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For the fallen

A Las Cruces police officer salutes the Stars & Stripes Monday evening during a candlelight vigil on Plaza de Las Cruces. The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, New Mexico State Police, Las Cruces Police Department and other law-enforcement agencies honored officers from southern New Mexico and El Paso County who died during the past year, including those killed in the line of duty.

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Protest board seeks to fill seats

Applications are now being accepted for positions on the Doña Ana County Valuation Protest Board.

Each two-year appointment requires a commitment of several full workdays, possibly up to two full work weeks, each year for protest hearings. The New Mexico State Department of Taxation and Revenue will reimburse each board member at a rate of \$80 per day and 45 cents per mile for round-trip transportation to the Doña Ana County Government Center for days on which hearings are scheduled.

Applicants may not hold elected office while serving on the Valuation Protest Board, nor may they be public-sector employees. All applicants must be registered voters in Doña Ana County. Substantial knowledge of the Doña Ana County

real estate market and appraisal methodology is preferred.

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. June 7, 2019. The committee's nominees for the post will be submitted to the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners for approval at a subsequent meeting. The commissioners may also appoint alternate members.

To be considered, send a letter of interest and a resume to the Valuation Protest Board Nomination Committee, c/o Chuck Franco, Doña Ana County Assessor's Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM, 88007.

For more information, contact Cole Ortiz, (575) 525-5548. Residents calling from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free, 1-877-827-7200, extension 5548.

County Fire defeats DASO

Volunteers and staff with the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department pulled ahead of Team DASO in the Las Cruces Walk to Defeat ALS, held May 4 at Sisbarro Park on the campus of New Mexico State University.

The friendly competition challenged each department to raise money for the New Mexico Chapter of the ALS Association. In the end, over \$800 was raised between the two teams in a matter of days, with Doña Ana County Fire leading the effort by \$75 over the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office.

The team with the least amount of donations had to endure the Ice Bucket Challenge, where giant coolers of ice water were dumped over Undersheriff Jaime Quezada. In solidarity, Fire Chief Nick Hempel joined Quezada in getting doused.

Since the Ice Bucket Challenge first started, millions of dollars have been raised to provide research, services and education to those affected by the disease. This was the first year the walk was held in Las Cruces, according to organizers.

Mobile clinic heads to Rincon

Staff with Doña Ana County's Community and Constituent Services (CCS) Office, along with the Animal Control and Codes Enforcement Department, have scheduled a joint Mobile Constituent Services Hour Clinic in Rincon for residents to discuss issues and concerns.

The clinic will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16 at the Rincon Community Resource Center, 220 Baker Street. District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner Manuel Sanchez and local congressional staff have been invited to attend.

Animal Control and Codes Enforcement staff will be able to address issues pertaining to the solid waste ordinance and animal welfare. In addition,

their staff will provide information about their department's Animal Control Environment Survey (ACES) project, efforts of the Illegal Dumping Partnership, and community cleanup avenues through the Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful program.

During the one-hour program, CCS staff will note additional concerns raised that may need follow-up with other county departments. If the concerns raised do not fall in the county's jurisdiction, constituents will be referred accordingly to external resources.

For more information about the Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinics, contact the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 525-5989.



DASO Undersheriff Jaime Quezada and Doña Ana County Fire Chief Nick Hempel, center, join Doña Ana County volunteer firefighters at the first-ever Las Cruces Walk to Defeat ALS at NMSU May 4.

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Mayor enjoys the personal side of politics

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

In his 12th year as mayor and 26th in City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana county government, Ken Miyagishima has dealt with everything from the city's minimum wage increase and a major land swap with the City of Albuquerque to honoring local military veterans and even helping a woman get her transmission fixed.

"I have fun. I enjoy it," said Miyagishima, who turns 56 on May 15.

Working with his colleagues on the city council, the mayor said, can "make a difference in somebody's life. It's a team effort."

His personal efforts included a Las Cruces woman who asked for the mayor's help because the transmission in her car kept breaking down and she couldn't get the dealership where she bought it to honor the warranty. Identifying himself on the phone only as "Ken," the mayor discovered that the warranty would be honored by any of a number of local preferred mechanics with just a small copay – the



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Mayor Ken Miyagishima spoke at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope's spring open house in April.

original repair estimate was \$2,000. He made the woman an appointment and her transmission was repaired.

"She was happy as a clam," Miyagishima said. "I'll never forget that."

He also remembers going to another woman's house to help her figure out how to deal with an outdoor bee problem.

"You just never know," the mayor said. "Every situation is unique."

The mayor credits the many contacts he has built up over the years and his training in sales – he's a long-time Las Cruces insurance agent and business owner – for teaching him how to respond quickly to people's problems and helping solve them.

"If you live in the city and you're registered to vote, you're one of my bosses," Miyagishima said. "My job is a temp job – it comes up for renewal every four years. I do my best to keep my bosses happy."

Miyagishima has not yet announced if he will seek a fourth term as mayor in this November's combined city/Las Cruces Public Schools/Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District election.

Miyagishima grew up about a block from his Farmers Insurance office on Solano Drive. He wore hand-me-downs and was on the free-and-reduced-lunch program at Conlee Elementary School.

"I can't imagine a child eating only at school and then that's it," he said.

Miyagishima proposed the Mayor's Meal Initiative for city fund-

ing in 2016 "to ensure no child in Las Cruces goes to bed hungry." It grew into a partnership with Las Cruces Public Schools that created the city's first community school at Lynn Middle School. From December 2017-December 2018, the program paid for 91,000 meals served citywide and expanded the number of days meals are served and the number of service sites. LCPS is expected to designate three additional community schools next school year.

The community school concept is a good idea "because it helps children and parents," the mayor said. The city, he said, should "provide every opportunity to make sure our children are successful in their lives."

Miyagishima also continues the stay-in-school initiative and fitness and nutrition challenge he began more than 11 years ago. Through the program, he visits two dozen elementary schools in Las Cruces, Mesilla and the Village of Doña Ana each year to tell third graders to "stay strong. You are our future leaders. We need you to be successful." He challenges them to stay in school, exercise and eat well.

"That's what keeps me going," Miyagishima said. "I get a certain feeling when I'm able to help somebody."

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City council limits downtown parking

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council set time limits on downtown parking, awarded funds to local health-related nonprofits and approved a public housing plan at its Monday, May 6, regular meeting.

Downtown parking

The council approved a two-hour time limit on parking on non-residential streets in the downtown area Monday-Saturday (excluding Sundays or public holidays) beginning Sept. 1. The restrictions are necessary, the city said in its executive summary of the resolution authorizing the change, "because people are parking their vehicles on the streets – Main, Water

and North Church – for extended periods of time, forcing patrons of the local business and visitors of the (downtown) plaza to have to park elsewhere."

The summary said signs will be erected in each city block giving notice of the parking restrictions.

The city's Downtown Parking Committee, which the council appointed in March 2018, recommended that time-limited parking be implemented because of the growing number of events and businesses downtown. The committee is chaired by Councilor Kasandra Gandara and includes a downtown business owner, a downtown property owner, a resident of a neighborhood adjacent to downtown, a representative of the Farmers & Crafts Market

of Las Cruces, a member of a city council district that doesn't include downtown and a member-at-large.

City staff will explore enforcement options for the resolution, the city said, including meters and kiosks.

The resolution passed 6-1, with Mayor Ken Miyagishima voting against.

The council also approved an ordinance repealing and replacing the parking regulations in the city municipal code to reflect changes in downtown parking. That vote was 5-2, with Gandara, Smith, Vasquez, Flores and Sorg voting for the resolution and Miyagishima and Eakman voting against it.

Grants

A total of \$401,000 was awarded to 17 local nonprofits in year two of city

funding. Receiving \$24,300 each were Big Brothers, Big Sisters Mountain Region, Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces, Casa de Peregrinos emergency food program, Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, Families and Youth, Inc. El Crucero permanent supportive housing program, Jardin de los Niños homeless and near homeless childcare program, La Piñon sexual assault recovery services for The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program, Mesilla Valley CASA (court appointed special advocates), Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Mesilla Valley Hospice, Roadrunner Food Bank, Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach, Amador

Health Services (formerly St. Luke's health care clinic), Third Judicial District Court of Las Cruces for its veterans treatment court; and receiving \$16,200 was Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico Crime and Domestic Violence program.

The money comes from the city's Telshor Facility Fund, created by the council in October 2004 with proceeds from the pre-paid lease of Memorial Medical Center to Providence Healthcare Company. The fund contains more than \$40 million, Interim City Manager Bill Studer said at the May 6 meeting. It generates about \$750,000 in interest a year at present, said Assistant City Manager David Dollahon.

Public housing

The council unanimously approved the city's action plan for public housing and community development. The plan is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs to address city goals of reducing homelessness, stabilizing impoverished households, increasing the affordability of rental housing, preserving existing affordable housing and providing affordable home ownership options. The program has a \$1.33 million budget.

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Bathroom business: America's hidden shame

Laziness. Rudeness. Forgetfulness. A sudden crisis. Those are really the only four reasons a grownup would not flush the toilet.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

As adults, we pride ourselves on not practicing those first three.

Yet, we have proven to ourselves that is who we are as a citizenry: Lazy, rude, forgetful.

How else can you explain the automatic toilet flusher?

Most public restroom toilets in America these days flush automatically. Evidently, we have conceded the fact humans, left to their own devices, will not flush the toilet.

There is also a surprisingly high percentage of people who still do not wash their hands after using the restroom. I guess I should modify that. There is still a surprisingly high percentage of men who do not wash their hands. The venues of my survey only account for about 50 percent of restrooms.

And yet, hand washing, too, has been made simpler by automation. Except that it hasn't.

How many times has this happened to you?

You go to wash your hands and bump the soap dispenser and no soap comes out. Then you hit it hard, and no soap comes out. Then you pull something, nearly pulling the soap dispenser out of the wall, and no soap comes out. Then you realize it's an automatic soap dispenser. So, you hold your hand under the sensor for what seems like the right amount of time, then you pull your hand away to the sink, only to watch the soap miss your hand and fall to the floor, having been triggered only after you pull your hand

away. So, this time, determined to hold your hand long enough for the soap to actually hit your hand, you again pull away too soon, and you watch the stream of foamy soap fall to the floor, joining a three-inch high mound of soap, forged by others who have suffered your same fate.

So, finally, you hit the right stride and some soap comes out, this time mostly on your hands. So, you move your hands under the automatic faucet, but no water comes out. So, you move your hands up, down, left, right, trying to hit the sensor just right. But no water comes out. So, you give up, deciding the faucet's not functioning, and you move over to the next sink. But, as soon as you move to a new sink, water comes out of the old faucet. Too lazy (see above) to move back to the old faucet, you move your hands up, down, left, right, trying to hit the sensor just right on the new sink. But no water comes out. So, you move back to the old sink, and then water comes out of the faucet you just left. So, you move your hands up, down, left, right, trying to hit the sensor just right.

Don't worry. You can wash your hands in your own tears of frustration.

If you ever do get your hands wet, now you have another dilemma. Do you dry your hands on paper towels or on the automated air dryer?

If the paper towel dispenser is automated, you again do the hand dance to activate the roll. Unlike the soap, though, if the roll activates late, the product isn't wasted. You can still tear it off.

If the dispenser is not automated, however, life is more difficult. It appears there are about four different styles of manual bathroom towel dispensers. And none of them work like the other. So, each time you go to a public restroom, you spend five min-

Three-wheel roping

I've always sorta figured the reason there is more cowboy poetry than there is farmer poetry has to do with horses. Most cowboy poetry is about wrecks. One person plus one



BAXTER BLACK
On the Edge
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cow equals a wreck now and then. One person plus one cow plus one horse equals a wreck every time! But then farmers discovered the three-wheeler! Honda invented the ATV! It was the farmer's first real horse replacement, complete with speed, weight, maneuvering, swerving, rolling, flipping, crashing and getting bucked off! The bonus was, they became a great inspiration for Cowboy/Farmer poetry!

Kelly was workin' for John, his brother and his dad. They were farmers who ran steers on wheat pasture in western Oklahoma. They didn't use horses. They used three-wheelers but treated them like horses.

John had spotted a snotty-nose, so he picked up Kelly and they drove back out to find the critter. Kelly sat in the seat behind John as the three-wheeler sailed over the sandy wheat field. John pointed to a brockle calf with a little ear. He was a tad wasty and looked to weigh about 600 pounds. "Rope him!" directed John as he goosed the tricycle and snapped Kelly's

neck. They flew across the field toward the fence. John followed the racing calf, swerving from side to side. "Rope him!" he screamed.

Kelly was standing, tears streaming from

his eyes, sand stinging his face and trying to swing a loop over the top of Kingfishers county's answer to Evil Knievel.

"Git on the other side," hollered Kelly, swingin' his left-hand loop at the steer on the wrong side. "This is as close as it gits," yelled John, "Throw it!"

Kelly fired a bullet of a loop. It looked like a monkey ropin' a gnu off the back of a galloping triceratops. He caught the steer! Now what? Kelly was gatherin' slack as John hazed the steer. John grabbed the tail of the rope and tried to dally to the handlebars.

The steer stumbled at the fence. Kelly bounced over the pilot, hit the dirt and managed to take a wrap on one of the creosote posts. When the steer hit the end of the slack the post broke off catapulting Kelly into the tangle. He clung to the post till the steer slowed to a crawl.

Over the horizon came John's brother Steve and their dad. They were pullin' the fishtailin' stock trailer behind the careening pickup. Kelly



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Why am I so stiff? Daily Tips to Consider

I get asked regularly by clients in the clinic: “Dennis, do you have any advice for someone like me who isn’t in a lot of pain? I’m just incredibly stiff when I wake up in the morning, and I feel it throughout the day, which means I can’t do things as easily as I’d like. Any advice?”

I want to clear up ‘why’ we feel stiff in the first place. A lot of people we see think that stiffness is something we feel as we get older - and while there’s some truth in that, stiffness isn’t always directly related to how old you are. Yes, as you get older your joints and muscles get stiff if you don’t exercise regularly. And it’s true that your joints become less flexible as the lubricating fluid inside them decreases, and the cartilage becomes thinner as you age... but there are some other points to factor in too.



Not drinking enough fluids and dehydration can also lead to stiff muscles. Muscles are active tissues, which means they’re the kind of tissue that requires the most water in the body. Inactivity is another culprit - leaving your muscles in one place for a prolonged period (sleep, sitting in a chair, driving for hours etc.) can cause them to stiffen.

Another cause can be related to stress - when we’re stressed, our bodies tighten up as preparation for a “fight or flight” situation. Prolonged stress can lead to you maintaining a tight posture, straining the muscles.



So, what can you do to reduce stiffness?

Here’s five quick and easy tips to add to your daily routine that will help you find a life with less stiffness, no matter what age you are.

1. Stretch - daily. Ten minutes in the morning when you first wake up, and again before bed. Doing gentle stretches just before bed can help you get a much better night’s sleep as well.
2. Walk – for at least ten minutes a day (even better, twenty if you can). Next time you need to make a long phone call, why not do it on your mobile and walk at the same time?
3. Avoid long periods of sitting - you’re better off laying stretched out on the sofa than you are sitting in a chair for longer periods of time. We’re NOT designed to sit. Stretching out can be a nice relief for muscles and joints, especially if you’ve had a long day at work sitting in a chair.
4. Take a warm bath – with Epsom salts or baking soda. The heat will ease your muscles almost immediately and will calm your mind.
5. Drink plenty of water – 70% of your muscles are water, so it makes sense that you support your body and keep it hydrated.

Don’t accept stiffness as part of life, if you do and you don’t do anything about it, it’s likely to worsen and affect your ability to move freely.

That’s all from me this week. I hope this information helps you and I’ll talk to you again next week. Have a great week!

Dennis Prickett
Physical Therapist
and co-owner of
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A matter of national will

To the editor:
Mr. [Patrick] Lyons’ mantra that “replacing natural gas would raise taxes and kill jobs” [Bulletin, April 26] sounds more disingenuous the more it is repeated.

The idea that we cannot get away from fossil fuels, or even that we need a “bridge fuel” while getting to alternative energy, is absurd. A transition is a matter of national will, and although it would certainly cause some disruption in the short term, people would soon adjust to the new energy economy.

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, we had few armaments and were certainly not prepared for war, but our nation recognized the emergency

quickly. We geared up and built 300,000 aircraft including 35,000 bombers, almost 50,000 Sherman tanks, 640,000 jeeps, nearly 7,000 warships, and provided all the personnel, training and logistical support needed to address the threat and win. At war’s end, a liberty ship which used to take five months to build was done in less than five days.

It seems ironic that fossil fuel advocates talk about all the taxes the industry pays, while not mentioning the tax breaks they continue to get for finding new locations to drill. A sunny state such as ours should follow California’s lead and require all new homes to have solar installed, along with energy-saving code requirements. Yes, it would be an upfront cost added to

the home but would save the homeowner in the long run and create lots of good jobs. It would be a start to a badly needed transition away from fossil fuels.

Andrew Henry
Las Cruces

Growth can be sustainable

To the editor:

In his May 3 opinion piece considering whether Las Cruces is entering another growth boom, Richard Coltharp quotes John Hummer as wondering whether the business community here is sufficiently robust to keep up with our growing population.

One group working hard to see that Las Cruces commerce thrives sustainably is SCORE, which offers mentoring to folks starting or growing businesses. SCORE is always seeking motivated, engaged volunteers and would be glad to provide more information. We can be contacted at score.397@scorelascruces.org or 575-523-5627.

