrix Gallery in Albuquerque, the online galleries OAC and Saatchi and at the Unsettled Gallery in Las Cruces. Dorn was also commissioned to beautify an underpass

at the town of Mesilla and Interstate 10 as part of the New Mexico State Highway Department mural program with his wife, Tauna Cole-Dorn, in 1999. He is currently

a full-time studio art teacher at Holy Cross Catholic Schools in Las Cruces.

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"Secreto Topio," Oil on 20 x 20 Paper, 2017



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Performers at Project in Motion's Acrobatic Conundrum at Rio Grande Theatre in 2018.



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Project in Motion goes to the air in April

BULLETIN REPORT

Project In Motion (PIM) of Las Cruces will host an aerial rope and fabric and loop workshop and then live shows in April.

A lecture demonstration will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13. Tickets are \$10, \$5 children, veterans and seniors.

Workshops, classes and private lessons for children and adults will be held Sunday-Thursday, April 14-18 and have different prices. The cost for the full session is \$210, which includes more than 21 hours of air time, said PIM owner Hilary McDaniel-Douglas.

Live shows will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 19-20. Tickets are \$10, \$5 children, veteran and seniors.

All events are at Project in Motion studios, 430 N. Compress Road.

The workshop – for children and adults – and the live shows will be led

by international circus performer and teacher Terry Crane.

Crane has a degree in dance from Oberlin College.

He has performed with the San Francisco Circus Center, the Montreal National Circus School and the Beijing International Acrobatics School, she said.

“A veteran of the big top and the stage, Crane has performed in countless countries for various companies, including Teatro ZinZanni, les 7 Doigts de la Main and Circus Monti,” McDaniel-Douglas said.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the performance,” City Councilor Greg Smith said about the Acrobatic Conundrum show that Crane directed and participated in at Rio Grande Theatre in 2018. “The acrobatic and dance fusion was keep-your-eyes-opened-wide good,” he said.

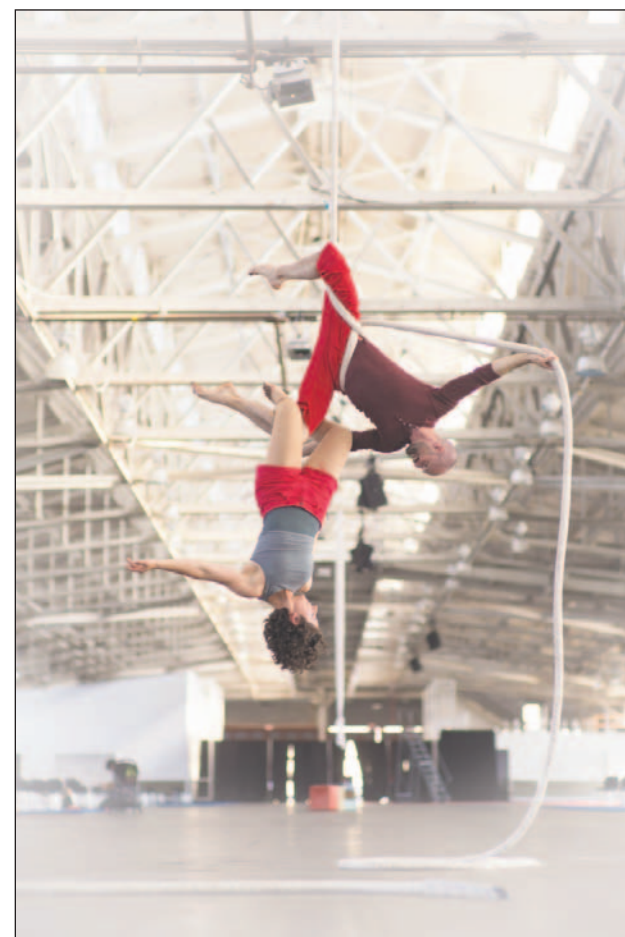


Terry Crane with his own invention, the Aerial Loop.

“Terry is just the best,” said McDaniel-Douglas. “He is one of the rare American directors who also teach, perform and tour with internationally acclaimed perfection. Project In Motion is lucky

that he enjoys Las Cruces and our studios here.”

For registration and tickets, contact McDaniel-Douglas at 575-208-4413 and pimdance@gmail.com. Visit www.projectinmotion.com.



Terry Crane and “wrap partnering.”



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Apollo 11 mission in 1969 landed the first humans on the moon.

'Apollo 11': The gigantic leap, half a century later

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

This documentary is a mesmerizing compilation of film that follows the Apollo 11 flight from boarding to landing in July 1969.

It is not filled with talking heads or interviews, but rather is all narrated action, opening with an enormous treaded machine moving to the launch site and closing with the safe recovery of astronauts Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong, who landed but two miles from the intended site.

Along the way director Todd Douglas Miller offers insights into the mis-

GRADE: A

Apollo 11 will land at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for a week, starting tonight, April 5.

sion that most of us never knew, along with amazing camera views of the spacecraft itself, as the three men glide through space. Although there are a lot of film clips of mission control, that is easy to forgive, since Miller did enough research to keep us occupied for another 50 years.

The flight itself was about eight days in length, with Armstrong the first person to ever set foot on an interplanetary body,

followed shortly by Aldrin. Collins commanded the module that circled the moon as Armstrong and Aldrin spent about two hours on the lunar surface. At this writing, of the 12 men who have walked on the moon, only four survive, Aldrin being one. He is now 89.

The last man to walk on the moon was a one-time New Mexico senator, Harrison Schmitt, who was born in Santa Rita and, last I knew, was living in Silver City. He also briefly worked for past governor Susanna Martinez.

I hope the film sheds light on the conspiracy folks who claim that all the moon landings were staged in order that the U.S. stay ahead of the Soviet Union in the space race. There is amazing footage of the landing itself, along with truly startling film clips of the separations of the various parts of the spacecraft.

After returning to Earth, Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin were kept in a special isolation ward for a couple of weeks and then were rightly

heralded as heroes of the moment.

Even my father had a hand in their appearance in Chicago, due to his contract with the City of Chicago. Dear old Dad ran a commercial photo studio and when I worked for him one summer, one

of the projects was to make a huge copy of the three men that would be placed behind the speaker's podium at Daley Plaza and another of the flag that they planted. I remember helping to get them ready and gently lowering them from a

second-story window to a waiting City of Chicago truck below.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.

A portrait of the astronauts formed the backdrop for a heroes' welcome in Chicago. The photo was taken by Jeff Berg's father.