Marcia E. Williams
SCORE Volunteer
Las Cruces

Proud of refugee aid

To the editor:

I am proud of the efforts our city is doing to aid asylum-seekers being dropped off in Las Cruces.

Various people and organizations got together and helped coordinate efforts to assist these people. My wife and I had the opportunity to help some of them at Meerscheidt to book travel arrangements for their next destination. Rather than sitting

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at home and complaining about whose fault this is like many decided to do on social media, there were many people who decided to be hands-on and do something about it.

One woman I helped was from Honduras. She was here with her three children and they were headed to be with their sponsor family members in another part of the country. As I was helping her she told me that she

hopes someday to be able to provide a better life for her family and to travel with her kids, without the fear of being deported or putting their lives at risk. That is her dream. When I got home I reflected on this and thought that I don't have to worry about this and because I was born a citizen of this country. We take what we have for granted, and while the current administration in Washington has made people like her a target, we in Las Cruces are doing what we can to help people like her

achieve their goals.

Let's do more of this, Las Cruces. We are setting an example to the rest of the country of how it is done.

Luis Guerrero
Las Cruces

Requesting transparency

To the editor:

The city housed refugees in a high school gym leaving untold germs from uninoculated people that our tax dollars then paid to scour the whole facility with because parents were refusing to send their kids back to that school. In the

meantime, I hope you run this letter I am sending to our trusted servants:

"Dear Mayor Miyagishima and our trusted city councilors:

"To maintain the City's commitment to transparency in government I am requesting an accounting be offered to the public of all monies spent in the housing and care either directly or indirectly (i.e., police services and utility costs) associated with immigrants that have been dropped at our doorstep. It would also be appropriate to include all the volun-

teer hours our citizens have put in to this situation.

"Being a crisis, these numbers should be offered at every city council meeting until our commitment to the situation ends. The public has the right to know this information directly from you."

Rob Wood
Las Cruces

Accountability a long road

To the editor:

I am writing in response

to articles written by Rob Wood relating to the \$575,000 approved by the City to pay for migrants.

First, I could not agree with him more, either on the requests for accountability or on his comment about not knowing why such funds are/were not used for our current citizens.

Second, I am interested in knowing why, if such large sums of money are available, was it neces-

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utes trying to decipher which kind of dispenser is at hand and trying to remember how this kind works. Each have their own devilish design flaws.

No wonder so many

people have given up washing their hands.

Sometimes I will play Restroom Roulette, betting beforehand, which of the three devices – sink, soap, dispenser – are automated. If all three are automatic, you have hit the Toilet Trifecta. With all the technology of society, it's surprising how

rare it is to find the Toilet Trifecta.

Yes. Welcome to America, where we can't depend on each other to flush the toilet, and no one will admit it.

Should not be surprising, I guess.

We still are unable to admit our issues with weight. As our aver-

age weight continues to increase, what do I see increasingly exclusively in the men's sections at clothing stores? Slim fit jeans, slim fit dress pants, slim fit shirts.

I love my country. I really do.

But every day, on every level, there is less and less of it I understand.

BAXTER

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was plowing a furrow and poundin' his pockets full of sand when Steve leaped out. He dropped the tailgate and, just like it was choreographed, the steer jumped toward

the trailer. "Let go of the post, you dummy!" shouted Steve, "You'll get hurt."

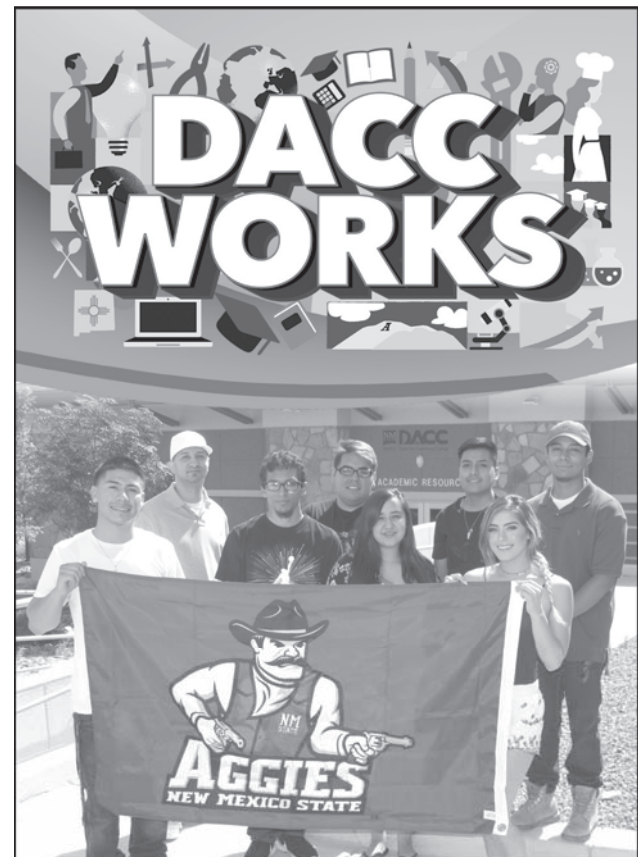
Kelly did. Like a sling-shot, the post left his grip and whacked Steve square on the butt. His head hit the crossbar above the tailgate and he executed a complete

backflip. John and his dad slammed the tailgate on the steer (and Steve who hung like a gutted white tail from the highest slats.)

Time has gone by and 4x4s have replaced the three-wheeler. And it has its advantages, but neither three-wheelers nor four

can beat a horse and cowboy with a rope in his hand for gettin' the job done and makin' a good story.

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sary to request all the GO BOND millions. The available funds could have been used to reduce the total in bond funding requested.

Third, I have been an advocate for transparency and accounting in other areas – without success. Therefore, Mr. Wood, please know that if you pursue this, you have a long road ahead. But your efforts have my full support.

*Patricia Mitchell
Las Cruces*

Happy Easter

To the editor:
Please pass this along

to Ruth Justice Moorer to let her know how much I love her articles [“Not for Sissies,” every first and third Friday of the month on Seniors page]. The one for Easter bunnies was especially informative and enjoyable. Enjoyable does not need to be informative; her writings are both and then some. Thank you!

*Mary Ellen Varnell
Las Cruces*

Unhappy Easter

To the editor:
On Sunday April 21, the Easter Bunny came to Leaping Lizard Loop to visit as it has done for the past three years. The Easter Bunny is a per-

son who uses powder to show where it has been by making foot or paw prints.

This year we had a new resident move in. Well, the Easter Bunny made it on one side of our street and only got to where the new resident moved into. At our community mailbox there was a letter from the Easter Bunny stating that it had been confronted by a new resident and basically was run off. The footprints or pawprints were swept away in front of the new resident's house.

The letter went on to state that the Easter Bunny will no longer come to this street on

Easter to give the children their Easter baskets. The younger children are now denied the fun they had in the past following the Easter Bunny and seeing where it went on Easter Sundays. This was a happy street and now one resident has ruined it for all. Easter Sundays are not supposed to be filled with hate but with love.

*Jim Woehl
Las Cruces*

Thanks for a great show

To the editor:

The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces held its annual fundraising Fashion Show on April 13, and is happy to report that, again, the show was a great success. The staff of the Hotel Encanto, Chico's, La Tienda, NMSU Golf Shop and the great ladies of Progress Club were all instrumental in ensuring the proceeds raised at this event could continue to fund scholarships and donations to various charities.

The members of the GFWC Progress Club would especially like to thank the following individuals and our business community for their

generous donations: Las Colcheras Quilt Guild, Austin's Jewelers, Glenn Cutter Gallery, Barb's Flowerland, Corner Bakery, Lana Bradley, Mary Wilke & Kathy Snow, Salon de Mesilla, Maloolley's Flooring Co., NMSU Pro Shop, Coyote Traders, Exit Reality, Artist Robert Highsmith, Dave Siefer Photography, Toucan Market, Billy the Kid Salon, DAV, Linda Capeton, Myra Mae Parson, Mateo Jewelers, La Posta, FARMesilla, Fitness One-Tanner Green, Natural Grocers and Sprouts.

We want to thank the Las Cruces Bulletin for providing the means to publicize in the Coming Up section, and we hope that this attention will encourage ladies to join us and help the club to continue its work in making Las Cruces a generous and caring place to live.

*Ingeborg Peter
GFWC Progress Club of
Las Cruces*

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To the editor:

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*Jo Ruprecht
Las Cruces*



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COMING UP

NMSU Spring Commencement: 6 p.m. Friday, May 10; 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Pan American Center, NMSU. More than 1,900 students projected to participate. Tickets not required. Info: commencement.nmsu.edu.

Astronomy open house: 9 p.m. Friday, May 10, Tombaugh Campus Observatory, 3415 Williams Ave., NMSU. Free. Info: 575-646-4438.

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

- May 11: Porcelain flowers
- May 18: Paper plate dairy cow

Stamp Out Hunger: Letter carriers' 27th annual food drive, Saturday, May 11. Leave non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox.

NARFE: Meets 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 11, Esperanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. Speaker: Chris Erickson, NMSU professor of economics. Info: Carol Main, 575-382-7686, or Carol Smith, 575-522-3033.

Embroiderer's Guild of America: Las Cruces Chapter meets 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Village at Northrise, Hallmark Building, 2882 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. New members welcome. Info: 575-522-4684.

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley: Meet 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Grapevine Plaza Ballroom, 3900 W. Picacho. Speakers: state Sen. Craig Brandt, Congressional candidate Yvette Herrell and Doña Ana Republican Party Vice Chair Dave Tofsted. Info: Carol Cooper, 575-644-1790; tSCOOPER@qwestoffice.net.

Roundtable Discussion Group: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sundays, Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano.

- May 12: Poet Chuck Harper, "The Quest for Human Meaning"

- May 19: Linda Rogers, "Being Transgender"
- May 26: Columnist Algernon D'Amassa, "Whiteness as Membership?"

Share the Road Visibility Ride: Bicyclists gather 7:05 a.m. Monday, May 13, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Departure 7:15 a.m., ending about 7:40 at Starbucks, corner University and Espina. Wear a helmet and obey traffic laws.

Southwest Calligraphy Guild: Meets 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, First Presbyterian church, 200 E. Boutz. Info: Karin McClain, 575-524-2805.

Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees: Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Speaker is Sylvia Ulloa, first Latina managing editor of the Sun-News. Cost: \$12. Info: Navora Richardson, 575-639-0338; Kathi Becker, 575-639-0338.

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Bookstore continues refugee book drive

BULLETIN REPORT

Libros Para El Viaje/ Books for the Journey, the refugee book drive sponsored by Casa Camino Real Bookstore, is alive and well, said bookstore owner/operator Denise Chavez.

“As we receive books, we sort and organize them. We then distribute books on a weekly basis, sometimes more often, as refugee families arrive at various hospitality centers,” Chavez said.

Their latest endeavor is to bring a donated pallet of Spanish books from Chicago to Las Cruces. Casa Camino Real is looking for a freight company to deliver the books from Chicago, a Las Cruces space to house and sort the books, and additional donations of books in Spanish for children, young adults and adults.

“Libros Para El Viaje Refugee Book Drive will continue as refugee children and adults find their way home,” Chavez said.



Casa Camino Real bookstore is located at 314 S. Tornillo St. in the Mesquite Historic District.

“We thank our Las Cruces community for stepping forward with love and compassion as we resolve this humanitarian need. The situation on the U.S./ México border is challenging. And throughout, our book donations continue to bring joy and light to

our families and children and youth of all ages.”

Casa Camino Real is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Visit the store at 314 S. Tornillo St., call 575-523-3988 or email comezon09@comcast.net.



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Author and bookstore owner Denise Chavez with Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

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NMSU signs agreement with Sandia National Laboratories

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

With the signing of a memorandum of understanding, New Mexico State University and Sandia National Laboratories have established a partnership to develop learning opportunities and coordinate education and research for the next decade.

NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu and Sandia National Laboratories Associate Labs Director and Chief Research Officer Susan Seestrom signed the agreement April 10 in Albuquerque.

"I am happy for our two organizations to embark on a new era of cooperation and strategic partnerships," Arvizu said.

"This is an opportunity for us to work together to demonstrate that the whole is bigger than the sum of the parts. It is a very important concept for both academia and the research ability of our country's national labs in general."

Seestrom added that Sandia's collaboration with NMSU allows for more research to be conducted, which helps the government.

"It illustrates our commitment to partnership. I think this is going to continue to foster the kind of research that we are doing at Sandia Labs to ensure global peace and to help make New Mexico a stronger state," she said.

This partnership is expected to allow for the

sharing of specialized and unique research facilities and equipment. Inter-institutional collaborative arrangements of faculty, staff and students will include Sandia staff teaching and directing graduate students, while NMSU will offer professional development and job-related continuing education.

Additionally, this partnership will allow NMSU and Sandia to pursue opportunities of mutual interest in the areas of national security and the nation's critical infrastructures such as water research, cyber security and sustainability.

Tiffany Acosta may be reached at 575-646-3929, tfrank@nmsu.edu.



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New Mexico State University and Sandia National Laboratories signed a 10-year memorandum of Understanding April 10 in Albuquerque. From left, Jaime Moya, director of environment, safety and health, Sandia National Laboratories; Susan Seestrom, associate labs director and chief research officer, Sandia National Laboratories; Dan Arvizu, NMSU chancellor; and Dan Sanchez, technology partnerships program manager, National Nuclear Security Administration Sandia Field Office.

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Minnesota Club: Luncheon 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, Aqua Reef, 141 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. For those with ties to the Gopher State. Info: Kris, 575-323-3624 or 303-908-4876.

Las Cruces AARP: Monthly meeting, 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, Senior Amigos, Roadrunner and East Lohman.

Military Officers Association: Mesilla Valley Chapter meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, Las Cruces Convention Center. Dinner \$28 per person. Info: Christine Sautter, 352-317-7129; Bob Gaupel, 575-993-3060.

Julie Silver: Renowned Jewish songwriter and recording artist in concert, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Blvd. Admission: \$10. Info: 575-524-3380; juliesilver.com.

Dofia Ana County Commission: Special meeting to discuss FY 2020 proposed budget, 9 a.m. Thursday, May 16, commission chambers, County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Historical Society: "New Mexico, Slavery and the Confederate Cause," presented by Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: Jim Eckles, 575-521-8771.

Blazin' Brewfest: Seventh annual, 5-9 p.m. Friday, May 17, Plaza de Las Cruces. Local, regional and statewide craft breweries present their wares. Tickets \$15 in advance at www.nmbeer.org, \$20 at the gate.

Book sale: Sponsored by Friends of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., 3-5 p.m. Friday, May 17 (for members), and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 18 (public).

Roller derby: Crossroads City's Las Santas vs. Alamo's Rocketdolls, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18, rink behind Meerscheidt Rec Center. Gates open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$7 in advance at Nessa's Café, \$10 at the gate.

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Urban beekeeping: Welcome the buzz



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A close look at a swarm of bees on a branch.

BY CASSIE MCCLURE
and SUZANNE MICHAELS
For the Bulletin

A buzz in your garden is a sign of health. Bees are the ultimate little gardener, helping to pollinate flowers and vegetables throughout the world. But bees are in trouble. From urban sprawl to drought to the abundant use of chemical herbicides and pesticides, they are in a state of crisis. It's now up to us to learn how to work with and support these crucial critters.

At the Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Lush and Lean workshop "Urban

Beekeeping and Pollinator Friendly Plants" on Thursday, May 16, learn how to make a better home for bees in your garden.

"We want to lay out that pollinator insects are in a crisis," said presenter Bob Reneau, president of Paseo del Norte Beekeepers, who will bring a demonstration hive with live honey bees to explain why bees are so critical to our future and why they are in trouble.

"Monocropping – the growing of the same crop in a regional area – and urban sprawl eliminating nesting places, patho-

gens, and mites that destroys the hives, all these work in concert to cause bee colony collapse."

Reneau explains that most people are likely unaware how much influence bees have on food. "You'll see trucks full of beehives heading to California to help the almond production," he said. "For the alfalfa seed producers, the alkali bee has been invaluable. More and more it's critical that people realize we need to maintain bees for the health of our crops."

Founded in 2015, by Reneau and Michael Duchoquette, Paseo del Norte Beekeepers Association (www.pdnbeekeepers.org) is one of the largest regional clubs for beekeeping hobbyists and commercial beekeepers, serving beekeepers in and around Las Cruces and El Paso.

The Lush and Lean presentation will help garden enthusiasts learn how to keep pollinator-friendly plants and review ways to have

Earth-friendly pest management to ensure a lush and healthy landscape. One tip Reneau has that seems counterintuitive: Leave a part of your garden as just soil.

"An easy way to cultivate native bees for gardeners is to leave a small part of their garden barren for those bees to create their homes in the ground," he explains. "In turn, they'll return the favor and help pollinate your plants and flowers."

All Lush and Lean Workshops are free, held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. See the complete list of speakers and dates at www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation.

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Road projects

Current City of Las Cruces road projects include:

- Arroyo Road from Red Hawk Golf Road to Sonoma Ranch Boulevard will be closed to through traffic.
- Brownlee Avenue from Second Street to Third Street will be closed to through traffic. Access to residents will be maintained.
- Church Street from Bowman Avenue to Griggs Street will have one lane closed to traffic. Access to businesses will be maintained.
- Downtown Las Cruces from Bowman Avenue to Las Cruces Avenue has a new traffic pattern, converted to two-way traffic. The change is permanent.
- Roadrunner Parkway from Bataan Memorial West to Sunridge Drive will be closed to through traffic. Access to residents will be maintained.
- Second Street from Picacho Avenue to W. Hadley Avenue will be closed to through traffic. Access to businesses will be maintained.
- Water Street from Las Cruces Avenue to the roundabout will have one lane closed to traffic. Access to businesses will be maintained.