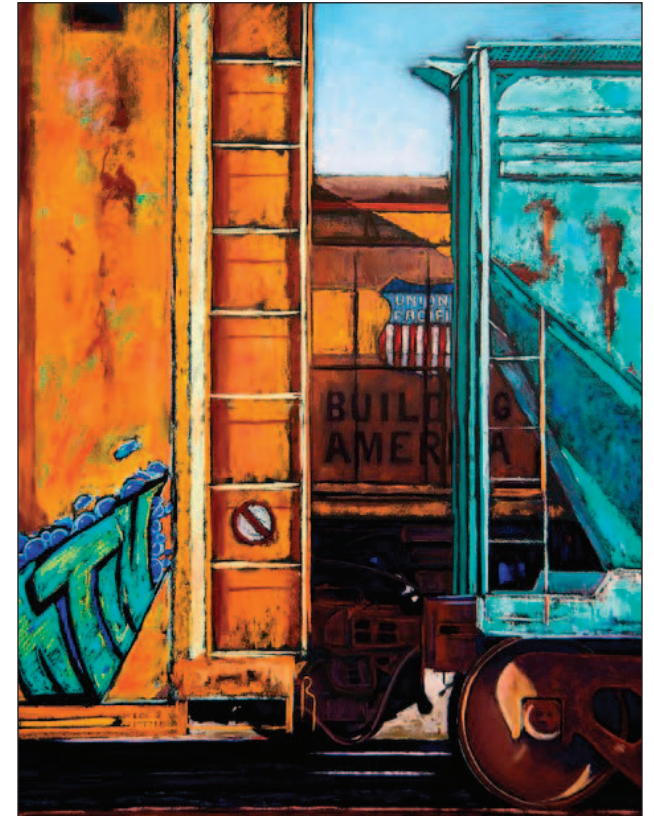
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"One for Two" has been juried into the 2019 Arizona Pastel Artists Association National Open in Sedona, Arizona.



"Poor Table Manners"



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"Building America," which won the Jack Richeson Gold Award at the 46th Annual Exhibit of the Pastel Society of America held last September at the National Arts Club in New York City.

Las Cruces artist selected for Yellowstone residency

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Artist Renee' Marz Mullis is among eight artists selected from a field of 112 professional artists throughout the country to be awarded a 2019 Artist-in-Residency at Yellowstone National Park.

The award is conferred by Yellowstone Forever, the park's nonprofit partner, Marz Mullis said in a March 25 news release.

Marz Mullis will travel to Yellowstone National Park in early August to work, teach and engage with park visitors and gateway communities, she said, and "will enjoy the opportunity to creatively explore the natu-



Las Cruces award-winning artist Renee' Marz Mullis.

ral and cultural resources of one of America's most awe-inspiring landscapes [and] inspire the next generation of artists in and around Yellowstone National Park."

Marz Mullis' work is currently on display at Sorrel Sky Gallery in



"Saturday AM," which won the judge's award in the 51st Arts International Exhibition of the El Paso Art Association at the El Paso International Museum of Art in September 2018.

Santa Fe as part of the 27th annual National Pastel Exhibition, where her "Morning Paddles" received a "PSNM Award of Excellence." Marz Mullis' work will also be dis-

played at the third annual National Pastel Exhibition in Sedona, Arizona, and at MasterWorks of New Mexico in Albuquerque next month.

Marz Mullis works

exclusively in dry pastel. She paints Southwestern landscapes, interiors/exteriors, florals and still-lives and "enjoys the multitude of challenges in conveying a strong sense of luminosity and atmosphere in her works."

Marz Mullis began her career as a teacher, arts educator and eventually a school administrator (she retired from Las Cruces Public Schools), earning her undergraduate and graduate degrees from New Mexico State University.

"Throughout her journey in education, Marz Mullis took regular opportunity to paint and exhibit," the news release said. "Along the way, she earned a degree in

graphic and computer art design and co-owns a graphic design company. Originally a watercolorist, Marz Mullis laid down her brush in 2007, mesmerized by the pastel stick's strength of color and brilliancy."

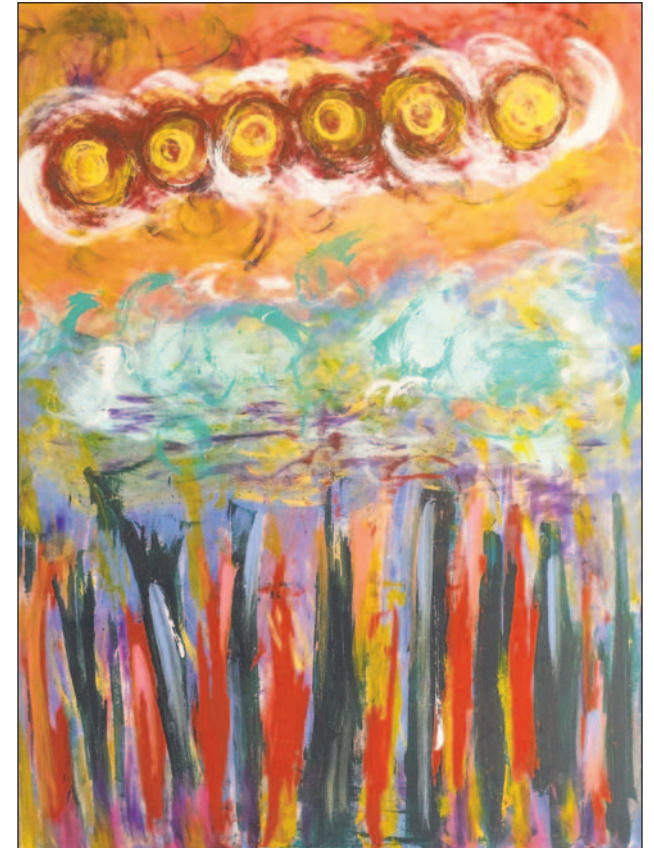
Marz Mullis is an awarded signature member of the Pastel Society of America, the Pastel Society of New Mexico and the Arizona Pastel Artists Association. She is a longtime Las Cruces resident with a studio at the edge of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Artist and NMSU alumnus George Mendoza at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital during the installation of his last art collection, "26 Visions." His newest collection, "15 Visions," will be erected at the UCLA School of Dentistry.



One of the pieces that will be featured in the "15 Visions" collection, now on display at the first and third floors of the UCLA School of Dentistry in Los Angeles.

NMSU alumnus' art to hang at UCLA

By **MATTHEW LEGARRETA**
For the Bulletin

"15 Visions," a collection of paintings from Las Cruces artist and New Mexico State University alumnus George Mendoza, will now grace the halls of the University of Los Angeles' School of Dentistry.

The collection features 15 unique pieces spanning over two decades of Mendoza's artistic career. But the number 15 also serves a dual purpose for Mendoza: It marks the age that he began losing his eyesight to juvenile macular degeneration.

Mendoza's condition has eroded away most of

his central vision, leaving him with what he describes as "kaleidoscope eyes." But it's through this lens that allows Mendoza, who graduated from the individualized studies program at NMSU in 1978, to create his unique works.

"I'm what they would consider an "abstract artist," said Mendoza. "Mostly because of my partial blindness, I'm not able to paint in much detail. So, my art itself becomes very abstract, very colorful and 'whimsical,' as it has been described."