Bus service

RoadRUNNER Transit will celebrate the launch of extended service hours for fixed bus routes and Dial-a-Ride paratransit service with Fare Free Week Monday-Friday, May 13-17. All rides will be free of charge.

“This is such an exciting day for RoadRUNNER Transit,” says Mike Bartholomew, administrator for transit. “We invite

everyone to take a free ride on our buses during Fare Free Week to experience how truly easy it is to use and now even more convenient.”

“We hope this will encourage new riders to use public transit as well as help those who already rely on it,” said Lynn Gallagher, director, City of Las Cruces Quality of Life Department. “Providing a better service to our city is a priority and there are many more exciting changes to come.”

With extended service beginning Monday, Routes 1 through 8 and Dial-a-Ride will run from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. There is no change to Aggie 1 and Aggie 2 routes. Saturday and Sunday remain the same.

The Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transit Terminal is located at 300 West

Lohman Ave. Contact Mike Bartholomew at 575-541-2500 or mbartholomew@las-cruces.org. Transit routes are available at roadrunner.las-cruces.org.

Snake safety

A 58-year-old Las Cruces man has undergone four anti-venom injections and anticipates more treatment after he was bitten by a rattlesnake earlier this week.

The man, who police are not identifying, was bitten about 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in the backyard of his home on Ascencion Circle. The victim indicated the snake was near the base of a plant and bit him as he reached toward the plant. The snake gave no warning and the man did not see the snake until he was bitten on his middle finger.

The victim believes the snake was a Western Dia-

mondback.

Police and fire remind area residents that rattlesnakes are more active during warmer weather. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish advises that, if you encounter a rattlesnake:

- Stop immediately and visually locate the rattlesnake.
- Slowly move away.
- Do not antagonize the rattlesnake by throwing rocks or sticks at it. The greatest risk for a bite and the largest venom injections occur when people harass a snake.
- When hiking or climbing, be sure you can clearly see the area where your foot or hand is about to be placed.
- If you are bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention. Remove any jewelry or watches from that part of

your body.

• Do not cut, suck, tourniquet, ice or shock yourself. Too many snakebite “remedies” have caused more harm than good.

Swimming safety

Daytime temperatures are warming and – soon enough – teens, tweens and children of all ages will be trying to cool off at area swimming pools.

Las Cruces police and firefighters recommend

following these safety tips:

- Never leave children or elderly unsupervised in or near body of water.
- Do not assume that other children, or another adult, will watch over your child’s safety.
- Do not consider anyone “drown proof” because they’ve had swimming lessons.
- Do not rely on flotation devices as a substitute for

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Fire department cadets push through their limits

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**

For the Bulletin

The Las Cruces Fire Department Training Facility is set back away from the regular bustling routes of the city. It's partly by design, to sequester the new round of cadets from their regular lives as they are initiated in the ways of firefighting.

It's the 33rd Academy of the Las Cruces Fire Department, and from the front inside office, the jumping and groans are heard from the classroom inside. They're receiving a form of disciplinary motivation explained by the instructors. The department has about three months to mold these civilians into the standard

required for service.

Their lives will completely change and not all will make it. Some come in as prepared as they can; some come in green. In the first three weeks, four have already quit. But all have received the call to service, with the memory of receiving the call from the instructor being carved into their minds.

Kyle Miller is one cadet who remembers the moment. "When Driver/Operator Kozloski called, I was completely blown away because I was competing against so many people with so much experience," he said. "I couldn't believe I managed to get a spot."

After a degree in Agricultural Business, Miller

decided he might want to follow his older brother.

"I saw what he's done and the people he helped, and I wanted to give back too," he said.

It's grueling not only physically, but mentally. Exercise pushes cadets past what they considered the edge of their limits. Then they immediately return to the classroom to power through up to three chapters a day in the textbook. After a full day, the night is reserved for studying up to 85 pages a night, shining shoes, ironing their outfits, and still focusing on getting the right nutrition to sustain them for the next day.

Even with seven years



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SEE **CADETS**, PAGE 19 **The 19 cadets not only push their physical limits but their mental ones in the LCFD academy.**

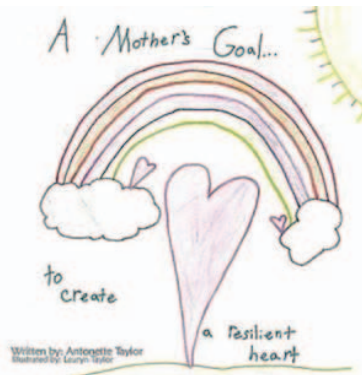
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of EMT volunteering, and degrees in fire science and fire investigation, Kristin Wahlen was surprised about the lack of time she'd have, how all-consuming the training would be.

"It's so high volume," she said. "And even though I waited until I felt that my maturity and experience was enough, it's still an adjustment."

"Being a firefighter is not what you hear on the news or see in the movies," explained Battalion Chief Adrian Arias. "They have to learn to compartmentalize distractions and adapt your life to this new life." "But life doesn't stop outside the academy," said Arias.

Lieutenant Vicente Zamora said that some cadets adjust easier than others. "If they are more aligned with goals and mission, they're likely to make it through," he said. "It's about discipline and what you take hold of when you're going through the process."

Support helps many of the cadets. At the beginning, LCFD institutes a family night, where the support system – including wives, husbands, children and parents – are also initiated into a new world, a new family that they are also joining.

"They have a chance to ask all the questions, to put faces to names, get cell phone numbers," said Arias. "Because they now become a part of this larger extended family, and our families are there to show them how the transition will go."

"My fiancé Abby keeps me going, making me food while I do my homework," said Miller. "They are not joking around. They are here to get us where they want us and so far, it's moving pretty fast in the right direction."

Submitted by the Las Cruces Fire Department, proudly serving New Mexico's second-largest city with professional firefighters who are licensed EMTs, and civilian employees. The department responds to more than 17,000 calls for service annually and is an ISO Class 1 fire department.



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Driver/Operator Firefighter and Instructor Kyle Kozloski takes the folded flag during a ceremony from cadet Kristin Wahlen.

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Spring cleaning can also target the great outdoors

BULLETIN REPORT

Springtime not only brings warmer weather and the anticipation of summer, but also opportunities to make homes, yards and communities safer and healthier.

The Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) encourages residents to clean up yards to prevent mosquitos and rodents and decrease the risk of disease.

“When many think of spring cleaning, they think of deep cleaning the insides of their homes, but we’re challenging Doña Ana County residents to think bigger,” said Vicki Lusk, manager of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes. “This spring, we want people to continue the

great work they’re doing outdoors in the community to prevent diseases and viruses from rodents and mosquitos.”

Spring is the optimal time to prevent mosquitos. In addition to spraying areas throughout Doña Ana County and treating waters with larvicide to prevent the hatching of mosquitos, Doña Ana County Vector Control Division has been actively involved in community education to prevent the spread of mosquitos.

“In the springtime, when you see the trucks spraying for mosquitos, it’s time to start thinking about the efforts you can make at your own home and property,” said Ken Sholar, Vector Control supervisor. “Pesticides

alone do not eradicate mosquitos. Clean communities prevent mosquitos, and proper prevention requires work from all.

“For those who have improperly disposed tires on their property or areas with standing water, eliminating these breeding grounds is a huge step in the right direction to prevent mosquitos, whose bites can cause viruses like West Nile and Zika. We have seen incredible progress, and ... the citizens who have embraced community cleaning are the ones who have made a noticeable difference.”

To help residents prevent mosquitos, Vector Control offers free gambusia fish (minnows), which eat significant amounts of mosquito larvae daily. Every Tues-



COURTESY PHOTO

A recent spring cleaning in Chaparral cleared areas of trash and tires.

day, individuals can pick up fish at the Doña Ana County Minnow Pond (4605 W. Picacho Ave.) from 8-10 a.m.

Also posing a health and safety risk are rodents, who have the potential to spread hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS). To reduce the risk of rodents, the IDP suggests clearing up potential habitats.

“Throughout the county, we see illegal dumpsites accumulating bugs, then rodents and ultimately rattlesnakes,”

said Kevin Apodaca, Lead Codes Officer for Doña Ana County. “Whether it’s household trash that contains food particles, mattresses, blankets, car-pet scraps, or any type of solid waste, it’s providing a habitat for these creatures to eat, thrive and breed. Even the weeds and trash around your house can provide hiding spots for rodents, leading to the possibility of rattlesnakes and the potential spread of hantavirus near your home.”

To reduce rodent infes-

tations, the IDP recommends keeping trash in a leak-proof container. Ensure yards are clear of debris, solid waste and weeds, and never illegally dump items in the desert or in the community.

“Spring cleaning is an opportunity for all to take active measures to prevent the spread of diseases and viruses within the community and to take pride in all the areas around Doña Ana County,” Lusk said.

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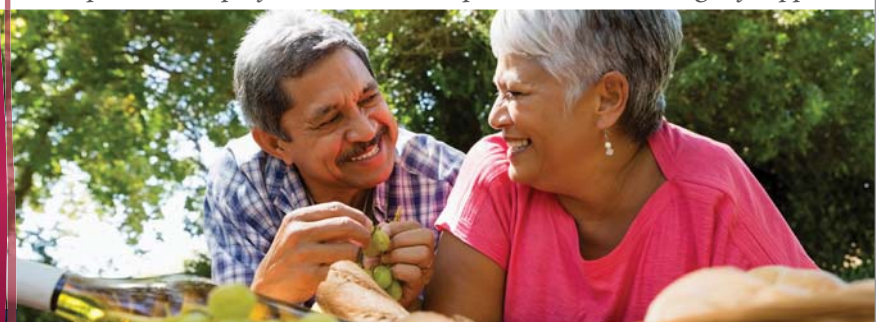
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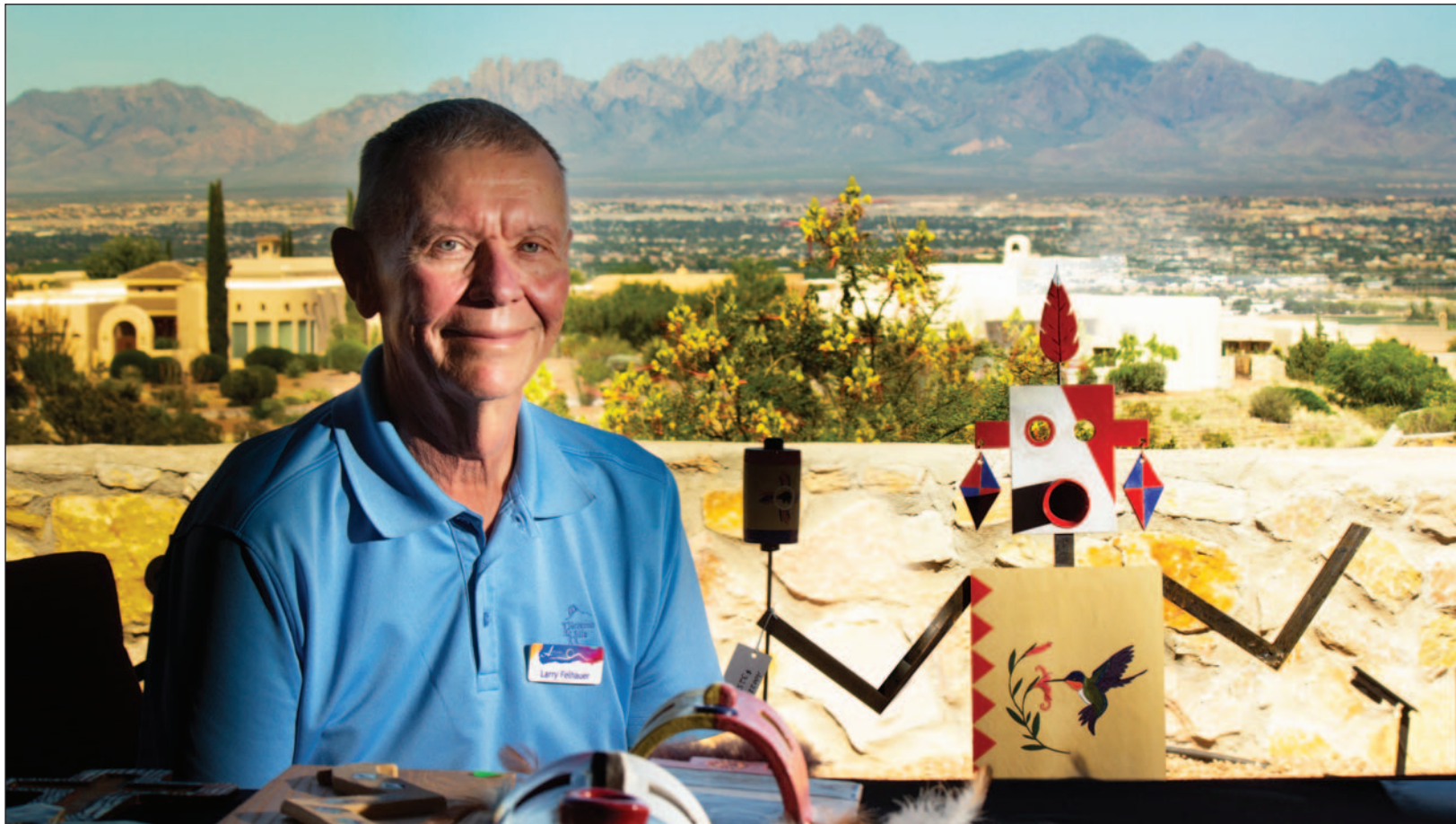
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'Art in the Garden'

Larry Felhauer was among 17 Picacho Hills artists showing in the subdivision's annual Art in the Garden event that toured through six properties Sunday, May 5. He's seen at his home with one of his sculptures, titled "The Humming Bird Man."

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Hillrise students name roadrunner sculpture

BULLETIN REPORT

When people visit Las Cruces, they get a sense of the culture and a bit of the history just by cruising down the streets that showcase many sculptures designed by local artists.

A new addition stands proudly on the xeriscaped median at the entrance to the West Mesa Industrial Park in the form of New Mexico's state bird, the roadrunner. The Las Cruces Utilities Water Conservation Program placed him there to highlight the city's water conservation efforts and mindset. With the help of a local fourth- and fifth-grade bilingual class at Hillrise Elementary, the roadrunner now has a name.

LCU invited Las Cruces Public Schools elementary



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David Uribe's fourth-and-fifth grade class came up the name Aguacito.

classes to study roadrunners, choose a name, talk it over, and submit their selection along with written materials explaining their choice.

The winning name, "Aguacito," came from David Uribe's class at Hillrise.

"I'm proud of the enthusiasm and energy the students

displayed while working together as a team," Uribe said. "Community opportunities like this help connect students to meaningful learning and real-life application of language skills."

Students took into consideration how roadrunners typically survive in the desert, and how this particular sculpture will aid in the city's mission of emphasizing water conservation.

A plaque will be placed near the roadrunner sculpture, a miniature roadrunner trophy has been provided to Hillrise Elementary, and the winning class was treated to a pizza party.

A special guest joined the students for their celebratory lunch: LCU Gas System Compliance Inspector Ruben Garcia, a welder who designed

and created both Aguacito and his smaller trophy version.

"It's fun that they've thought so hard about something I made," Garcia said. "It's pretty neat."

After the students received LCU gift bags, Uribe had one more surprise: It was time to play "Pin the heart on Aguacito." Three spins for the blindfolded student, like Victoria Muñoz, then she slowly inched forward to find the heart located on a wall.

Now, all the students have a special place in their hearts for a little roadrunner named "Aguacito" who lives on the edge of our desert community. You can visit Aguacito at the entrance of the West Mesa Industrial Park, near Love's Truck Stop along Interstate 10, as you enter Las Cruces from Deming.

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- Refrain from consuming alcohol while swimming or supervising others.

- Remove pool covers completely before use and securely cover after each use.

- Properly secure or lock doors and gates that lead to pools when not in use.

- Ensure that babysitters and all other users know, and follow, pool safety rules.

- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and encourage others to do the same.

- Never allow children to play in, or near, drainage or irrigation canals.

- Be aware of strong currents and debris that make river swimming potentially dangerous.

- If boating (canoeing, kayaking, rafting, etc.), always wear a floatation device and never boat alone.

- Avoid diving into unknown waters as they may be shallow.

- When supervising children at play avoid distractions such as reading, texting, gaming or social media.

- Have a cell phone handy and call 911 immediately in an emergency.

BLM nominations

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Cruces District announces it is seeking public nominations for two positions on its Resource Advisory Council (RAC), which advises the BLM on public land issues within the Las Cruces District. The BLM will consider nominations until June 14.

The RAC, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, helps the Las Cruces District carry out its stewardship of more than 5.4 million acres of public lands. The RAC consists of 10 members with an interest or expertise in public land management. The diverse membership helps ensure that BLM land managers get varying perspectives to achieve their mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

The Las Cruces District RAC has a three-year vacancy in Category One and a three-year vacancy

in Category Three. The categories represent the following interests:

- Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

- Category Three – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

To receive an application, contact Las Cruces District RAC Coordinator Deborah Stevens at 575-525-4421 or by email at desteven@blm.gov. Download an application at www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/apply. Individuals may submit by mail to the Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office, Attn: RAC Coordinator Deborah Stevens, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

End of the road



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Work continued Saturday, May 4, on the Church-Water two-way conversion project near the roundabout at the north end of Main Street downtown. The \$13 million conversion project, which began in June 2017, is slated to be finished this month.