The art featured in the collection was narrowed down from a previous exhibit, "26 Visions,"

which was put on display in September 2018 at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in New York City. It was this display that caught the attention of UCLA's School of Dentistry, which requested a similar selection of work to be displayed on their first and third floors.

To celebrate the installment of this new collection, a reception in Mendoza's honor will take place at the UCLA School of Dentistry on Monday, April 9.

In addition to his contributions to the art world, Mendoza is a championship runner, having competed twice in the

U.S. Association of Blind Athletes Olympics. He has also written multiple books and served as an illustrator for the children's book "Colors of the Wind," which tells the story of how he thrived as an athlete and artist during the onset of his condition.

"At this stage - I've done it all," said Mendoza. "I've been in two world Olympics, written two books, had two movies based on me ... my idea is to share my life story to give hope, especially to those blind people who think they can't do anything. This collection serves as both a thing of beauty and potential source of inspira-

tion at the same time, and that's kind of my goal right now as an artist."

Two of Mendoza's previous pieces, "Desert Splash" and "When We Dance," are currently

on display on the second floor of Domenici Hall at the NMSU campus.

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- April 4: Truman Provencio, solo guitar
- April 6, Derrick Lee Group, jazz combo
- April 11: Larry Woellhart, solo folk/Americana

Protest art: “The Struggle is Beautiful” art exhibit, with music by the Singing Out Choir, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. info: 575-522-5552; amanda@wildmesquite.org.

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

- April 5: Con Sal y Limon, rock cumbias with electric guitars and drums, 8-10 p.m.
- April 6: Coolside Collective, electric jazz, 8-10 p.m.
- April 7: Travis James Manning, acoustic folk/rock, 3-5 p.m.

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

COAS bookstore downtown: 317 N. Main St.

- April 6, Judith Ames

COAS bookstore Solano: 1101 S. Solano Drive

- April 6, Captain Jeff Porter

Artventurous: Free hands-on art-making experience 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. March’s theme: “Maximalism art movement.” Info: 575-541-2137.

Studio art classes: Registration is open for spring studio classes planned through May 11 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Class options include painting, drawing, ceramics, fabric dyeing, printmaking and more. Offered to all levels. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2137; las-cruces.org/museums.

‘He’s Alive’: Produced by Passion Play International, 7 o’clock nightly April 8-12, Dream Center, 1400 6th St. Info: 575-520-9223.

Book talk: Author L.S. Hayden shares her love of writing mysteries, inspirational books and children’s books, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 W. Picacho.

‘Beer for a Cause’: Fundraiser for local brewer David Allan in his fight against cancer, featuring the live music of Jackson Lane, Smokin’ Blue Band, Triple Jack and the Derrick Harris Band, 3-8 p.m. Sunday, April 14, Picacho Peak Brewing Company, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Tickets: \$5 at the door.

Contra dance: Sponsored by Southern New Mexico

Music and Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Mulettones, a West Texas band, will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and Newcomers are welcome and should come for basic instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth \$4, and family \$15. Info: www.snmmds.org or 575-522-1691.

The Ladies of Motown: Las Vegas-based group reprises the Supremes, Gladys Knight, the Marvelettes, Mary Wells, Martha & The Vandellas and more, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 Main St. Doors open at 6. Info: 575-520-8776; www.riograndetheatre.com.

Tommy Walker: World-class worship musi-

cian/songwriter plays a concert at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Heart for the World Church, 1605 S. Valley Drive. At 10 a.m. that day, Walker hosts a musician and songwriting workshop at the church. Info: 575-523-1113.

ONGOING

Fiber Art Friday: Bring your current work-in-progress or unfinished object and join us in the Textile Lab every Friday for an open work session, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman Ave. Lab tools and equipment available or participants can bring their own. Members free, non-members \$5. Info: 575-448-1072.

Gallery tours: Walk the gallery, share ideas, exchange opinions, and consider different per-

spectives about the works of art during guided exhibit tours at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Tours take place the first and third Saturday of the month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Info: las-cruces.org/museums; 575-541-2137.

Global Village Drum Circle: Play, sing, dance, drum, 7-9 p.m. Fridays, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Info: 575-523-0664.

Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild: Meets the third Tuesday of each month through May, 3800 W. Picacho Ave. #165. Info: mesillavalleyweavers@gmail.com.

Please send your art announcements to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com by Thursday at least one week prior to desired publication date.

Down the rabbit hole



“Alice in Wonderland” has one weekend remaining at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Left to right are cast members Jamie Bronstein, Luz Resendez, Stephen Caroe, Tiffany Tyson, Joshua Taulbee and Mark Katanga. The play is directed by Karen Caroe. Final performances are 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7. Tickets are \$10 for the Thursday performance only and \$12-\$15 for the other three performances. The Black Box production is based on the 1970 interpretation by Andre Gregor and The Manhattan Project of Lewis Carroll’s 1865 novel. For reservations, call 575-523-1223 and visit www.tktassistant.com and no-strings.org.

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BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Domenic Altamirano molds acrylic spray paint and mixed media.



Artist and jewelry maker Katie Dumm had a booth with her business "Year of the Dog" showcasing animal jewelry and accessories.



Krista Denney paused for a photo with her dog.



Deret Roberts, owner of Art Obscura Art Gallery, shows off his art muscles. With him is local artist Jamie Langan.

'Art Fight'

The annual "Art Fight" turned artists into competitors March 20 at Picacho Peak Brewery beer garden where participants had to create a piece of art in an allotted timeframe. After completion, guests voted on their favorites and placed bids during an auction.




Young local artist Clarabella Mendoza put her painting titled "Wonder" into the art fight ring that she created in the allotted time.



Have you ever wondered how the Bill of Rights was created - and how it has been changed? This exhibit illustrates how America came to have the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

This exhibition was created by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. The national tour is presented in part by AT&T, HISTORY®, Seedlings Foundation, and the National Archives Foundation.

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Five movies fill the big screen at space festival

BULLETIN REPORT

All movies show at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Movies are free, and tickets will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Concessions will be available for purchase at the venue.

'Apollo 13'

The 1995 docudrama "Apollo 13" is based on the aborted 1970 lunar mission. The movie depicts astronauts Jim Lovell, Jack Swigert and Fred Haise aboard Apollo 13 for America's third moon landing mission.

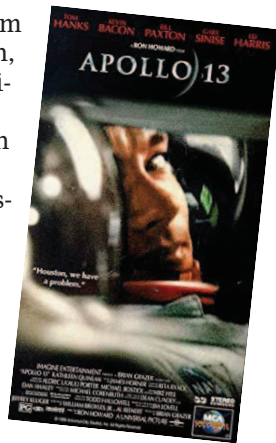
Directed by Ron How-

ard and starring Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon, Bill Paxton, Gary Sinise and Ed Harris.

When: Doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

'2001: A Space Odyssey'

Stanley Kubrick's 1968 science fiction drama. The movie, known for its scientifically accurate depiction of spaceflight and pioneering special effects, features computer HAL on a voyage to Jupiter. "2001: A Space Odyssey" is widely regarded as



one of the greatest and most influential movies ever made.