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Fundraiser designed to help Juárez cancer patients

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Cuidad Juárez, Mexico is a city of more than 1.3 million people – about twice as many residents as its neighbor to the north, El Paso -- and yet Juárez lacks a comprehensive cancer clinic or hospital that provides comprehensive services. As a result, cancer sufferers must travel up to 12 hours on a bus to receive diagnosis and treatment in Chihuahua or Mexico City.

A Las Cruces fundraiser will help a Juárez support group called Junt@s Vamos (“Forward Together”) pay some of those travel expenses, said NMSU Professor Mary Alice Scott. The 2018 event,

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WHAT: Fourth annual Junt@s Vamos fundraiser benefiting a cancer support group of the same name in Cuidad Juárez, Mexico

WHERE: Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave.

WHEN: 5:30-8 p.m., Saturday, May 11

COST: \$10-\$20

ALSO: Includes dinner, a poetry reading and live music

which was a sellout, raised \$4,300, and organizers are hoping this year’s fundraiser, the fourth annual, will generate \$6,000 or more, she said. Scott is associate professor of anthropology and affiliated faculty in public health sciences



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Junt@s Vamos co-founder Cristina Coronado and Kayla Myers, Junt@s Vamos volunteer and medical anthropologist.

at NMSU and part of the adjunct research faculty at the Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program.

This year’s fundraiser

is 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. It will include an Italian dinner and a reading featuring Las

Cruces poets Joanne Turnbull, Elise Stewart and Christine Eber, who will read their own and others’ poems that reflect their “lived experience” communicating with some of the women who will benefit from the fundraiser, she said. Love music for the event will be provided by the Las Cruces-based band Papayas con Chile.

Tickets are \$10-\$20, with a \$2 fee if they are purchased online.

Junt@s Vamos founder Cristine Coronado will speak at the fundraiser. She is from Juárez and will talk about her own life experience and working with other women in Juárez who, like her, are breast cancer survivors, said NMSU graduate Kayla Myers, who

received her master’s in medical anthropology last May working with the Junt@s Vamos support group. Coronado will also discuss U.S. immigration policy reform. Myers is a senior program specialist for the Indian Resources Development program at NMSU.

Coronado founded Junt@s Vamos in 2014 after a young woman named Cynthia was denied treatment for cervical cancer at private hospitals in Juárez and could not afford to travel elsewhere for treatment, Myers said. Cynthia died 20 days later.

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tation, treatment and lodging, including such basic care as a PET scan, Scott said. It also can help pay for a place to recover from treatment.

“Some women don’t have a place where they feel safe from anxiety to recover,” she said. Often, the women are expected to continue cooking, cleaning and performing other household duties while in recovery.

“There is no door to close to heal,” she said.

Myers said 15-20 women on both sides of the border volunteer with Junt@s Vamos, whose five board members are from Juárez and Las Cruces. In addition to helping cancer patients receive treatment, the group sponsors



PHOTO COURTESY KAYLA MYERS

Junt@s Vamos group at the yearly board of directors meeting and anniversary of the loss of a Juárez resident named Cynthia to cervical cancer. Cynthia was the woman who inspired the creation of the group.

workshops to help others learn about health care resources, including doctors, dentists, optometrists and nutritionists who can provide care to both adults and children.

And, Junt@s Vamos connects cancer survivors with others in treat-

ment about how to deal with and talk about their illnesses, Myers said. They also learn how to advocate for themselves and to demand the treatment they need.

Junt@s Vamos also helps create income-generating projects for

participants, like making purses out of potato chip bags, greeting cards, potholders and clothing, Myers said. Women receiving cancer treatment and in recovery aren’t able to work in factories, but they can often work at home.

Most of those served by Junt@s Vamos are suffering from breast and cervical cancer, Myers said, but the group also provides support to children and to men. More than one-third of Juárez residents live in poverty or ex-

treme poverty, according to a 2013 study.

“Mainstream media in Mexico and the U.S. pay scarce attention to death from cancer in Juárez, a city that has become notorious for death by violent means,” Scott said. “We hope that by bringing light to the story of cancer in Juárez we can expand awareness of the broader conditions of life in the U.S.-Mexico border region, where our fates are ever more tied in the global economy.”

To purchase tickets online, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-solidarity-with-junts-vamos-tickets-60554669647#tickets.

For more information, contact Scott at msscott2@nmsu.edu.

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DANIEL MCCANN

Daniel McCann It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Danial D. McCann, devoted son, husband, father, brother and friend. Born, October 1, 1945 in Innsbruck, Austria, Dan passed April 6, 2019 at home surrounded by loving family in Mesilla, New Mexico.

Dan served in the US Army from 1968 to 1980, honorably discharged as sergeant first class. In 1981 Dan finished his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from NMSU. He had a distinguished career in radar engineering as a government contractor. At work, Dan sometimes had a gruff reputation, but people thinking that, were mistaken. He expected competency, excellence and motivation and respected those who gave it. He was a very private

man; however, Dan's family and friends knew his softer, caring side. He was masterful and creative in the areas of fine woodworking, photography, cooking, painting, jewelry making, and leather tooling. In other words, there wasn't a hobby or task in which he didn't excel. He loved collecting guns and visiting Hawaii.

Dan is survived by his wife Jane, sons Andrew and Evan, mother Elfriede McCann, sister Caroline Stone (Ronnie), his precious Bichons Sophie and Charlie, and extended family. Preceding him in death was his father C. Burton McCann.

A private burial service will be held on May 17th at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery. Dan's friends and colleagues are invited to attend a Celebration of His Life on Saturday, May 18th from 2-5 PM at the home of Richard and Marlane Parra, 3101 Bowman St., Mesilla Park. In Dan's honor, memorial contributions may be made to Doña Ana County Humane Society, PO Box 1176, Las Cruces, NM 88004 or Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home 555 West Amador Las Cruces NM 88001. To sign the local online guest book visit La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home : Las Cruces, New Mexico (NM)

FREDERICK WILLIAM GARCIA

FREDERICK WILLIAM GARCIA, age 89, of Las Cruces died Saturday, March 30, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

ERNEST "JOE" HARBECK

ERNEST "JOE" HARBECK, 89, of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away peacefully on March 18, 2019 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Fran; daughters, Natalie Goodwin and Caroline Farkas; cherished granddaughter, Alexia Goodwin and several amazing nieces and nephews. Family and friends joined together to celebrate the memorial mass at 1:30 PM Thursday April 11, 2019 in the Chapel of La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Avenue with Reverend

Charles "Chuck" Henkle officiating. Inurnment of cremains will take place at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary Columbarium at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005 or Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial W, Las Cruces 88012. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

RACHEL "NENA" TERRAZAS BACA

RACHEL "NENA" TERRAZAS BACA, age 89, of Las Cruces passed away Friday March 29, 2019, at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by her loved ones. "Survivors include five sons, Gilbert, Henry, Michael, Joel and Larry Baca; three daughters, Linda Ledesma, Diana Quintana and Terri Baca; two sisters, Elvira Molina and Elpidia Vasquez. A Prayer Vigil was

held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel. Family and Friends joined together to celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Garden Cemetery, where she was laid to rest alongside her husband in the family plot. The Baca Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolence logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

PETER MASTRANTUONO

PETER MASTRANTUONO, 94, of Las Cruces, died at Blue Horizons Nursing Home on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Peter was a loving husband to his wife of 65 years, Therese, devoted father to their eight children, and a war hero, having been awarded the Bronze Star for his actions at Luzon, Philippine Islands on April 27, 1945 and was a Purple Heart recipient. After a thirty-

year career at the United States Postal Service, Peter retired and moved to Las Cruces with his wife and youngest daughter, Kendra. Peter was a proud and committed Catholic, and has asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Catholic Relief Services. Peter is survived by his wife, Therese, his eight children, eleven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at Baca's Funeral Chapel. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Fort Bayard National Cemetery, 200 Camino De Paz in Fort Bayard the same afternoon at 2 PM with military honors accorded by a New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League Detachment #1328. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

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Dates: 05/03, 05/10, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 15, 2019, Warren and Celia Moore, 142 Camino de Nosotros Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-17108-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-17108-1, 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-17108-POD2, to a depth of 120 feet with a 6-in.

casing, to be located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 23, Township22S, Range IE (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22' 26.55" N, 106°48' 34.15" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-17108-POD1 located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range IE (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 22' 27.97" N, 106°48' 34.13" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the diversion of up to 3.0 acre feet per annum for domestic one household purposes as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-006-0195-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

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

The proposed location of new well LRG-17108-POD2 is north of Las Cruces, NM and is approximately 570 feet west of the intersection of El Camino Real and Camino de Nosotros.

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

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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: 04/26, 05/03, 05/10, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 22, 2019, Guerre and Aurora Rodriguez, 4515 Lamar Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-03959-POD8, OSE File No. LRG-03959-4, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling new well LRG-03959-POD8, to a depth of 160 ft. with a 6in. casing, to be located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM), and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 14' 58.33" N, 106° 45' 29.13" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and by discontinuing the use of well LRG-13841POD1, located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 14' 58.48" N, 106° 45' 29.14" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 2.47 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRS-25-002-0046 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

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

Old well LRG-13841-POD1 will be plugged. The proposed location of well

LRG-03959-POD8 is south of Las Cruces, NM and is approximately 1,970 feet northwest of the intersection of Lamar Rd. and Pajaro Rd.

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Dates: 05/10, 05/17, 05/24, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 8, 2019, Anthony P., Peter, and Vicky Mazza, 4334 N. Dona Ana Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application number LRG-17628-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-176281, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-17628-POD2 to a depth of 150 feet with a 4-inch casing, within the SE 1/4 of projected Sec. 26, T22S, R1E (NMPM), more specifically located near the intersection of X=1,468,161 Y=495,939, NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and discontinuing the use of existing well

LRG-17628-POD1, located on land owned by the applicant located within the SE 1/4 of said Sec. 26, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use as described in Subfile No. LRN 280080108 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-17628-POD2 will be located approximately 140 feet SE of the intersection of Dona Ana Rd. and Wendy Ln. at the property address of 4334 N. Dona Ana Rd. Existing well LRG-17628-POD1 will be properly plugged.

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

Dates: 05/03, 05/10, 05/17, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 8th, 2019, Kenneth and Jennie Lou Needham, 2449 Calle de Vista, Las Cruces NM 88007, filed application number LRG-14319-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-14319, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-14319-POD3 to a depth of 150 feet with a 4-inch casing, in a location within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 17'42.323 "N, 106°50'8.169" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-14319-POD2, located on land owned by the applicants located within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 1 East and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 17' 142.076"N and 106°50'1 8.074"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile Order No. LRN 28-012-0057 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of old well LRG-14319-POD2 and the proposed location for replacement well LRG-14319-POD3 are located approximately 1,950 feet southeast of the intersection of Wagon Wheel Trail and N. Fairacres Road in Doña Ana County. Existing well LRG-14319-POD2 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, 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: 05/03, 05/10, 05/17, 2019

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 May 6, 2019:

1) Council Bill No. 19-023; Ordinance No. 2888: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing in Its Entirety Section 27-12-9, Parking Regulations, of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) 1997, as Amended.

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 7th day of May 2019.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 05/10, 2019

**Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To
Mariah White
P.O. Box 403
Tyrone NM 88065

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #6 at Pecos 2 Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION or be disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$1,015.97. The contents of the unit consist of:

Mattress & Box Spring, Bedroom Set, Boxes & Misc. Household Furnishings

DATE OF AUCTION: May 20, 2019
AUCTION STARTING AT: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION OF AUCTION: Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To
Robert Krause
1155 Montana Ave. Apt #19
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #036 at Pecos 1 Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION or be disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$1,091.00.

The contents of the unit consist of:
Rakes, Lawn Mowers, Twin Bed, Dresser, Misc. Garden Tools, Book Shelf, Household Goods & Tires.

DATE OF AUCTION: May 20, 2019
AUCTION STARTING AT: 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION OF AUCTION: Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To
Stephan E. Morales
1050 Alamo
Las Cruces NM 88001

Elizabeth Morales (POA)
960 S. Rio Grande
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #031 at Pecos 1 Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION or be disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$773.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Twin beds, Bikes, Household Items, Freezer, Toys, Chairs, Book Shelves & Shop Vac.

DATE OF AUCTION: May 20, 2019
AUCTION STARTING AT: 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION OF AUCTION: Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To
Chanel R. Zoccoli
1324 Luna
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #010 at Pecos 1 Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION or be disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$585.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Window A/C Units, Clothing, Comforter, Boxes & Misc. Household Goods

DATE OF AUCTION: May 20, 2019
AUCTION STARTING AT: 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION OF AUCTION: Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To
Fabian L. Sanchez
1525 Foster, Apt. #3
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #006 at Pecos 1 Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION or be disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$353.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Beds & Bed Frames, Bicycle, Aquarium & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION: May 20, 2019
AUCTION STARTING AT: 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION OF AUCTION: Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dates: 05/03, 05/10, 2019

**Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To
Alfonso L. Escalera
1518 N. Tornillo
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #131 at Rawson Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION or be disposed of to satisfy our

lien in the amount of \$353.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Wardrobe Boxes, Tables, Mattress & Box Spring, Couch, Loveseat, Chairs, Outdoor Tools & Ladder

DATE OF AUCTION: May 20, 2019
AUCTION STARTING AT: 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION OF AUCTION: Rawson Self Storage 1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Pena
(575) 525-0808

Dates: 05/03, 05/10, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1152
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
LYNDA ANN CARLSON
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lynda Ann Carlson, 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 Lynda Ann Carlson to Linda Ann Carlson, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 22nd day of May 2019, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Linda C. Chadwick
Linda C. Chadwick
6925 Camino Nuevo Mejico
Las Cruces, NM 88007
262-930-9780

Dates: 05/03, 05/10, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the attorney for the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below or filed with the Third Judicial District Court in Dona Ana County, 201 E. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

/s/ Roxanna Gates
Roxanna Gates
Personal Representative

Submitted by:
/s/ Jacqueline Bennett
Jacqueline Bennett
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 849
Las Cruces, NM 88004
(575) 527-0225

Dates: 05/10, 05/17, 05/24, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00027
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOE H. PROVENCIO, 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: April 17, 2019

/s/ Bobbie A. Provencio
Bobbie A. Provencio, Personal Representative
of the Estate of Joe H. Provencio, 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: 04/26, 05/03, 05/10, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00057
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERTO ONTIVEROS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have 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: April 12, 2019

/s/ Jerry Ontiveros
Jerry Ontiveros, Personal Representative of the Estate of Alberto Ontiveros, Deceased

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

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

Dates: 04/26, 05/03, 05/10, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-01770

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEPHEN FAHR, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD STEVENSON ELY II, DECEASED, SONOMA RANCH SOUTH SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1988 EL SEGUNDO TRL, LAS CRUCES, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 15, BLOCK T, OF SONORA SPRINGS, PHASE 2 AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON OCTOBER 24, 2001 IN PLAT BOOK 19, AT PAGES 743-745 AS PLAT NO. 3536, 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 10:45 on June 13, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 5, 2019, in the total amount of \$282,785.11, with interest at the rate of 4.2500% per annum from February 7, 2019 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 PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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

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

NO. D-307-CV-2018-02124

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

OSCAR MONTOYA, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OSCAR MONTOYA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant The Unknown Spouse of Oscar Montoya, **GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located as 812 N. Melendrez Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

WEST 82 FEET OF LOTS NUMBERED 16, 17, AND 18 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 14 OF PETERSON PLACE, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PETERSON PLACE, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 15, 1909 IN PLAT BOOK 3, FOLIO 29.

Unless you file and serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

/s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
5801 Osuna Road NE, Suite A-103
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

Phone: (505) 348 3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 05/10, 05/17, 05/24, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00944

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

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGATEES OF CAROLYN M. BRADLEY, DECEASED; FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF NEW MEXICO; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4290 Libra Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 10-87A, LYING WEST OF THE LA MESILLA, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, WHENCE THE P.C. STATION 452+76.12 FOR THE WEST LEVEE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE RIO GRANDE RIVER BEARS THE FOLLOWING FOUR COURSES AND DISTANCES: S. 75 DEGREES 15'10"W., A DISTANCE OF 581.82 FEET; THENCE S.32 DEGREES 54'20"E., 175.62 FEET; THENCE S.32 DEGREES 35'40"E., 589.62 FEET TO A POINT OF BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 10-87A AND THENCE N.61°34'20"E., A DISTANCE OF 855.41 FEET; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING N.14 DEGREES 44'50"W., 255.44 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID DITCH S.17°34'55" E., 255.76 FEET TO AN "X" FOUND CHISELED IN THE CENTER OF THE DITCH FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE DITCH S.75°15'10"W., 235.22 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.3423 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 5 FOOT WIDE IRRIGATION DITCH EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE. The real property is also described as follows: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 27, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 10-87A, LYING WEST OF LA MESILLA, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, WHENCE THE P.C. STATION 452+76.12 OF THE WEST LEVEE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE RIO GRANDE RIVER BEARS THE FOLLOWING FOUR COURSES AND DISTANCES: S. 75 DEGREES 15'10"W., A DISTANCE OF 581.82 FEET; THENCE S.32 DEGREES 54'20"E., 175.62 FEET; THENCE S.32 DEGREES 35'40"E., 589.62 FEET TO A POINT OF BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 10-87A AND THENCE N.61°34'20"E., A DISTANCE OF 855.41 FEET; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING N.14 DEGREES 44'50"W., 255.44 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID DITCH S.17°34'55" E., 255.76 FEET TO AN "X" FOUND CHISELED IN THE CENTER OF THE DITCH FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE DITCH S.75°15'10"W., 235.22 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.3423 ACRE OF

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

From left are “Fallout” actors Joshua Taulbee and Gina DeMondo, playwright Laura King and director Ceil Herman.



PHOTO BY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE

Actors Joshua Taulbee and Gina DeMondo in “Fallout” at Black Box Theatre.

‘Fallout’: what’s out there and what’s in here

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

REVIEW

I’ve rarely had the privilege of attending a play with the playwright in the audience as I did on opening night of “Fallout” at Black Box Theatre. I couldn’t help but glance at Laura King, who came to Las Cruces from her home in Atlanta for the opening, wondering what she was thinking as the play unfolded.

The talkback after the performance with King, actors Joshua Taulbee and Gina DeMondo and director Ceil Herman, was enlightening. King said she wrote “Fallout” in just a few days as part of a graduate-school assignment. Its pivotal scene was based on an article she read about an American soldier trying to save a child trapped in a well in Afghanistan.

Taulbee brought that scene powerfully to life midway through the

70-minute, one-act play. It gives you insight into the personal struggles of both characters and the talent and vulnerability of both actors. King expressed her gratitude to Taulbee (who also designed the set) and DeMondo for their performances, which I’m sure were gut-wrenching for them and must have been very emotional for her. It’s part of the magic and wonder of live theatre that a playwright gets to hear and see how his or her work is interpreted at the same time that cast and crew get to meet the person who created the work to which they are giving their time and talent.

The entire play takes place in an underground fallout shelter, with no scene or costume changes. It’s just these



“Shall We Go Outside?” is the title of the art show presented at Black Box Theatre as part of its upcoming production of “Fallout.” The show includes original artwork by Las Cruces artist Margaret Bernstein, with reflections from “Fallout,” written by Laura King.

two characters in the small space in which they are confined together, and in the even more confining spaces they discover and explore within themselves.

Herman uses a chair at

the left of the stage almost like a witness box, where each character in his or her turn is grilled by the other character and exposes dark secrets – he can’t stand being in the small, locked,

windowless shelter; she doesn’t want to leave it, ever.

You won’t learn the answers to all the mysteries explored in this play, but you will get some interesting insights about

the characters and maybe even about yourself – the dark places we hide in and hide from and the “strangers” with whom we share life’s journey.

Note the powerful addition of the red, white and blue afghan that both characters are wrapped in at different times during the play. It was crocheted by the show’s light and sound board operator, Bekah Taulbee.

“Fallout” continues for two more weekends at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11 and 17-18; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, May 12 and 19; and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

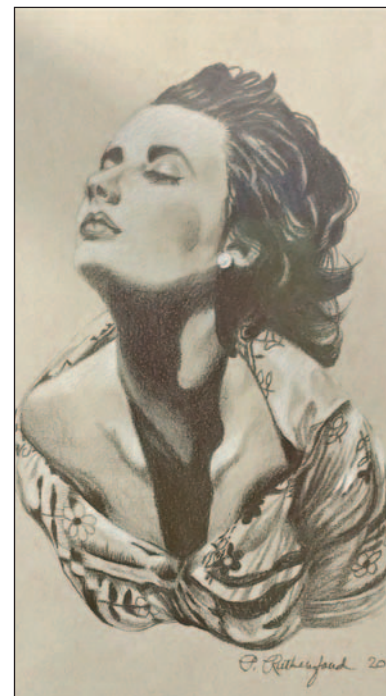
Tickets are \$15 regular and \$12 students and seniors over 65. All seats on May 16 are \$10.

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



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ABOVE: "Liz," graphite and pastel
LEFT: "Emmylou," colored pencil
FAR LEFT: "Mesilla Gate," graphite

Pat Rutherford: finding a place to grow and show

By **MIKE COOK**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces artist Pat Rutherford continues her "lifelong love of colored pencils" with a showing of her art beginning in May at Njoy Beads, 1300 El Paseo Road, suite J, in the Idaho Crossing shopping center.

"I have tried other media, I keep coming back to colored pencils," said Rutherford, who moved to Las Cruces from California in 2015. Rutherford's in-home studio in far south Las Cruces near Tombaugh Elementary School includes a box with holes for her



PAT RUTHERFORD

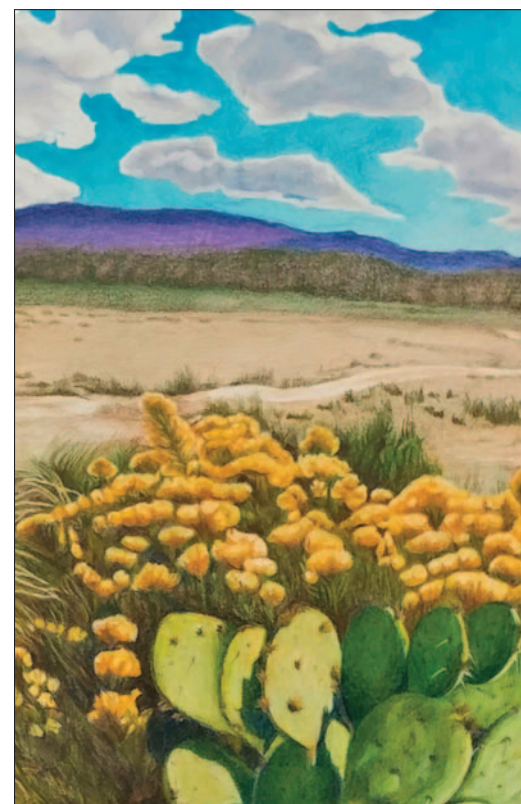
myriad pencils, made for her by her son, a Las Cruces wood-worker.

Rutherford will spend 120 hours or more completing a single piece of work, including her unique process of laying colors, blending and burnishing.

"It's a long, tedious process, but it speaks to me," the artist said. When a piece is finished, Rutherford takes it to Mas Art in downtown Las Cruces for matting and framing.

In addition to vivid colors, Rutherford draws with graphite, which conveys various shades of black and gray depending on its hardness or softness.

Rutherford studied commercial art for two years, took a few art courses in California and New Mexico and learned from artists while living in Mexico. But for the most part, she's self-taught, perfecting her craft simply by practicing it, working mostly from photographs she takes in the field. She uses a wide range of subjects and does commissions



"Back Road," watercolor and colored pencil

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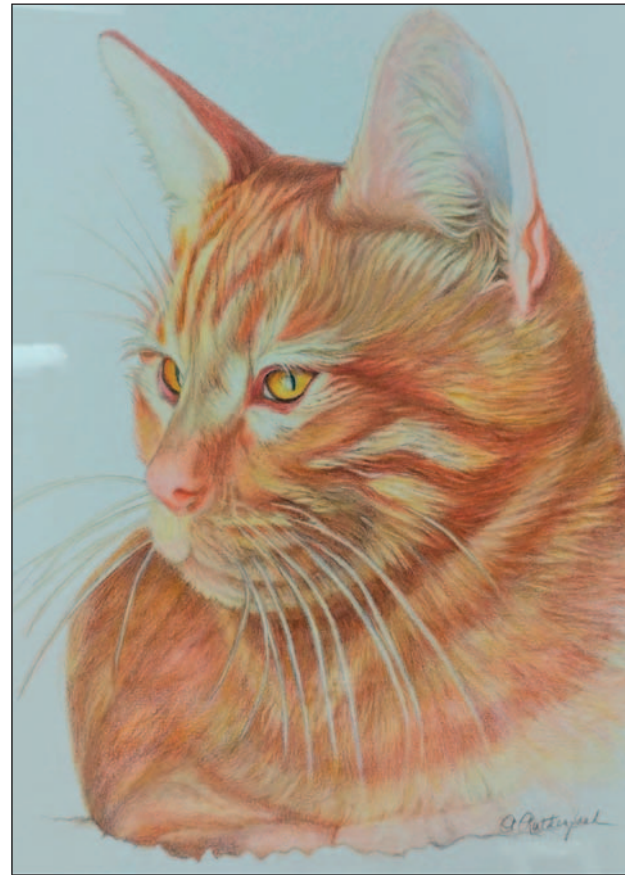
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of people and pets; she has two dogs and two cats of her own.

With a view of the ever-changing Organ Mountains from her front door – "I stop and stare in awe of the beauty" – Rutherford finds "endless inspiration" here.

"The city has a definite community of artists," she said. "As friends, we try to support each other. It's a place to grow and a place to show."

Contact Rutherford at 760-703-7919, patiscooking@gmail.com.

Njoy Beads is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call 575-652-2396 and email njoybeadslc@gmail.com.

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Poetry, the space inside

Mesilla native is 2019 Texas poet laureate

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The poet laureate of Texas is an author and educator and, as you might expect, an award-winning poet. She's also a native of Mesilla and part of one of the Southwest's most famous families.

"Mesilla in the 1980s was a beautiful and quirky and diverse and interesting place to grow up," said Carrie Fountain, who is the 2019 Texas poet laureate.

Fountain is part of the family that has owned and operated El Patio Cantina on the Mesilla Plaza for decades and whose ancestors include Judge Albert Jennings Fountain (a name shared by Carrie Fountain's father and brother), whose 1896 disappearance and probable murder have never been solved.

"I was so surprised by just how honored I felt," Fountain said about her selection as poet laureate. Like New Mexicans, she said, Texas natives "are very proud and very wary of outsiders claiming that state." After winning the award, she said, "I did feel like 'oh wow, I really am a Texan.'"

Texas also names a state musician and a 2D and a 3D visual artist each year.

After anonymous nominations are received, a panel of experts creates a smaller list of nominees which are submitted for final selection to a committee that includes the



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Carrie Fountain

governor and speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

The artists selected for these honorary positions are placed on a touring roster by the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA), Fountain said. An organization, school or community that "might not have connections," she said, can go to the list and invite an artist to a speaking engagement or presentation. TCA has grants to help small and rural communities pay for artist travel.

"I think that's a really fantastic thing," Fountain said. "There are so many small, far-flung communities in Texas. There's not any community on the planet that wouldn't benefit from being exposed to poetry. It's a great thing to have in the world, especially for chil-

dren."

Fountain said she has already had a number of communities contact her about visits.

New Mexico doesn't have a state poet laureate, but "there's no reason why (it) shouldn't," Fountain said. "State poets are a really good idea. Anything we can do to

promote poetry outside of the poetry community into the larger community is worth its weight in gold. It doesn't cost the state any money."

"I've always been a writer, I think," Fountain said, "writing stories, making notes and observations in my notebooks. I was a very active reader, I was a talker in school. I think writing was very native to me; it was where I went to try to understand the experience of being a person in the world. I don't think I realized that not everybody does that."

As a child, Fountain went to El Patio on Saturdays and Sundays with her brother, "looking for dropped change under the barstools, sweeping up cigarette butts and spending a lot of time outside," she said. She attended Las Cruces schools and studied theatre and English at New Mexico State University. While acting and work-

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SAT MAY 11 • 7:00 P.M. Citizen Kane - \$8	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SUN MAY 12 • 3:00 P.M. Mesilla Valley Chorale - \$10	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
MON MAY 13 • 11:00 A.M. *NO* Tai Chi Chuan	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
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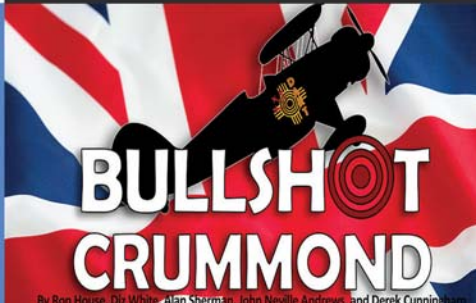
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Celebrating Mother's Day



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The Mesilla Valley Chorale invites the public to "Celebrate Music" on Mother's Day, May 12, with a 3 p.m. concert at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Featured instrumentalists are Elena Bailey, oboe; David Anketell, ukulele; and Alberto Barajas, drums. Tickets are \$10, with open seating. Call Nancy Ritchey at 575-647-2560.

Mesilla Valley Concert Band prepares for Mother's Day

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Concert Band (MVCB) presents a free Mother's Day concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12 in the Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe on the New Mexico State University campus.

The concert features five guest conductors and guest artist Lisa Van Winkle on flute. Music will range from Mexican composer Arturo Marquez's "Conga del Fuego Nuevo" to Shostakovich's 5th Symphony Finale, marches and modern works for wind



LISA VAN WINKLE

band. MVCB, in its 31st season, is directed by Dr. William Clark. John Schutz is

associate director.

Guest conductors will include Pete Podruchny, a graduate of NMSU, who plays clarinetist in MVCB and is director of bands at Sierra Middle School; Dr. Michael W. Mapp, who joined NMSU as director of bands in 2017; Johnny Lang, a euphonium and

tuba player in MVCB and director of bands at Deming Public Schools; Rod Pior, principal alto saxophone in MVCB, in his 21st year as a band director for Alamogordo Public Schools; and Jim Young, a member of MVCB percussion section for 20 years who was director of bands in Alamogordo and at Western New Mexico University.

Originally called the Mesilla Valley Community Band, the group began with 30 participants who answered an advertisement Clark placed in the local newspaper. It has grown to an ensemble of around 100 performers, with professional musicians, music teachers, band directors, business people, retirees and advanced students. They are drawn from Las Cruces, El Paso, Silver City, Deming, Hatch, Alamogordo and Cloudcroft. The band has presented more than 220 free concerts.

Visit www.mesillavalley-concertband.org.

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May 10-16

Hotel Mumbai

The true story of the 2008 Taj Hotel terrorist attack in Mumbai. Starring Dev Patel, Armie Hammer, Anupam Kher & Nazanin Boniadi. (OC)

Note: Saturday, May 11 No 7:30 screening

May 17-23

The Mustang

A Nevada prison inmate (Matthias Schoenaerts) is given the chance to participate in a rehabilitation therapy program involving the training of wild mustangs.



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'Hotel Mumbai': At what cost do we witness evil?

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

"Hotel Mumbai" is based on a horrible incident that took place in Mumbai, India, in 2008.

The acting in general is terrific. The tension is sometimes unbearable, and it is cliché-free, which really caught my attention.

The film is based on a group of terrorists landing quietly on the beach one night in small boats. They immediately fan out across the city, armed and equipped with cell-phones taking directions from their leader, who is elsewhere.

They are from Pakistan, some group called Lashkar-e-Taiba, which hopefully translates to "we are all dead now."

They attack eight places, among them a movie theater, the Taj Palace and Tower Hotel, a café, hospital and Jewish Community Center. In real life, nearly 175 people died, with 300 more injured. Did I mention there were also bombs planted at the port and in a taxi? Yes, there were. This film has a pretty high body count, by the way.

Of the 10 terrorists, all but one was killed.

In the film, director Anthony Maras concentrates on the Taj Hotel attack, wherein some, but not all, guests and staff were able to hide and later escape.

Among them are David (Armie Hammer), his wife Zahra, their infant and the child's nanny, believably played by Tilda Cobham-Hervey. They have just arrived at the hotel, are taken in by its

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Screens for a week in Mesilla at the Fountain Theatre, starting May 10.

grandeur and settle in for a needed respite.

Meanwhile, hotel employee Arjun (Dev Patel) has reported for work from the barrio where he lives with his pregnant wife and child but has lost a shoe in his haste to get to the job. Chastised by his boss, but readily forgiven, as the boss loans him a pair of his own (too-small) shoes, Arjun and the other staffers complement the hotel vividly with their service and dedication.

But it is not before several terrorists sneak in that we learn what is going to really happen.

After killing any number of people in the lobby of the grand hotel, the terrorists start looking for or pursuing other guests and staff-

ers, killing them without a second thought: men, women, children.

Arjun and his boss Oberoi, the head chef of the hotel, lead a small number of people to safety including David and Zahra. Thanks to cell-phones, they let Sally the nanny know what is going on, sort of, and tell her to not leave or open the door. Soon, the terrorists force their way into Zahra's and David's room, with Sally trying to muffle a crying baby in a closet.

The carnage continues and soon David makes his way back to the suite to help Sally and the baby.

This only a sidebar to the story, as the movie mostly centers on the rest of the group hiding in a club in the hotel and the actions of determined terrorists.

We learn bits about the lives of some staff and guests, especially Visili, a Russian agent who passes as a businessman and is held as a "high-value"



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The blood flows freely in "Hotel Mumbai."

hostage. He has a great scene in which he briefly portrays a hero.

Much of what happens is said to be fictional with

fictional characters, but I asked myself afterward, did we really need yet another movie about such things? And at what cost?

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



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Santa Fe Opera: “Unshakeable,” part of the spring educational and community outreach tour, 7-8 p.m. Friday, May 10, Oñate High School Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Free.

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

• May 10: Papayas con Chile, la musica de la frontera, 8-10 p.m.

• May 11: Little Table Contraband, Americana/pickin’ & grinnin’, 8-10 p.m.

• May 12: Abby Nayra, sultry vocals, 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.

• May 11: Louise

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• May 11: Gloria Hacker

Children’s matinee: “Toy Story 2,” noon Saturday, May 11, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 11. Info: 575-541-2290.

Classic Film Series: “Citizen Kane, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 6. Admission \$8. Info: 575-541-2290.

Solid Gold: Acoustic concert of music from the ‘50s and ‘60s, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda. Info: 575-526-6333.

High Desert Brewing Company: Live music, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays,

1201 W. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-525-6752.

• May 11: Orlando Madrid Quartet, jazz

• May 16: Alison Reynolds, cello/guitar and vocals

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Mesilla Valley Concert Band: Free Mother’s Day concert featuring five guest conductors, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12, Atkinson Recital

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

‘Amending America: The Bill of Rights’

*Through May 25
Branigan Cultural Center*

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The origins of the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution (collectively known as the Bill of Rights). Organized by the National Archives and Records Administration.