When: Doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10.

'Contact'

"Contact" (1997) is a science fiction film adapted from the 1985 novel of the same name. Jodie Foster portrays Eleanor "Ellie" Arroway, a SETI scientist who finds

evidence of extraterrestrial life and is chosen to make first contact.

The film is set at the Very Large Array in New Mexico.

When: Doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 11.

'Wall-E'

Disney and Pixar Animation's 2008 "WALL-E" depicts a small waste-collecting robot embark on a journey that

will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.

When: Doors open at 11 a.m., movie starts at noon Saturday, April 13.

'The Martian'

"The Martian" (2015) is a science fiction movie directed by Ridley Scott, based on the novel of the same name. Matt Damon won a Golden Globe for his depiction of an astronaut surviving the harsh conditions on Mars after being left stranded on the red planet.

When: Doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., seeks proposals for exhibits with themes of cultural and historical significance relating to the Southwest to be pre-

sented in 2020. Proposals accepted through April 7. To apply, complete the form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCMS2020. Applications must include a brief (one to four

paragraphs) narrative and should include artist statement or group's mission; 8 to 10 jpg images of proposed work (or those of similar style and quality); and linear and/or square footage needs.

Desert Exposure, a monthly published by the Las Cruces Bulletin, seeks turtle art for the May edition in recognition of May 23 as World Turtle Day. The artwork should be vertical, and the image should be between 2MB and 10MB. It can be any kind of medium: photo, watercolor, fiber, sculpture, oil, mixed media, etc. Deadline for submissions is April 5 to editor@desertexposure.com.

El Paso Symphony Orchestra holds auditions from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, May 19, in the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall at the University of Texas-El Paso. Positions open are section violin, section viola, 3rd oboe/English horn, 2nd clarinet and 3rd bassoon/contrabassoon. Contact symphony personnel manager Leann Isaac at 915-637-8144. Applications due by May 3.

In Effect Gallery, 3309 Apple Cross Place, Mesilla Park, seeks submissions for "Spring Fling," to show 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Deadline is 5 p.m. April 23. All work must be 22 x 28 or less in any direction. All media accepted, 3D-type sculptures a plus. All work must be for sale. A \$15 entry fee for up to two pieces. Info: dennislujan@yahoo.com

New Mexico Rep. Xochiti Torres Small invites all high school students residing in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District to submit their artwork for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition. All artwork must be submitted to one of her offices in Las Cruces, Roswell or Carlsbad by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 17. Guidelines and entry forms: torressmall.house.gov/services/art-competition. Info: Libby Anaya, 575-323-6384; Elizabeth.Anaya@mail.house.gov.

Rokoko Art Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado, seeks submissions for its "Fantasy Free for All" exhibit to run from May 11-June 22. Submissions due by May 4. Entry fee: \$15. Info: 575-522-5553, rokoko@rokokoart.com.

Tombaugh Gallery calls for regional artists

within a 200-mile radius of Las Cruces to submit proposals for exhibitions for the 2020 calendar year. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. All artwork must be for sale. Submissions should contain information about the artist, type of work to be shown and USB flash drive containing eight representative jpg. images. Submissions should be postmarked no later than April 15. Applicants will be notified by May 15, including those not selected. Send a SASE to have your art returned. Address submissions to Judy Licht, Committee Chairperson, Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano, Las Cruces, NM 88001. To submit electronically, email JudyLicht@gmail.com.



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Louie Cisnerossi created multiple pieces of art during the workshop, including the festival mascot, Sid the Astro Gnome.

The art of science

Associate Director of the European Space Agency Antonella Nota will cut the ribbon at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8, at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., to officially begin the “Our Place in Space” art exhibition. The mall and seven other locations in Las Cruces will host images from the Hubble telescope and local artists’ work created at a March 23 workshop on Plaza de Las Cruces (pictured). Other locations hosting exhibits are Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Alameda Ave.; Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St.; Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.; Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.; Visit Las Cruces, 336 S. Main St.; Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road; and the New Mexico State University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave.



Heather Davies



Rebecca Smith created weavings for the exhibit.



Jo-An Smith and her painting, “Supernova,” which will exhibit at Cutter Gallery.



Louie Cisnerossi

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 46 Free speech org.
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Disdain toward a group of people brings disaster

There are many biblical passages from which I gain inspiration. “Do not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your fellow human being; love your neighbor as yourself” is one from the book of Leviticus.

That verse reminds us to seek something deeper within the relationships we experience in a community.

Other passages remind us to “be on the lookout” for the unexpected.

The following verse from the book of Esther was read in synagogues throughout the world on March 20-21 (on the holi-



RABBI KAROL

Seeking Harmony

day of Purim): “There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm, whose laws are different from those of any

other people and who do not obey the king’s laws; and it is not in Your Majesty’s interest to tolerate them.”

That false declaration by the Prime Minister Haman (the villain of the book) beseeched King Ahasuerus of Persia to issue an edict for the liquidation of the Jewish community within his realm. Haman sought to punish all the Jews

in Persia because one of their own, Mordecai, did not follow the custom of bowing to the prime minister.

Little did Haman know that Mordecai’s cousin Esther had just become queen. Also, little did he know that Mordecai had just uncovered a plot to assassinate the king and turned in the conspirators. I once learned that Mordecai’s citizen’s arrest that saved the king’s life put him on legal par with Haman (according to Persian custom), so that Mordecai was not required to show the prime minister any special respect.

Haman’s accusation was a bigoted and intentionally inaccurate claim

of one person that sought to denigrate and slander a whole group of people.

Sadly, spreading such untruthful statements happens all too readily today. It can cause great damage to everyone within a society. In the case of the book of Esther, read the story and you will discover that Mordecai and Queen Esther succeeded in exposing Haman’s lies and hatred.

There is another passage that gives me pause in the first chapter of the book of Exodus. This narrative forms the basis of the upcoming Jewish observance of Passover, the festival of freedom: “Pharaoh said to his people, ‘Look, the

Israelite people are much too numerous for us. Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they may not increase; otherwise in the event of war they may join our enemies in fighting against us and arise from the ground.’ So, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor...”

These verses feature a strong ruler expressing disdain and, moreover, fear, about the increasing number of descendants of the patriarch Jacob living in Egypt. They likely constituted a mere minority of the population. However, Pharaoh imposed upon his subjects his own irrational fear that there were too many Israelites living in their territory.

He decided to exert control over them by oppressing them with slavery.

Read the story and you will see that fear did not serve the Egyptians very well at all. It led to disaster. It always does.

The message embodied in both these observances on the Jewish calendar is to give up on hatred and love one another as ourselves. That approach enables us to overcome fear and create a world filled with hope.

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.

Jewish Food and Folk Festival revives traditions

BULLETIN REPORT

Temple Beth-El’s Jewish Food and Folk Festival will be held 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at the temple, 3980 Sonoma Springs Blvd.