‘Primavera’

*Through May 30
Big Picture Gallery
2001 E. Lohman Ave.;
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Exhibit by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association, with a special reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 17.

‘Spring Fling’

*Through May
In Effect Gallery
3390 Apple Cross Place
Exhibit by local and national artists. Email dennislujan@yahoo.com or deserthoundmilian@gmail.com.*

‘The Face of Climate Change’

*Through June 14
SW Environmental Center
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A photographic exhibition from a nationwide call to art on humans’ footprint on the landscape.

‘The Front Porch’

*Through July 20
Branigan Cultural Center
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Las Cruces artist Storm Sermay depicts the front porches in the Mesilla Valley, and what they say about those who live there.

‘Personal to Political’

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

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

‘Animals of the Southwest’

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

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

‘Entomomania: Insects in Art and Culture’

Through early September

University Museum’s Kent Hall

1280 E. University Ave. New Mexico State University anthropology master’s student Rachel Cover’s photographic exhibition of insects, bees, butterflies, ants and other tiny creatures, and how they influence culture and interact with the natural world. Of her 21 prints, Cover says, “Macro photography gets you up close and you can examine the insects in different ways. It did take me a while to set up, though. When I

first printed the posters, even at a relatively high resolution, they were still pixelated. I had to shoot them at 2,000 pixels and had to go up to 5,000 until they looked good and then had to decide what parts of the insects I wanted to focus on and which parts could be blurred.”

‘Drawn to the Land: Peter Hurd’s New Mexico’

*Through Sept. 13
NM Farm & Ranch Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road; 575-522-4100*

Renowned 20th-century artist Peter Hurd (1904-84) is the subject in an exhibit in the museum’s Traditions Gallery.

‘Grist for the Mill’

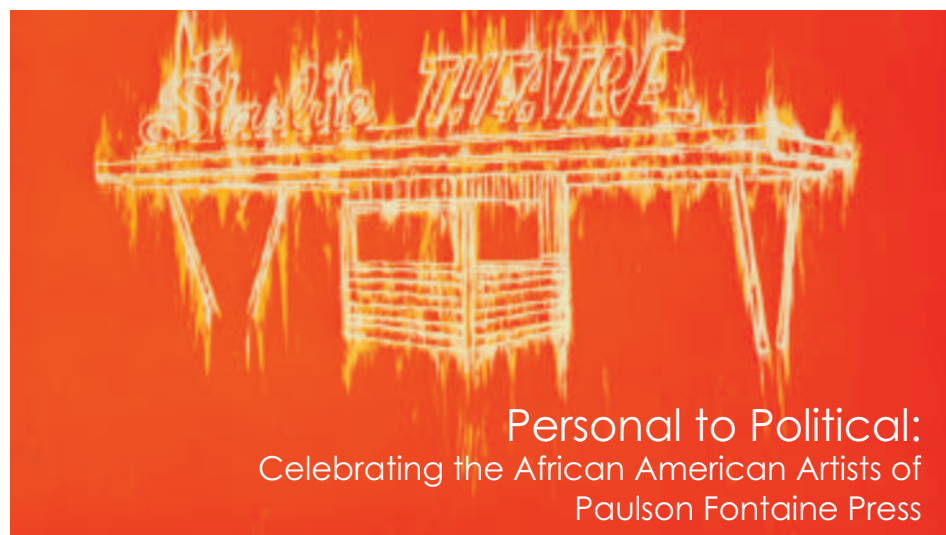
*Through Dec. 2
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The exhibit includes a portable gristmill from the Museum’s collection, a stone set from Mora, NM, and two separate stones used in the Las Cruces area; one from the Lemon Mill in Mesilla, and the Schaublin Stone, which was on display for years in downtown Las Cruces.

‘Living in Sacred Continuum’

*Through Dec. 15
NMSU American Indian Student Center*

Mimbres pottery exhibition designed in New Mexico from 1000 to 1130 AD, from the research of NMSU Anthropology professor Fumi Arakawa.



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

Gary Simmons, Starlite Theatre, 2012

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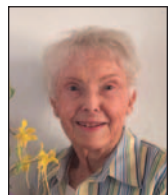
For 32 years, the Doña Ana Arts Council's (DAAC) Community Arts Awards have recognized individuals and organizations for their contributions to the arts.

This year's celebration is Tuesday, May 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. No tickets are required, but donations are accepted in advance or at the door.

Due to limited seating, reservations are necessary to reserve a seat. RSVP to admin@daarts.org.

Opening the ceremony, special recognition will be given to longtime art patrons, multiple arts awards recipients and gallery owners Glenn and Sally Cutter for their 45 years of service to the Las Cruces community.

• The Papen Family



DONNA TATE

Donna has significantly contributed to the cultural life of the area.

Tate and her late husband, Tom Tate, were active supporters of the Las Cruces Symphony and commissioned the development of new works by American composers. Over the years, the couple has sponsored annual concerts and events for the Las Cruces Symphony. In her decades of service, Donna exemplifies the leadership, service and financial support that are prerequisites to be honored with the Papen award.

• Receiving the Newcomer Award is Cruces Creatives, Lea Wise-Surguy, executive director. Cruces Creatives is a non-profit organization committed to supporting the arts in Doña Ana County through a makerspace cooperative studio.

The studio offers the space, tools and training to support the creation of textiles, painting, audio visual technology, photography, 3-D printing, woodwork and metal work. Cruces Creatives opened two years ago to fill a unique void in the community.

• Teaching artist Jan Archey will be presented the Arts in Education



JAN ARCHEY

Award. Jan is a potter, an educator and a community leader who is a charter member of the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces and has participated in the Empty Bowls project since its inception in 1994.

"Empty Bowls is a benefit to help alleviate local food hunger in support of El Caldito, the local soup kitchen," Archey said. "Preparing for each Empty Bowls, I host an Empty Bowls Workday where hundreds of bowls are made and made ready for glaze. Usually each year, I touch at least 250 bowls seeing them through the process of making, firing and glazing."



RON SALTZMAN

• Long-time art patron and community supporter Ron Saltzman will be

given the Community Arts Award.

"Ron's support of art, artists, and art events is limitless," said Kathleen

Squires, City Art Board member, in her nomination. "You can expect to see Ron at gallery openings, festivals, the theatre, or al-

most any public gathering. It would be difficult to find anyone in the community whose motivation, service and support have made a

more marked impact on cultural life in Las Cruces than Ron Saltzman."

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CALL TO ARTISTS

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Branigan Cultural Center seeks artists for local LGBTQ history and culture exhibit to be shown Sept. 21-Oct. 2 or Nov. 1-Feb. 21, 2020. Selected pieces will embody LGBTQ expression and identity in the 21st century in Las Cruces. Submission due to June 22. Email Norma Hartell at nhartell@las-cruces.org with up to four jpg. Images.

Calavera Coalition seeks original artwork for the official T-shirt and poster of the 2019 Dia de los Muertos on the Mesilla Plaza. Work must reflect the spirit and celebration of Dia de los Muertos. Must be in a black-and-white format and in pen and ink line art, gender-neutral and not overly detailed. Should be easily converted for screen printing. Winner receives free booth space for the annual event. Deadline to enter is July 5. Digital files can be emailed to calaveracoalition@gmail.com. CDs can be mailed to P.O. Box 1308, Mesilla, NM 88046.

Greenspace, 517 N. Mesquite, seeks musicians for a planned open mic series and house concerts. Musi-

cians should contact Steve Klinger, 575 496-5571, sck01ster@gmail.com. Greenspace is open 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and by appointment. Info: 575 551-6778, greenspacegal-lerylc@gmail.com.

Las Cruces City Art Board seeks an artist or artist team to create a site-specific indoor project to be designed for the central pillar in the lobby of Las Cruces City Hall. The commissioned artwork should reflect the architectural setting, the purposes of the building, and the City of Las Cruces, inspired by our local environment, history and cultures. Artwork must be large enough in scale and scope to provide a focal point and to create appreciation of the space. Submission deadline is May 12. Visit artist.callforentry.org/festivals.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is registering

adults, teens and kids for summer art classes to be held in June and July. Register in person at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Info: 575-541-2137, museums.las-cruces.org.

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

Studio art classes are registering artists of all levels in painting, drawing, ceramics, fabric dyeing, printmaking and more at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Through May 11. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2137; las-cruces.org/museums.

LIGHTS

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REBECCA COURTNEY

• Rebecca Courtney will receive the Art in Public Places award. A visual artist,

Courtney is a champion of public art for the City of Las Cruces. In 2017, she became Chair of the City Art Board, and through her leadership has communicated to City Council and City staff the importance of bringing a public art master plan to Las Cruces.

"Las Cruces deserves a strong public art master plan that will be effective now and for years to come," she said. "Las Cruces artists deserve future opportunities to show their work and build their art careers, and the City of Las Cruces deserves quality art that promotes our community's history, cultures, and surroundings."



ERLINDA PORTILLO

Award.

Through her years in the community, she has instituted such art shows as Bellas Artes Sin Fronteras Multicultural Arts Market, in which the mission is to preserve and promote all the valley's cultural and artistic traditions.

Portillo also provided leadership with "Feliz Navidad, Christmas in Song and Dance, a cultural extravaganza."

In addition to her work promoting cultural preservation, Erlinda provided leadership in the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.

The Community Arts Awards celebration will include music by local pianist Bill Kolbin and complimentary food and beverages. Local artist Julie Ford Oliver has donated use of her painting "Market Day" for the awards celebration.

• Community arts organizer Erlinda Portillo is receiving the Public Service to the Arts



Community Arts Awards Celebration

May 14
6-8 p.m.

DAAC Arts & Cultural Center

RSVP required to reserve a seat.
RSVP admin@daarts.org

Doña Ana Arts & Cultural Center
next to Paisano Café in the Bulletin Plaza
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EVENTS

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Hall, NMSU.

The DAAC Arts & Cultural Center: Exhibits and classes, 1740 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza. Info: 575-523-6403; www.daarts.org.

• 3-4:30 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. May 13: Feed Your Mind presentation on late 19th and 20th century art, with Kathleen Key. \$20.

• 5:30-7 p.m. May 15: Get ArtRageous!, drawing basics with Sally Quillin. \$35.

• 1:30-3 p.m. May 16: Feed Your Mind presentation on the history of fashion with Kathleen Key. \$20.

Celestial Sounds Women's Chorus Concert: "Letters from Ireland," 7 p.m. Monday, May 13, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave.; 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St. Free. Info: Mary, 314-629-1393; maryrasp@gmail.com.

Contra Dance: With Little Table Contraband, Lonnie Ludeman calling,

7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Info: 575-522-1691, www.snmmds.org.

New Horizons Symphony: Jorge Martinez-Rios, conductor, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall. Free. Info: nhsocruces.com

Manny Flores and Friends: Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's monthly concert, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 19, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo. Cost: \$5.

Doña Ana Photography Club: Videos, including an interview with William Henry Jackson, a giant of early Southwest photography recorded on his 98th birthday. SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Free. Info: www.daphoto-club.org.

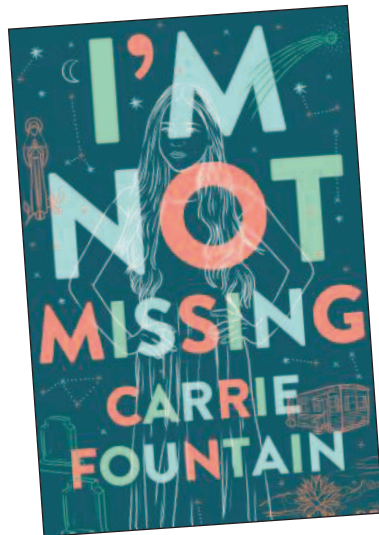
Dance Extravaganza: 41st annual, with favorite children's songs, presented by Michele's Dance Academy, 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 23-24, NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall. Info: 575-527-1893; micheles-danceacademy.biz.

POETRY

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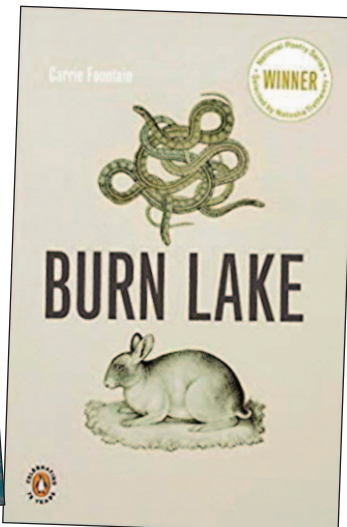
ing in repertory theatre in Colorado beginning in 2001, Fountain said, “I was strange to everyone,” she said. “I would always carve out a time in the day to work on my writing. It became clear to me that was the place where I felt most at home.”

Fountain decided to pursue a master’s degree in fine arts and received a fellowship at the University of Texas at Austin’s Michener Center for Writers, a multi-disciplinary program where she got to study poetry, screenwriting, playwriting and fiction. It was there that Fountain began working on a manuscript that would become her first book of poetry, “Burn Lake,” published in 2010, which she said “is all about that area. The



book was a National Poetry series winner. Fountain was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters in 2019.

Author and storyteller Garrison Keillor read several of her poems on his national radio show. “I was so excited about having a poem on Writer’s Almanac,” Fountain said, even though Keillor pro-



nounced her home town “ma-sill-a.

Fountain’s first novel, “I’m Not Missing,” was published for young adults in 2018. The main character lives in Mesilla and attends Las Cruces High School. She’s had a second book of poetry published and is about to publish her first children’s book, “The Poem Forest,” which is about poet W.S. Merwin. Fountain is also working on a third book of poems and a screenplay.

“Now that I write in all these different disciplines, I do understand better that writing poetry for me is not like writing fiction,” Fountain said. “Poetry is like a space I enter into. (It’s) like a religious practice in that you sort of go there and you make yourself available to something, not expecting a product, just sort of wanting to go into that space and be fulfilled. I don’t know if I would understand that as well if I didn’t write in other disciplines.”

Fountain “can’t be working on poetry and another project” at the same time, she said. “Poetry requires not just your regular writ-

ing attention, it requires something else. If you don’t give it that fully it won’t come; it has to be invited to come,” Fountain said.

“Poetry is not a commodity. If you’re a poet, you’re a poet whether or not you are making work or sending work out into the world. It’s much bigger than the publication of poetry; a

lot of that for me comes from a real love of poetry; I love reading poetry; I love experiencing poetry; I find

poets to be really interesting to talk to.”

Fountain hosts “This Is Just to Say” on KUT FM Radio, the NPR station in Austin, where she lives with her husband, playwright and novelist Kirk Lynn, and their two children. On the show, Fountain “talks with poets about the poems they make and love,” according to www.kut.org. Every poet Fountain invites onto the show is asked to read a piece written by another poet.

“It’s just a great moment in the show when you can feel the poet go, ‘I can’t wait to show this to you.’ It’s about com-

passion and the love of poems, not about what this poem means or why it’s important. (It) breaks the block of ice in the center of your chest (and) inspires change. Poetry is not just something to answer questions about on a quiz in English class. It’s a useful tool for living – I really believe that. I will definitely always take up that mantle.”

Fountain’s books are available on amazon.com.

Visit carriefountain.com and www.arts.texas.gov/carrie-fountain.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com

Time to be the fine line of light

By Carrie Fountain

between the blind and the sill, nothing really. There are so many things

that destroy. To think solely of them is as foolish and expedient as not

thinking of them at all. All I want is to be the river though I return

again and again to the clouds. All I want is to stop beginning sentences

with All I want. No—no really all I want is this morning: my daughter

and my son saying “Da!” back and forth over breakfast, cracking each other up

while eating peanut butter toast and raspberries, making a place for

the two of them I will, eventually, no longer be allowed to enter. Time to be

the fine line. Time to practice being the line. And then maybe the darkness.



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"Winter Mountain Stream"



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"Winter Storm"

Evolution of the watercolor arts

Mesilla Valley Concert Band

**Sunday, May 12
3:00PM**
NMSU Atkinson Hall
FREE Admission

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www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org

Paul Vakselis is featured in a solo exhibition at Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St., throughout the month May.

The show's title is "The Road to Signature Status – A Journey Ayer, Hoy, Mañana."

As the title suggests, the exhibit includes paintings spanning Vakselis' early works to the present and with a feel for the future.

In his words: "It is my way of trying to show young artists that a dream can always happen with perseverance. I started with watercolor only a few years ago and moving to Las Cruces



SEE COLOR, PAGE 47 "Mozart's Geburtsstadt"



"A Sunny Morning"

COLOR

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was instrumental in furthering my development as an artist. Once retired, I joined the New Mexico Watercolor Society and decided to one day become a Signature Member after enough juried paintings submitted were accepted into Albuquerque and Las Cruces Shows.

"Now I look back at all the encouragement I have seen, and the rich reward of knowing that watercolor as a media is

growing in acceptance as a long-lasting form of visual art. The community has been very helpful, as well.

"My dream now is to further my growth as an artist, gain awards, expand the field of venues and learn everything I can about art.

"Showing the progression, I thought, would be helpful in seeing the evolution of the painted arts. Like a song that lives out the songwriter's ideas and feelings, so, also, painters create paintings that make you feel, think, cry, remember, embolden,

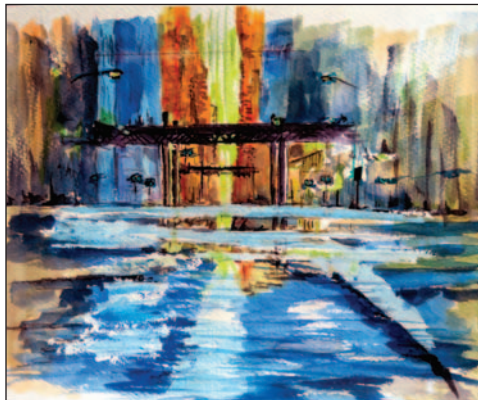
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convince, reinforce, appreciate and bring understanding to the world around us."



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PUZZLES

DIVIDING EXPERIMENT

ACROSS

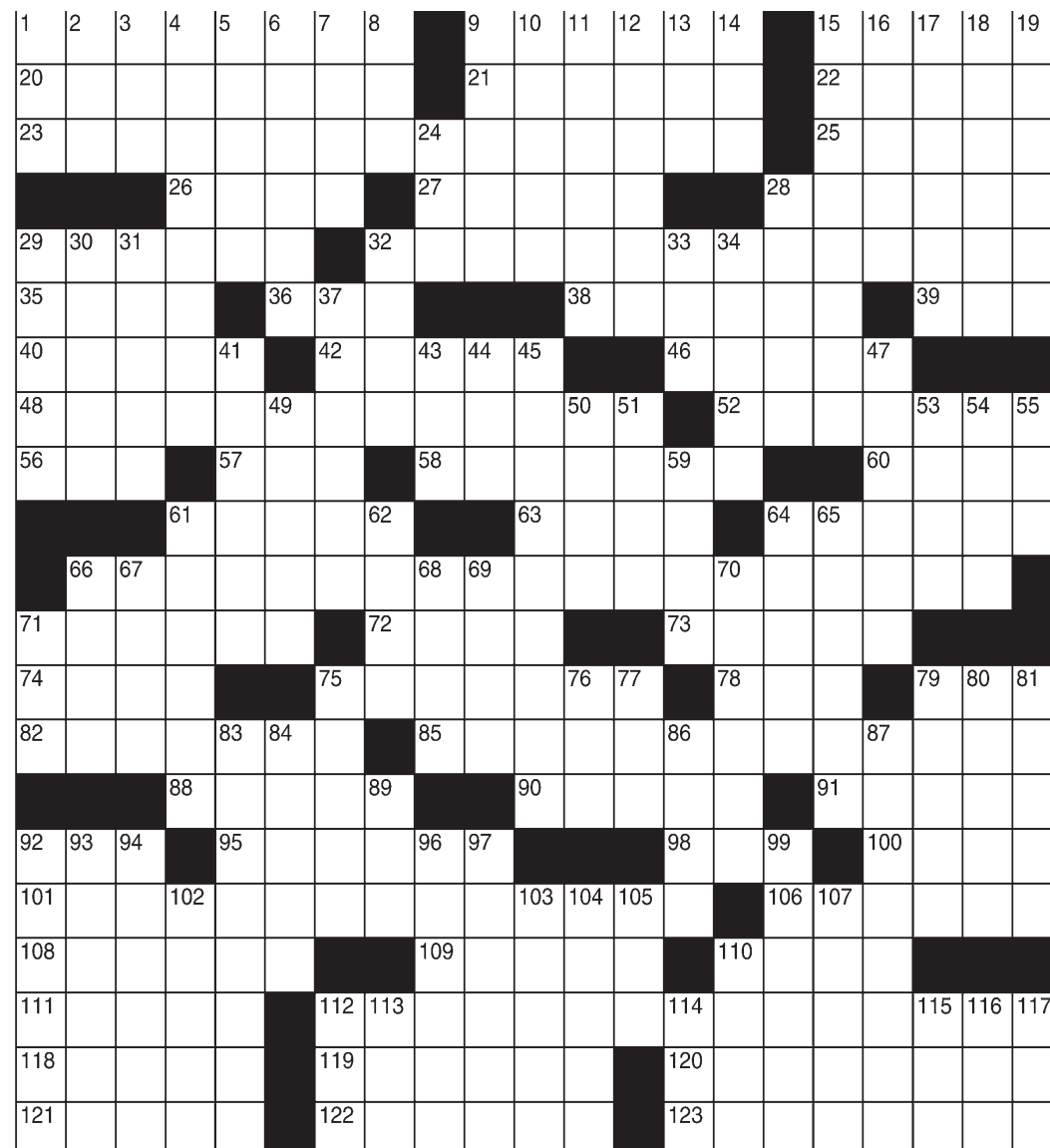
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 22 The "O" of TV's OWN
 23 Changing from one form of matter to another
 25 Unrestrained
 26 Hollywood's Harper
 27 2006 Supreme Court appointee
 28 Ballerina Alicia
 29 "Tapestry" singer King
 32 Eons ago
 35 Son on "Family Ties"
 36 -- -fi movie
 38 Fund held in trust
 39 Cow's mouthful
 40 Kindled anew
 42 Linda of "Dynasty"
 46 Bongos, e.g.
 48 Of the study of the hair and scalp
 52 Mine transports
 56 Abbr. at the end of a list
 57 Road groove
 58 North Carolinian, informally
 60 Puts to work
 61 "Reward" for awful service
 63 French for "eye"
 64 Road
 66 Annual movie event in Lower Man-

hattan
 71 U.S. pres. George (#41 as opposed to #43)
 72 Lounge lazily
 73 Agatha Christie's "There Is --"
 74 Voting no
 75 Loss of recollections
 78 Home for mil. planes
 79 Machines next to mice
 82 Actress Sarah of "American Crime Story"
 85 Starter or finish judge at a meet, e.g.
 88 "Woo-hoo!"
 90 Docking site
 91 Spanish wavy mark
 92 27-Across' first name, for short
 95 Kind of tire
 98 Pack animal
 100 Cooking fat
 101 Having depth as well as length and width
 106 Is abrasive
 108 Kiddie-lit "pest"
 109 Observed secretly
 110 Minnesota's state bird
 111 On top of
 112 Action short of a divorce ... or what occurs in six long answers in this puzzle?
 118 More sage
 119 Red-brown
 120 Nullified

121 Wound vestiges
 122 Sets foot in
 123 Exonerated

DOWN

1 Traitor
 2 Suffix with canon
 3 Piece of the past
 4 Not poisonous
 5 Actor Elgort
 6 Produces
 7 Bath locales
 8 Holy figures: Abbr.
 9 Sphere
 10 Bud of Bert
 11 Real good-looker
 12 Turns of phrase
 13 "Stuck" actor Stephen
 14 Class for U.S. aliens
 15 "Go where I go"
 16 "What -- excuse for ..."
 17 Paradoxical
 18 Capital of the Bahamas
 19 It's rung out on New Year's Eve
 24 Mai --
 28 Love, in Nice
 29 -- blanche
 30 Advisory
 31 Piece of the past
 32 DVR brand
 33 Livy's 1,400
 34 Flynn of old movies
 37 Welsh, e.g.
 41 Is pounding
 43 Actor's rep.
 44 Hollywood's Vardalos
 45 Tool for cutting



decorative spiral lines
 47 Snaky shape
 49 Not inner
 50 "Excuse me"
 51 Ericson of exploration
 53 On a cruise
 54 Line winder
 55 Old JFK jet
 59 Zeno of -- (philosopher)
 61 Ex -- (from nothing)
 62 Date tree
 64 Inflexible
 65 Morsel

66 Fish that's a sushi staple
 67 Q-V link
 68 It might have serifs
 69 Robert of "The Sopranos"
 70 Groups of employees
 71 Protestant denom.
 75 Battery end
 76 I, in German
 77 Alias lead-in
 79 Rice-and-broth dish
 80 Training unit

81 Luges, e.g.
 83 Group associated with red fezzes
 84 McCain's 2008 rival
 86 Spoken
 87 Salsa herb
 89 -- and yang
 92 Drink inserts
 93 Language of the Koran
 94 Brunch drink
 96 Help
 97 Fat-breakdown enzyme
 99 Goal getter
 102 Delaware's

capital
 103 Ship of the Middle East
 104 Jays' homes
 105 Suffix with canon
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 110 Liquid rock
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 114 Mom's mate
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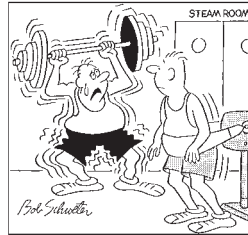
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS



"I think I'm gonna have to quit this fitness club for my _____."

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Favor **KNOTE**

Omen **DEALHR**

Pace **CHARM**

Forge **TRACEE**

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals T

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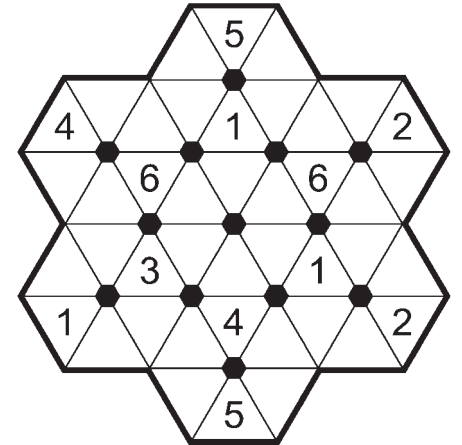
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

PUZZLE ANSWERS

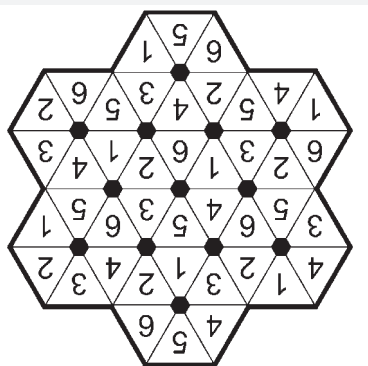
When my pooch really wants something accomplished, he goes at it with dogged determination.

CRYPTOQUIP

HEALTH

Today's Word
1. Token; 2. Herald; 3. March; 4. Create

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

NMSU programs find resources for small businesses

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

For small business owners, finding ways to cut expenses can be essential. New Mexico State University's College of Engineering is uncovering cost-saving methods for small business owners across the state.

"We've implemented several of their recommendations that have led to a reduction in our utility bills and helped us improve our waste management streams," said Josh White, owner of Syzygy Tile in Silver City, New Mexico.

White worked with the pollution prevention and energy efficiency assessment services offered through the Engineering New Mexico Resource Network at NMSU.

"I was surprised to learn about a couple of recycling opportunities that were available that we didn't know about. It always feels good to recycle and we've been able to make sure even less of our waste ends up in a landfill."

Through a pair of federal grants, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 Pollution Prevention grant program and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development grant, NMSU provides technical assistance and information to businesses on cost-effective ways to reduce and prevent waste streams from daily processes and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jalal Rastegary (left), engineering extension specialist, and Chris Campbell, program manager, with New Mexico State University's College of Engineering prepare a pollution prevention and energy efficiency assessment for a small business. NMSU offers these services through the Engineering New Mexico Resource Network.

identifies opportunities for energy efficiency savings. From 2015 to 2017, NMSU's engineering extension services helped businesses in the state save more than \$4.7 million.

As a resource for New Mexicans, not only is NMSU helping small business owners with simple adjustments but also helping to achieve the university's land-grant mission, according to Patricia Sullivan, associate dean for outreach and recruitment in NMSU's College of Engineering.

"These are very easily changed things by habit – turning off lights, not covering vent holes on equipment that is intended to be energy efficient. It's understanding how to utilize what's

within their business operations and how they gain efficiencies and cost savings," she said. "Our engineering extension services extend beyond the on-site assessments. We have a strong partnership with federal and state agencies and other business service providers across the state, and collectively, we are working to connect businesses with relevant services to better their operational processes."

The EPA and USDA grants allow NMSU engineering extension staff to provide no-cost, on-site assessments, often two to three days that result in a detailed written report on recommendations for operational efficiencies. Engineering Extension Specialist Jalal Rastegary added that educating

business owners on best practices is key. The simplicity of the evaluation surprised White.

"I found the assessment process to be painless," he said. "Everyone was very professional, and it required less time and effort than I had anticipated."

"I would definitely encourage other small businesses to reach out to NMSU to get their help. Not doing so is leaving money on the table," he said.

Additionally, NMSU has partnered with the New Mexico Economic Development Department and the NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource's Energy Conservation and Management Division and USDA to expand business services



A Syzygy Tile employee works on tile during an on-site, pollution prevention and energy efficiency assessment from New Mexico State University's College of Engineering staff and students.

through the New Mexico Rural Efficient Business program. To date, the program has provided workshops on energy efficiency in Gallup, Las Vegas, Deming, Clovis, Carlsbad and Taos.

"Partnering with NMSU during our Rural Efficient Business Program has been a wonderful experience. As we travel around the state, we have been able to connect businesses and bring awareness to their services and expertise. We have seen numerous businesses benefit from improving their energy efficiency, which is a

win for their respective communities and New Mexico," said Johanna Nelson, finance development specialist with NM Economic Development.

NMSU engineering extension services support industries such as agriculture, beverage, food processing, grocery stores, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing and micro-brewing.

To learn more about NMSU's engineering extension services visit engrnm.nmsu.edu.

Tiffany Acosta may be reached at 575-646-3929, tfrank@nmsu.edu.

Patience during progress: High Desert Brewing Co.

By **CASSIE MCCLURE AND SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

Editor's note: Eleventh in a series on Valley Drive road reconstruction.

For High Desert Brewing Company (HDBC), the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) road reconstruction project on Valley Drive came with a

perfect storm: The City of Las Cruces road construction on Hadley Avenue is occurring at the same time. However, High Desert's reputation for a variety of craft beers and beer-paired foods still creates a draw.

"If they call us if they're coming through town, we'll give them an update on the best way to get here," said owner

Donna Almarez. "Sometimes it depends on the week and we might have to tell them a different street."

Almarez said that she's seen about a 30 percent dip in revenue since road construction began in the neighborhood. It's come with unfortunate side effects, including fewer working hours for staff. But it hasn't stifled head brewer Dave White's creativity. From their continual favorites – about 23 styles – HDBC now has 64 different beers in rotation.

They've also upped their game by pairing their traditional favorites like Peach Wheat and Oktoberfest and newer favorites like the Cerveza to match different dishes from the kitchen like their Tuesday brisket day or a tiramisu with milk stout-soaked ladyfingers.

For National Prime Rib Day, HDBC lured in fans on social media with a new beer – a French-oak-barrel-aged dark Saison, Belgian Farmhouse style. The au juice for the prime rib, available for customers on a first-come, first-served basis, was made with the new beer.

But White is ready to experiment with different types of beers, such as barrel-aged and sour styles. "I think Las Cruces is ready for them," he said. And, as their customers are ready to progress their palates, the NMDOT and the City will continue to make progress with the streets of Las Cruces.

Stay updated on the road work at the monthly NMDOT Valley Drive



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Dave White, head brewer (far left), with a cast of regulars at High Desert Brewing Company. Under his watch, HDBC has expanded the beers in rotation from 23 to 64.



Susie Graves, bartender, and Corey Cepeda, bar manager, keep the spirits light and flowing to the table.

meetings. The next meeting is 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, in the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's Roadrunner Room. Other updates are available at www.valleydrive.net or

by calling Project Manager Ryan Tafoya at 575-418-7891.

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Kids Can Business Bazaar winners are announced

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Winners of the 2019 Children's Business Bazaar were recognized at the April 27 event by Cruces Kids Can founder and coordinator April Christensen.

Winners were:

- 6-9 age group: first place: Seth Ryan, "Clay Made"; second: McKenzie Robertson, "Home-made Deals"; third: Lily Louick, "BFF Magnets";
- 10-12 age group: first: Rafael Delgado, "My Boo Boo Bunny"; tied for second: Gaia Incendio and Van Toneren, "A Glimpse of Child-like Wonder," Amarae, Adrienne and Alexa Bustamante, "Awesome Creations," and Emma Jean Christensen, "U Rock Co.";

- 13-17 age group: first: Arabella Camunez, "Shinky Chains"; second: Dezirey and Dominique Galvan, "D&D Delectable Delights"; third: Aiden Burford, "Tooth Keeper";

- Judges Choice: Mason Carmona, "Legitimate Naturals."

Prizes were awarded for original business ideas, highest business potential and best presentation/creativity.

The event was held at the Plaza de Las Cruces, as the young entrepreneurs honed their business skills and visitors got to shop for baked goods, jewelry, wood-and paper crafts, art and more, Christensen said.

For more information,



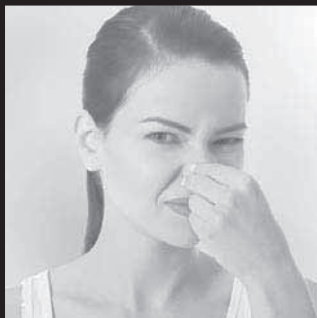
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Judges' Choice winner, Mason Carmona.

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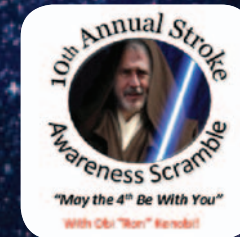


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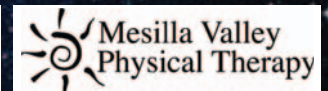
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NMSU nursing grad honored for excellence

By ANGEL MENDEZ
For the Bulletin

A three-time New Mexico State University graduate, Suzan Reeder Rogers, is now a new face and legacy added to the School of Nursing's Wall of Excellence.

With a 20-year career primarily focused in orthopedics, Suzan joins fellow nurses honored on the Nursing Wall of Excellence, who have committed their lives to the nursing profession. After Suzan passed away in 2018, her husband and 1963 NMSU alumnus, Charlie Rogers, found a way to make her legacy live on.