The event will include homemade matzo ball soup, pastry knishes filled with potato and onion, flavorful noodle kugels and rich, chocolate-swirled babka, according to a temple news release. Other delicacies at the festival will include pastrami-on-rye sandwich, braided challah bread, Israeli salad, kosher hotdogs, hummus.

Bubby’s bakery will offer baked goods such as rugelach, coconut macarons, chocolate matzo brittle and a biscotti-like mandelbread.



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A scenes from the 2018 Jewish Food and Folk Festival.

In addition, the festival will feature dancing with the Mesilla Valley International Folk Dancers – visitors are invited to join in – along with live music

by local classical guitarist Jake Mossman, a family fun area with games for young children, a raffle and the Beth-El Bazaar where attendees can shop

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Successful child entrepreneurs at the 2018 Children's Business Bazaar.

Registration open for Children's Business Bazaar

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Cruces Kids Can's youth entrepreneurs will return to the Plaza de Las Cruces on Main Street for the 2019 Children's Business Bazaar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 27. This year's theme is "Spring into Action."

The registration deadline to participate as an entrepreneur is Saturday, April 6, said event founder and coordinator April Christensen. To register or for more information, contact Christensen at 575-680-6766 or thevillagelc@gmail.com.

"Our goal is to provide hands-on business training that will teach children aged 6-17 skills that can last a lifetime," Christensen said. "They will experience the rewards and challenges of entrepreneurship and get to keep the money they make."

There is a booth fee of \$10 per bazaar participant and a maximum of three participants per booth, she said. A total of 40 booth spaces are available. Scholarships are available through the Community Action Agency based on income and need.

"The community will enjoy shopping for anything

from baked goods to jewelry or slime, even wood or paper crafts," at the bazaar, Christensen said. "Amazing art is displayed for sale and fun accessories can be found."

The event will also include contests and prizes for participating entrepreneurs, recognizing original business ideas, highest business potential and best presentation/creativity. There will be nine winners in three age groups, Christensen said.

Volunteers are welcome to help organize and run the bazaar, Christensen said, and she also is seeking event sponsors.

Pre-market business plan workshop

Cruces Kids Can will host a free pre-market business plan workshop for young entrepreneurs 1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at The Spot Family Entertainment Center, 170 W. Picacho Ave.

Workshop stations will include startup costs, pricing, marketing, making a profit, product feedback and mock sales including making change, said Children's Business Bazaar founder and coordinator April Christensen.

Participants can register and prepare for the April 27

Children's Business Bazaar by practicing their sales pitches and getting feedback on their presentations and products. They will work with and learn from local business experts from Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, the Small Business Development Center, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber and the Las Cruces Green Chamber, Christensen said. They also will hear from Las Cruces proprietors, including the owner of The Spot. And, participants will get to skate at The Spot.

'Patience during progress': Zia Café

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

Editor's note: Sixth in a series on businesses affected by Valley Drive road reconstruction.

Zia Café's owner Alonzo Burciaga went in with eyes wide open to the road reconstruction enveloping his newly purchased restaurant last September, but he also walked in with a vision. With more than 20 years' corporate grocery business under his belt, Burciaga explains, "It's finally my chance to be an entrepreneur and treat customers right," he said. With entrepreneurship comes innovation, which helps Zia Café (formerly Old Town Restaurant) at 1155 S. Valley make it through the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Valley Drive road reconstruction.

Delivery service was the first innovation. Through an active Facebook page, a call went out to customers that if they could not make it in and out of the road construction during lunch, Zia Café would bring the food to them. Delivery is available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. It's free delivery for orders under \$80.

Next, starting the first weekend in April: authentic street tacos - carne asada and chorizo - served from the café's back door. Look for the new offering Friday and Saturday nights from 5-10 p.m., supplemented with a snack truck and live music.



Zia Café, 1155 S. Valley Drive, still flies the Old Town Restaurant sign, but now offers delivery service to save customers from dealing with road reconstruction issues.

Zia Café has a huge parking lot, and an owner willing to try new things. "If that means I take my head chef to San Diego to show him how to make

the best tacos, that's what I do," Burciaga says.

Supporting business owners like Zia Café during the Valley Drive construction is key. The City



COURTESY PHOTOS

Alonzo Burciaga and his wife Belinda Duran think outside the box to bring customers to Zia Café. Beginning Friday, April 5, they'll offer street tacos, live music and a snack truck behind the restaurant after the main kitchen closes.

of Las Cruces is doing everything possible to work with NMDOT to speed up

the road work, while the Chambers of Commerce are working with Valley

Drive businesses to encourage innovation.

Valley Drive businesses impacted by the NMDOT road reconstruction and wanting a City-provided blue sign with their business name directing traffic straight to the business can contact Hector Terrazas with the City of Las Cruces at 575-541-2508.

Those with questions or concerns about access to Valley Drive businesses can contact project manager Ryan Tafoya at 575-525-7313.

The next NMDOT update at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is on Tuesday, April 16. For the most up-to-date information visit www.valleydrive.net.

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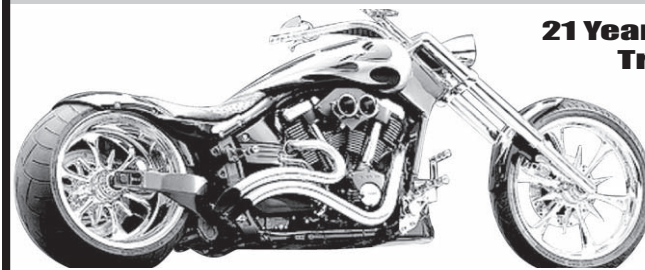
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A special chipmunk makes the Organ Mountains its home

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Organ Mountain Chipmunk (*Neotamias quadrivittatus australis*) likely became a subspecies unique from its Colorado cousins when the last Ice Age stranded it in the conifer forest habitat high in the mountains east of Las Cruces thousands of years ago.

Today, the small mammals are the subject of a ground-breaking study conducted by Professor Jennifer Frey, Ph.D., and students in New Mexico State University's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology (FWCE).

There are five or six chipmunk species in New Mexico and Colorado, Frey said, and all except the Organ Mountain subspecies live in big mountain ranges.

"This chipmunk is really isolated," she said. The "charismatic, cute and cuddly" critter is a flagship species of the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument and listed by the state of New Mexico as threatened due to its isolation, a small population and a variety of threats.

"A warming climate doesn't bode well for a species trapped on top of a mountain," Frey said. "It's amazing that it's survived for the last 10,000 years" on what amounts to an island surrounded by desert uninhabitable for chipmunks that prefer colder, wetter weather.

The "Pleistocene relic"



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NMSU Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology Organ Mountain Chipmunk study team leader Brittany Schweiger, left, holding a chipmunk trap, and NMSU freshman Sabrina Lucero, one of Schweiger's field technicians on the study.



Chipmunks are quite docile, don't mind being handled by humans and actually enjoy their temporary confinement due to a ready food supply and safety from predators.

is "very special (and definitely a unique species," Frey said. The chipmunks are about the size of your palm with long red tails and normally gray bodies with stripes on the face and back. They weigh slightly more

than two ounces.

Due to a lack of information, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has no idea how to manage the isolated subspecies, she said, so it has contracted with FWCE to study what the Organ

streams. Batteries in the collars will last about 15 weeks, Schweiger said, so they will only be active until July. Then the team will again briefly trap the chipmunks to remove the collars and release them back into the wild.

Chipmunks are quite docile, don't mind being handled by humans and even enjoy brief captivity, Schweiger said, because they are protected from predators and have a ready food supply.

The study includes collecting chipmunk feces for genetic analysis, Frey said, so wildlife biologists can probe their diets. The chipmunks typically eat conifer seeds and other seed pods, insects and even fungus. They cache the food in burrows and rock crevices.

Because of hot, dry conditions even at higher elevations where they live, the chipmunks didn't begin leaving their underground burrows last summer until the cooler, wetter monsoons, with their activity tied to the availability of water. The study reveals that the subspecies is apparently the only chipmunk that doesn't hibernate in the winter; remote cameras show the chipmunks active in the snow.

The chipmunks are attracted to nearly two dozen camera locations by PVC bait traps filled with peanut butter. The cameras will remain active for a year, documenting activity across all four seasons.

The chipmunks share

their habitat with larger, more aggressive rock squirrels, who could potentially transmit diseases to the smaller mammals. Cameras have shown fox, squirrels, racoons, weasels, skunks, mice and even javelina in the area. Team members have spotted mule deer, bobcats and a mountain lion.

The NMSU team has also determined when the chipmunks are breeding and other aspects of their behavior.

Frey said results of the study likely will be published in scientific journals, contributing to biologists' store of knowledge about chipmunks and other small mammals and how to better manage them for their long-term benefit.

To conduct the study, students drive about 40 minutes into the Organs and spend 30 minutes to an hour hiking to their field site, depending on the weather and how much gear they are carrying. Their work days are 10-12 hours long and sometimes they camp out overnight. The team includes six students, two technicians and volunteers.

"It's awesome" to have this unique subspecies so close to Las Cruces, Frey said. "We're getting an insider peek into the life of this chipmunk."

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Young farmers and ranchers breaking the mold

By ALEXIA SEVERSON
Las Cruces Bulletin

Seth Hyatt, 39, is a sixth-generation rancher living in Deming. His ancestors settled in Deming, near Cookes Peak, in the 1890s, and the Hyatt family has been ranching in the area ever since. The family, who runs a cow-calf operation, bought their current ranch in 1966, expanding it in 1991.

They own about 57,000 acres of land; half lies in Luna County and the other half in Doña Ana County, in Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

"I have lived on the family ranch my whole life," Hyatt said. "I haven't really done anything else."

Hyatt, who has three young children, said he wouldn't trade the ranching lifestyle for anything. He hopes eventually one of his kids will take over the ranch.

Hyatt is typical of many farmers and ranchers; most come from a background in agriculture. However, Hyatt is unique in that he is young compared to the average New Mexico farmer or rancher, who, according to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, is over 60.

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, the number of farms and ranches in the U.S. has continued to decline since the 1940s. New Mexico, however, showed an 18 percent increase, from 20,930 farms and ranches in 2007 to 24,721 in 2012. Doña Ana County also showed an increase, from 1,762 farms and



Seth Hyatt is pictured at his ranch with a small herd of cattle in Deming.



From left, Ethan Wilkins, Bree Adams, Addie Hackey, Allie Adams, Eli Wilkins, Tyson Adams, Blake Hackey and Casey Crist on the Adams' farm in Las Uvas.

ranches in 2007 to 2,184 farms and ranches in 2012.

While it's important to get younger generations involved in agriculture, it can be a challenge for those who don't come from an established family farm or ranch, said Tanner Anderson, coordinator of the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program.

"Agriculture is an ex-

tremely difficult industry to get into for a lot of different reasons," Anderson said. "First of all, you have to have the skillset for the type of agriculture you want to do."

Farmers and ranchers must also understand the land, weather patterns, agricultural technology and more.

"When you're a farmer or rancher, you're not just a farmer or rancher, you're also a mechanic,

meteorologist – there's a ton of different skills you need to have to be successful," he said.

The YF&R program helps young farmers and ranchers (between the ages of 18-35), training them for leading roles in agriculture and fostering them through the industry.

"In New Mexico, we have roughly 35 active members in our program, and we're trying to grow that number," Anderson

said.

Along with a thorough understanding of the industry, the cost of starting an agricultural business is also a barrier for new farmers and ranchers. They must purchase equipment, feed and cattle, all of which can be extremely expensive.

Loans for farmers and ranchers are offered through various programs; however, getting a loan isn't always enough. Hyatt said he's witnessed first-hand how a business in agriculture can quickly take a turn for the worse.

"I've seen my closest neighbor put a ton of money into his onions or his chile and be ready for harvest and a hail storm hit and wipe him out," Hyatt said. "... We're not just talking a few 100 bucks, we're talking millions of dollars' risk for not much return. And so, we don't even need to go to Vegas to gamble; every year's a gamble."

Tyson Adams, 30, is another young New Mexico farmer. Like Hyatt, he comes from a family steeped in agriculture. Onions and chile are the main crops grown at Adams Produce, along with cotton, alfalfa, corn and pecans on 2,800 acres in Doña Ana County and outside the county.

Josh Cenicerros, 24, who works full time for Chile River Farms in Salem, New Mexico, broke into the industry through a working relationship with a farmer. He also runs a side business, M&J Farms, in Las Cruces, which provides services like laser leveling and pecan tree spraying.

Cenicerros said he got involved with Chile River Farms because he went to school with a member of the Franzoy family, who owns the business. He began helping the Franzoy family at their onion shed and "one thing led to another," he said.

"I started at the packing facility when I was 16 or 17. Every now and then, I would drive tractors and work on the farm, and it became a little more and a little more."

Cenicerros said he became interested in the work and ultimately gave up pursuing a college degree to follow his passion in agriculture.

"My mentors mentored me and told me their mistakes and what they learned, and I'm still making mistakes and they're still teaching me," he said. "... I wouldn't have any idea of what to do if I did it on my own."

Anderson says trade schools can help empower young farmers and ranchers. "I think that's something agriculture could definitely tap into and have ag-specific schools. I think there's opportunity, but we have to find a way to help create those programs and develop those courses."

Until then, Anderson said he thinks the families who are deeply rooted in agriculture will continue to pass down their skills and knowledge.

"It's a part of their legacy."

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Funny moments: It takes two (or more) to laugh

Humor has always been an important part of my life. I am not a comedian, but I enjoy those people who display a light-hearted approach to life while enduring the difficult parts, and who can help people to laugh (especially at themselves).

So today I was led to share with you some funny moments which I hope you enjoy with me.

- My brother enjoyed teasing people, and I was his favorite subject. It seemed to be far more fun for him than for me. However, it helped rub off some of my rough character traits. Seldom could I get even, though I tried.

When he was a freshman in college, there was a carnival to raise some money for some good cause. My brother and some fellow students came up with what they considered to be a great idea. It concerned a picture-taking booth using polaroid film. The booth had two metal folding chairs which had been hooked up to a small battery so that as the picture was taken there was an electrical shock. The pictures were hilariously funny, but there were mixed reactions of the unsuspecting "customers." However, most of them immediately sought

out others to have their pictures taken!

One of the professors and his wife came in to have their pictures taken. When the picture was developed it showed the

professor rising from his chair with mouth wide open; but his wife was calmly sitting in her chair. She was then asked why she did not feel the shock. Her reply: "It must have been because of my rubber girdle,"

- At a youth meeting in one of my churches, the topic for the lesson was about angels. There was much discussion about Bible accounts of angels, what did they look like, had anyone seen one, etc. Then one youth asked if angels were male or female. That was discussed for at length, then one bright young lady ventured the opinion that they were neither – that they were "ambidextrous."

- When our nephew, Timothy, was about 5 years old, we were privileged to have him stay with us for about a week. One day he informed us that one evening a skunk came into their house through an open side door which led to the basement where he was playing. I asked him

what he did about it. He replied that he tied a string around him and led him out of the house. I asked if there was a stink, to which he replied, "Yes, but I got some room spray and sprayed it all around."

When we took Timothy back home, I asked my brother about the skunk, he asked "What skunk?" Young children do have great imaginations and storytelling abilities!

- Then there was the time when our son, Bob, was a Cub Scout that we had a camp out in our backyard. We had prepared some hobo stoves made out of 3-pound coffee cans. Then the Cubs fixed their own breakfasts. The menu was bacon, eggs, and pancakes with syrup. Because this event took place where there was much bare ground, some dirt got mixed in with the food. One 8-year-old boy was enjoying himself thoroughly in spite of the ring of dirt around the edge of his plate. As he ate his food, he was heard to remark, "This is better than Mom's cooking!"

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The Camino Real Archery Team: Coaches Tanna Miller and Sharla Estep pose with team members Adelyn Weber, Kaleb Carrillo, Adam Springler, Andrew Ranny, Sebastian Alvarez, Evan Taylor, Jessica Corral, Aaron Lara, Madilynn Merigo, Evan Ball, Johnathan Lueneberger, Israel Silva, Connor Flowers, Jacob Estep, Jarhec Arreola, Ethan Pack, Alana O'Brien, Madi Lueneberger, Nathaniel Loya, Gabriel Ball, Nathaniel Ball, Sean Miller, Jady Rowlett, Stephen Tarrango, Jonah Uganda, Brandon Miller, LeslieAnn Apodaca, Caitlin O'Brien, Karley Moore, Savannah Monroe, Avery Haynes, Andres Atencio-Villegas and Grant Johnson.



Representatives from the Camino Real Middle School Archery Team pose with the state runner-up trophy for the NASP NM Tournament in Albuquerque. From left are Coach Tanna Miller, Brandon Miller (Overall High-Scoring Boy), Karly Moore, Jacob Estep (Third-Place Middle School Boy) and Coach Sharla Estep.

Straight arrow

LCPS archery students qualify for national tournament

BULLETIN REPORT

Students from Sonoma Elementary School and Camino Real Middle School will head to Salt Lake City in April to compete in the Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) national tournament.

After the NASP NM state tournament in Albuquerque, four students from the Camino Real Archery Team qualified for the national tournament, placing second in the Middle School Division. One elementary student from the Sonoma Arrow Express Archery Team qualified for Salt Lake City, placing seventh overall in the Elementary Division.

P.E. teacher Tanna Miller has been coaching

archery for the past three years at Camino Real Middle School and five years at Sonoma Elementary. Miller, along with assistant coaches Justin Miller, Paul Estep and Sharla Estep, started the program by coaching fourth grade students who took quickly to the sport, becoming experienced archers in a matter of weeks.

"I truly appreciate the dedication and hard work put into this program by all of my students and their parents," Miller said. "They commit to weekly practices and traveling to Albuquerque. I am also very proud of the progress our Camino Real Team has made since they first started out as fourth graders. Their scores increase

every year."

The National Archery in the Schools Program is an in-school program aimed at improving educational performance among students in grades 4-12. Through the program, students are taught focus, self-control, discipline, patience and the life lessons required to be successful in the classroom and in life.

Extracurricular activities [such as archery] teach students valuable life skills that they may not learn in the classroom," said Greg Ewing, superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools. "It's always great to see our students excel, and we wish these students luck at the national competition."

The national tournament is scheduled for April

26-27.

Students from Las Cruces Public Schools who qualified include:

From the Camino Real Archery Team:

Brandon Miller – First place High Individual in the overall boys' division, first place in the middle school division, and first place in the eighth-grade division with a score of 277 out of 300.

Jacob Estep – Sixth place overall boy, third place in the middle school boys' division, and second place in the eighth-grade boys' division with a score of 270 out of 300.

Aaron Lara – Tenth place overall boy, sixth place in the middle school boys' division and fifth place in the eighth-grade



Sonoma Arrow Express Archery Team: Coaches Tanna Miller and Paul Estep pose with team members Brooklyn Hicks, Rosalyn Flowers, Austin Pack, Cameron Wismer, Lilliana Baraza, James Roegge, Ella Shoup, Sydney Treon, Archer Scott, Cohen Flowers, Lucy White, Taylor Juarros, Gia Jimenez, Alonzo Ruiz, Heber Bird, Adrian Olguin, Beau Bagwell, Jocelyn Bernal, Ethan Quezada and Jaeton Monroe.

boys' division with a score of 267 out of 300.

Jarhec Arreola – 12th overall girl, fourth place in the middle school girls' division and fourth place in the eighth-grade girls' division with a score of 255 out of 300.

From the Sonoma Arrow Express Archery

Team:

Jaeton Monroe – Seventh place overall in the Elementary division and fifth place overall in the fifth-grade division with a score of 244 out of 300.

A total of 466 boys and 364 girls from throughout the state participated in the tournament.

Cosgrove beginning to excel in lacrosse

Lacrosse player Mason Cosgrove has surpassed her offensive production from all last season. The Mayfield High School graduate played six of the first seven games for the University of Dallas and started every time. The defender had three goals and two assists, eclipsing last year's two assists. Cosgrove led the team with 32 ground balls.

Cosgrove started all 18 of the school's soccer games during the fall and scored twice.

More women's lacrosse

Senior midfielder Sarah Patterson started one of the first three games for Adams State University. The Oñate High alumna had two ground balls.

Women's indoor track and field

Mayfield product Kayla Stephens scored in the pole vault for Eastern New Mexico University at the Lone Star Conference championship. The freshman's effort of 10 feet, 7 inches resulted in a fourth place.

Previously at Las Cruces High, graduate student Sydney Salas helped Northeastern University win the New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association championship. She won the 3,000-meter run, finishing in a personal best of 9 minutes, 50.99 seconds.



BARBARA BOXLEITNER
Keeping Up

Baseball

New Mexico Military Institute freshman pitcher Jadon Archuleta had a 1-2 record with a team-high two saves through the team's first 22 games. The former Bulldawg had a 4.82 earned run average.

Adams State University pitcher Daniel Brennan had a 0-3 record in five starts. Out of Oñate, he had a 7.64 ERA.

Sophomore outfielder Michael Contreras batted .273 and drove in one run in eight games for Lewis and Clark College. He played for Mayfield.

Centennial High graduate Manny Cachora hit .293 in 17 games for Luna Community College. The sophomore infielder cracked two home runs and drove in 12 runs.

Men's track and field

University of Portland sophomore Thomas Salas finished eighth in the 1,500-meter run at the Willamette Opener. He competed for the Knights.

Goucher College sophomore Devon Esslinger placed fifth in the triple jump at the Landmark Conference championship. The past Bulldawg set a school record with an effort of 40-7. Esslinger averaged 3.7 points and 2.6 points in seven games for the basketball team.

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Paddle up



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Third-, fourth- and fifth graders (pictured) at Sonoma Elementary School received pickleball paddles and 10 balls March 14 from the Aaron Gifford Pickleball Benefit tournament and its sponsor, Onix. "We contacted [Sonoma Elementary] PE teacher Tanna Miller and asked her if she'd be interested in this program," said tournament committee member Laura Smart. Coach Carl Marten of Doña Ana Elementary, NMSU Tennis Coach Carlos Vargas, Jeff Anderson, Minerva Riveras and Smart taught approximately 250 elementary students how to play pickleball during their March 14 visit to the school.

Pickleball tournaments



Doña Ana County mixed doubles pickleball senior games, 65-69 age bracket, were played March 11 at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Virginia Barbier and Clayton Henry, in the far court, won gold. Laura Smart and Rob McCorkle, forecourt, took silver. Meanwhile, the 2nd annual Aaron Gifford Pickleball Tournament, benefiting the Community of Hope Homeless Veteran's Program and Mission 22, will be held Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7, at the New Mexico State University's Tennis Complex. Men's and Women's Doubles competition in the nationally sanctioned tournament is Saturday and Mixed Doubles matches are Sunday. Competition begins at 8 a.m. both days.

COURTESY PHOTO



Good pitch

New Mexico State University pitcher Samaria Diaz spun a 1-hitter against Seattle University March 29 in Seattle. The Aggies, 15-14 overall, 1-2 in the Western Athletic Conference going into Tuesday's rivalry game against the University of New Mexico, are home this weekend against Utah Valley (6 p.m. Friday and a doubleheader at 4 and 6 p.m. Saturday, at the NM State Softball complex). The Aggie baseballers (20-7, 4-2) are also home, against Grand Canyon 6 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday at Presley Askew Field.

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Controversy over driving distance looms on the Tour

For several years there have been concerns from various quarters about the ever-increasing distance that pros are driving the golf ball. As the Tour lengthens its venues, players simply drive it longer.

Some classic old courses have no more room available and can no longer be used for Tour competition.

Just a few months ago USGA CEO Mike Davis stated, "Now is the time to examine this topic ... knowing it is critical to the future of the game." Same as it has been for the past 100 years. Now afoot is the "Distance Insights" project, which



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

will get more public attention with a joint report (maybe yet this year) from the USGA and R&A.

In 1992 the average Tour driving distance was 260.52 yards; in 2018 it was up 13 percent to 295.29. The average drive on the Web.com tour was 302.9! There is no question that the athleticism, mechanics, gym training, coaching, practice and methods of mostly young players have changed the landscape of the Tour dramatically. Almost all tour players are athletes; they lift, do cardio, work out. They have everything from Trackman to per-

sonal wearable analytics. Tours didn't have "fitness trailers" 40 years ago. Now there are personal trainers, swing coaches and sport psychologists. With 460 cc titanium drivers being sanctioned as conforming, and the Titleist Pro V1 ball appearing on the scene, the game has changed permanently.

There is a 23-year-old phenom from Sacramento by the name of Cameron Champ (fitting name) who averaged 343.1 on the 2018 Web.com Tour. In just his ninth start on the PGA Tour last October, Champ won the Sanderson Farms Classic. We're not talking brute long-drive competition a la Las Vegas. This

is a player who can score. He can hit his 3 iron 290 at sea level! In the LPGA, five players average over 270 and 31 are over 260. Michelle Wie hits it 310 to 320.

With equipment that is conforming, the ball probably goes too far. But there is an outside chance that non-conforming drivers may be used in tournaments, since inspection and testing are haphazard. When not rain-soaked, the closely mown tour fairways roll forever. For years now the "bomb-and-gouge" style of play has been popular because tour course set-ups permit it, and the viewers like a "birdie fest."

No one knows exactly the true origins of golf.

One popular story goes that the first "golf ball" was a simple rounded stone that was hit by a bored shepherd using his crook, and by luck the stone ended up in a gopher hole. But there is no doubt the "modern" game evolved in Scotland in the 1400s while playing a "featherie" ball with a sewn leather exterior tightly filled with goose down. That was played for nearly 300 years, until the advent of the "gutta percha" ball, a product of rubber trees, thanks to British colonialism.

In the early 1900s the "Haskell" ball was introduced, consisting of a solid rubber wound core, covered with gutta percha and with dimples,

meaning greater distance and control.

The world of golf as we know it might very well be changing within the next 18 months. Jack Nicklaus has publicly voiced his view that the ball the pros play goes too far; Tiger Woods has gone on record saying the ball goes too far. The USGA and R&A might be heading on a collision course with golf ball manufacturers. I just hope a shorter ball doesn't cut my measly 220-yard drives all the way back to 180! Stay tuned next week for more on this.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Karla Banegas is a 17-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. She is on the Lady Trojan varsity softball team. Banegas is pitcher and plays third base. This season, her batting average is .386, she's had seven homeruns, 15 RBIs 2-2 with a 2.13 ERA pitching 21 Ks in 26.1 innings pitched. Banegas hopes to continue her softball career, as well as furthering her education, at the University of Colorado. She is an open-minded young lady with a goofy personality and is a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. Outside of school and sports, she enjoys fishing and four-wheeling.



Derek Martinez is a 16-year-old sophomore at Mayfield High School. He plays on the Trojan baseball team as an infielder. His batting average is .388. "Mr. Hustle" (as Martinez is affectionately referred to) is very positive and enjoys the game of baseball. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.50 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Martinez spends his free time weightlifting.

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