"I want Suzan's name and her love of NMSU – she always stayed a true Aggie – to carry on," Charlie said. "I also want to support women who are, like Suzan was, working hard to get their degrees to make a career and be independent."

The funds that are used to add someone to the Nursing Wall of Excellence support scholarships for NMSU nursing students. Yet, Charlie took it one step further, starting a separate endowed scholarship – the Suzan Reeder Rogers Endowed Scholarship – for female, nursing students who are juniors or seniors and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

"Suzan's career in



COURTESY PHOTOS

Charlie Rogers, right, stands next to a new plaque of Suzan Reeder Rogers, his wife, and latest addition to the NMSU School of Nursing's Wall of Excellence. With the plaque, Charlie and his family also started the Suzan Reeder Rogers Endowed Scholarship for female, nursing students at NMSU.

nursing is inspiring and one that will continue to inspire Aggie students, day in and day out, as an honoree on our Nursing Wall of Excellence," said Sonya Cooper, interim dean of the College Health and Social Services. "We're grateful for Charlie and his family's investment in our students, who are graduating from NMSU to fill high-demand careers in our state, nation and world."

Suzan's career started at NMSU in 1960. She majored in physical education, ran track, was a cheerleader and joined Chi Omega sorority. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in 1964 and a master's degree in science in 1969. Suzan made Las Cruces home and raised two children,

Jeff and Sandie Brilliant. She later graduated in 1986 with her third degree from NMSU – this time, in nursing. Two years later, she married Charlie and lived and worked in California, Texas and Rhode Island before eventually settling in Albuquerque.

"Suzan loved being a nurse," Charlie said. "She loved working as a team with the other nurses. She made great friends with some of them, too. And, she loved helping people get better. She got great satisfaction from giving care to patients who'd come in suffering, and then watching them leave on their own two feet."

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Cannabis decriminalization is a promising, humane step

Editor's note: Gov. Lujan Grisham has signed a bill decriminalizing the possession of cannabis under half an ounce, effective July 1, 2019.

The New Mexico State Legislature and governor have delivered decriminalization and are working on legalization. These moves will change lives for the better. There will be fewer people going to jail for mere possession, then coming out diagnosed with PTSD.

As practitioners, we know how difficult it is for them to overcome the PTSD and then finding themselves unable to get a job because they have a record. I would like to see some of them have their records expunged so that they can have a chance in life.

Decriminalization of cannabis and rescheduling it from a Class 1 narcotic (which equates it to hard drugs like heroin) have been my goals for 12 years. Now that decriminalization is accomplished in New Mexico, rescheduling must be addressed on the federal level.

I am not convinced that we as a state are ready for legalization, yet. Much needs to be considered before that happens – the mental health issue for one. Also, what will happen to the medical cannabis patients? I like seeing states like New Jersey and Connecticut taking their time,

as well.

In any case, things are moving along.

As a traditional naturopath and advocate for Medical Cannabis patients I am privy to all aspects of my patients' lives. I hear

from them directly what their challenges are. They may qualify for a medical cannabis card, but they still cannot get a job, as many employers drug test and they would fail.

New Mexico once had the best medical cannabis program. It was strict, with responsible parameters in place. PTSD patients had to be evaluated and diagnosed by a practitioner who specialized in mental health. The practitioner was able to certify the patient and recommend counseling and follow-up care. That ended in 2015 when the Department of Health allowed any practitioner to certify patients for PTSD. PTSD certifications have increased dramatically since then. The new practitioners are not recommending counseling and are not providing follow-up care for their patients.

Regarding chronic pain patients, up until 2015, two practitioners had to certify the patient: a pain specialist and another practitioner. One reason was to ensure that patients were monitored for the abuse of opioids and cannabis. Now, anyone can say they have pain and be certified by any



HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ
The Good Herb

practitioner. Again, there is no follow-up care for pain patients. As you know, opioid abuse continues to be a problem.

These issues concern responsible practitioners who care about their patients and want to provide them with integrative health care. We know the potential for psychological addiction and irresponsible use of cannabis. We see it every day.

Another concern we have is the access to high THC afforded to patients at the dispensaries. Research has shown that micro dosing and combining THC with CBD is truly medicinal – but it takes time to determine the proper ratio and dosage for each patient. Too much THC will have negative results and patients often state that they had bad experiences.

Bottom line, the use of medical cannabis is a privilege in New Mexico. We are lucky to have the program. The program needs to continue to work on these concerns for the highest good of the patients.

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BCOM scholarship program geared toward NM careers

BULLETIN REPORT

Thirty-three medical students attending the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) are set to receive scholarships to support their educational journeys. The scholarships are made possible thanks to a \$1.6 million anonymous gift to the Southwest Foundation for Osteopathic Education and Research (SWFOER).

“This private foundation strongly supports the mission of BCOM and SWFOER — to bring more doctors to New Mexico and the Southwest region of the U.S.,” says Victoria Pineda, BCOM director of institutional advancement. “We’re so excited they are supporting these aspiring physicians. It’s not just an investment in students, it’s an investment in the health and future of New Mexico.”

The gift will establish a new scholarship program at BCOM that supports 14 students with \$100,000 over the course of their four years in medical school. An additional 19 students will receive one-time scholarships of \$10,000.

Students who are awarded scholarships must agree to complete a clinical rotation — hands-on medical training — at BCOM’s Southeastern New Mexico hub, which includes the cities of Artesia, Carlsbad, Hobbs, Lovington and Roswell. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, each of

these cities is located in counties that are deemed critically low on health professionals.

This rural training experience is expected to inspire medical students to one day work in regions of the U.S. where there are few doctors.

In addition, BCOM students who receive scholarships totaling \$100,000 must agree to return to New Mexico after their residency training. If a career opportunity is available, he or she will practice as a physician for four years in one of the following regions: Artesia; Eddy County; Chavez County; Lea County; or Las Cruces.

“A program like this

guarantees to bring doctors back to our region,” says Don Peska, DO, BCOM dean and chief academic officer. “This gift is going to make an extraordinary impact on New Mexico, bringing physicians back to communities that truly need their help and expertise.”

John Hummer, president of BCOM, adds, “We are humbled and extremely grateful to have this donor — a renowned business leader and philanthropist who has done so much good for New Mexico — supporting our medical students and joining us on our mission to increase the number of future New Mexico physicians.”

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The cemetery had been allowed to deteriorate over the years.



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One of only two headstones remaining in Old Picacho Cemetery marks the grave of infant Refugio Matsuba.

‘God’s little half-acre’

Efforts underway to preserve Old Picacho Cemetery, village archives

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Luisa Matsuba probably knows the history of Old Picacho Village northwest of Las Cruces better than anyone alive. Matsuba was born there 104 years ago, on May 2, 1915, and is part of the Chavez family that were original settlers in the 1850s.

Matsuba’s daughter, Josie DiMatteo, was born and raised in the village. She is working with the Doña Ana County Historical Society (DACHS) and other partners to document village history and preserve the Picacho Cemetery.

The village, located just outside Las Cruces near Shalem



Left to right are Doña Ana County Historical Society historian Sally Kading, Luisa Matsuba, Josie DiMatteo and Olivia Lerma McDonald.

Colony and Fairacres, was part of the Mesilla Valley Civil Colony land grant of 1850, said DACHS historian Sally Kading, who is working with DiMatteo

on the preservation project. DACHS bought the cemetery property in January 2018.

Kading said the village was created about 1855 as an agri-

cultural community, with a Butterfield stage stop nearby, and is one of the oldest villages on the west side of the Rio Grande. The village supplied food to the soldiers at nearby Fort Selden but began to decline after the railroad replaced horse travel in 1881 and Fort Selden a decade later. One of the numerous times the Rio Grande changed course also drove farmers out of the village and into nearby Doña Ana and Mesilla.

Matsuba remembers many of the people buried in the village cemetery, including her two young daughters, Maria and Erlinda. She also remembers singing and leading the choir at the San Jose Mission Church that still operates in Picacho.

“We have a treasure in Josie’s mom,” Kading said, “an absolute treasure.”

DiMatteo remembers the cemetery when she was a 7-year-old child in the 1950s, and even recalls the last burial there. “I remember a lot of graves,” DiMatteo said. “They overflowed from where they are now.”

Today there are only two headstones in the cemetery, those of Ishiro “Jose” Matsuba’s wife, Refugia Alvarez Matsuba, who died of childbirth complications, and Jose and Refugia’s baby son, Refugio Matsuba. Refugia Matsuba was Luisa’s mother-in-law, and Josie



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San Jose Mission Church in Old Picacho Village

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DiMatteo's grandmother.

Ishiro Matsuba, a native of Japan, was a stow-away aboard a Japanese freighter who arrived in Mexico at age 19 and made his way to the state of Chihuahua, where he met and married Refugia Alvarez, who had one child at the time. He converted to Catholicism to marry her and took the name Jose. Ultimately, the family went to the United States, welcoming five more children, including Joe Matsuba, DiMatteo's father, and the baby Refugio, who rests in the cemetery with his mother Refugia. Jose died in 1946, His son, DiMatteo's father,

was Joe Alvarez Matsuba, who died in 1992.

DiMatteo remembers a well-cared for cemetery when she was a child in the 1940s and '50s when the last burials took place there. "I remember a lot of graves," DiMatteo said.

Many graves in the cemetery are marked with rocks and, in a couple of cases, wooden stumps. Some are under piles of dirt dumped illegally in the cemetery, and others are under nearby homes. DiMatteo and Kading are trying to learn the names and locations of all the graves in the cemetery and are hoping to raise enough money to build a cemetery monument that would include the names and to erect a fence around the prop-

erty. They are hopeful unmarked graves can be identified by ground penetrating radar.

The cemetery was originally about two acres in size, but now is just more than one-half acre, Kading said.

"It's God's little half acre," said long-time Las Cruces activist and volunteer Olivia Lerma McDonald, who is also involved in the cemetery preservation project.

After researching San Albino and St. Genevieve's church burial records, family histories and local death certificates, Kading said these are the confirmed surnames DACHS has for Picacho Cemetery: Armendarez, Armijo, Bargoza, Bilbao, Chavez,



The headstone marking the grave of Refugia Alvarez Matsuba

Cortez, Delgado, Fajardo, Glaz, Guerra, Lopez, Lucero, Marquez, Matsuba, Montes, Myers, Peña, Peterson, Salaiz, Saucelo, Savedra, Serna, Silba/Silva and Trujillo.

Local Knights of Columbus members have helped DiMatteo, McDonald and other volunteers from Picacho and Las Cruces clear brush from the cemetery and clean it up on several occasions. "It is a community that cares," Kading said. "It's a very tight community."

DACHS wants to document the history of the village, its original settlers and its cemetery and put that information in the archives at New Mexico State University to preserve it for future generations. Putting up a fence will stop encroachment and illegal dumping on cemetery property, she said. "A monument that includes names and death dates will give them a voice" "We were here..." Kading said.

"We just want to save



Luisa Matsuba, who turned 104 on May 2, was born in Old Picacho Village.

what's there now," Kading said. "So much has already been lost.

DACHS is hoping to raise \$8,000-\$10,000 to put up the monument and the fence.

"We want to preserve and recognize this little place that is so full of history," McDonald said.

Anyone who has information about Picacho and/or its cemetery or who would like to donate to the preservation fund can email 19dach63@gmail.com.

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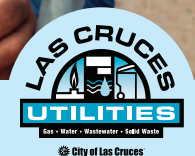
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Mya Felder was named WAC Hitter of the Week May 6.

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Aggies ride hot bats into WAC tournament

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State softball team, having scored 80 runs in its final nine regular-season games, is in Phoenix for the 2019 Western Athletic Conference Softball Tournament. The Aggies, seeded No. 2 after a 12-6 record in the WAC, earned a first-round bye and were to play the highest seed available on Thursday, May 9, at 2:30 p.m. MT.

The victor of Thursday's game advances to the winner's bracket and plays at 2:30 p.m. Friday. The loser headed to an elimination game at 8:30 p.m. Thursday. The 2019 WAC Tournament championship game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The tournament will be broadcast live on ESPN+.

Seattle U comes in as the top seed after winning its first-ever WAC regular-season title with a 15-3 mark. Host Grand Canyon is the third seed, finishing with a 12-6 conference record. Utah Valley earned the No. 4 seed (7-11), Kansas City is the fifth seed (6-12) and CSU Bakersfield is the sixth seed (3-15).

Mya Felder was named the WAC Hitter of the Week, the league announced May 6. This was the second-straight honor for the freshman and the third of her career as an Aggie.

Felder hit .706 with a 1.235 slugging percentage and a .700 on-base percentage in five games, including a win over

No. 17 Texas Tech in the team's final home game of the season. The freshman recorded a hit in every contest last week, going 12-of-17 with three doubles, two home runs and 11 RBIs.

Overall, New Mexico State leads the league in slugging percentage (.497), home runs (62), total bases (653), walks (156), batters struck out (315), batters struck out looking (78) and saves (8). For WAC games, the Aggies are also first in batting average (.321), slugging percentage (.510) and on-base percentage (.396). The team sits atop the rankings for hits (159), doubles (29), homers (21), total bases (253) walks (51), batters struck out (131), batters struck out looking (31) and saves (4).

Gadsden athletic trainer receives national award

BULLETIN REPORT

Gadsden High School head athletic trainer Joe Mora received the 2019 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award in April.

Through its partnership with the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), Gatorade recognizes 10 secondary-school athletic trainers nationwide each year "who provide outstanding athlete care and have a profound impact on their students, colleagues and community," Gatorade said in a news release.

"Being an athletic trainer means to I get to wake up every day and



JOE MORA

do what I love," Mora said in the news release.

"It is very humbling to be nominated by my peers and to be recognized for the effort I put forth every day for my school and student-athletes."

Mora is in his 19th year as an athletic trainer at GHS in Anthony, New Mexico. He also organizes annual concussion and heat illness protocol meetings to update athletic trainers on NATA best practices, the news

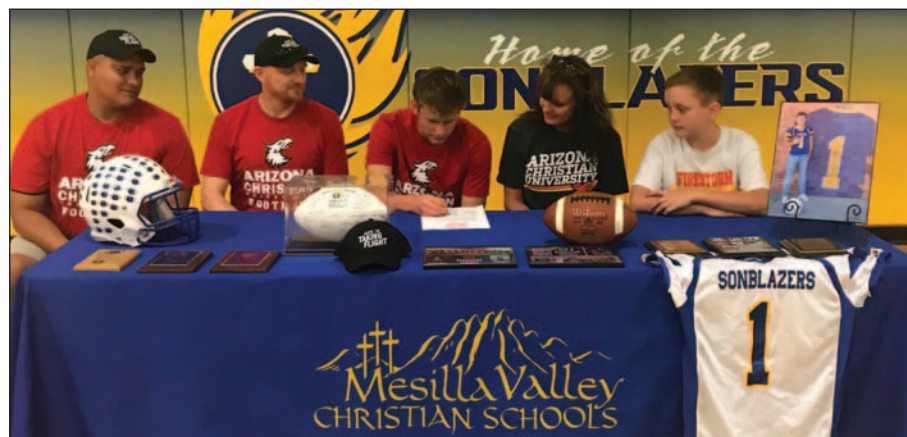
release said.

Mora was presented the award at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, in April.

As part of the award, Mora received a \$1,000 grant toward his school's athletic program, a Gatorade sideline cart and Gatorade product for his students and complimentary registration to the 2019 NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo this June in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For details on how to apply and deadlines, visit the NATA website at nata.org/Gatorade-Secondary-School-AT-Award.

Signed up



COURTESY PHOTO

Mesilla Valley Christian School senior Noah Coyle, center, signed a letter of intent May 3 to play football with Arizona Christian University in Phoenix. "It's been a privilege to know and coach Noah for the last four years," MVCS football coach Juan Salas (far left) said. "He is a fantastic player I will truly miss him. He's a one-of-a-kind athlete." "First and foremost, I'd like to thank God for all He's blessed me with and for sending His son to die on the cross for our sins," Coyle said. "I am super excited to play at the next level. I am honored to have played at MVCS and I am thankful to my coaches, teammates and family for their support. Thank you to Coach Cooper for giving me this opportunity to play for ACU." Also shown at the signing is Coyle's family.

Choking, Part II: Relax, it's not a tightrope

In Part I of this theme I mentioned Johnny Miller. But then I found out that in 2007, TV analyst and former LPGA player Dotie Pepper, while commentating on the Solheim Cup, under the mistaken impression she was not on air, called two of her sister Americans “choking freaking dogs” for breaking down under pressure. Trying to perform under intense scrutiny will do that to you, but “choke” is an awful word.

When thinking about the whole notion of “choking,” I was struck with the immediate thought of daring, brilliant, stunning feats of



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

courage that are not sports-related in the traditional way. One was the tightrope walk across the Grand Canyon in 2013 by Nik Wallenda. Another was the free solo climb up Yosemite's El Capitan by Alex Hannold in 2017. Can you imagine? Playing sports means we practice and try our best, but we're not worrying about one small mistake resulting in death!

So, the business of choking comes down to our own mindset, expectations and perceived pressure. I dare not get into the psycho and neurological details of pressure and choking because it's too complicated. It

involves brain chemistry, like adrenaline and serotonin, stress levels and states of arousal, personality traits, attitudes and ego states, and much, much more.

For example, some people see the glass as half empty rather than half full. Some folks believe themselves to be incapable of overcoming adversity. Some golfers sense pressure in the form of a threat to their inner ego resulting in a feeling of panic, with a fight-or-flight response.

Here are several mental strategies enabling you to play golf as you desire under pressure. (I emphasize “mental” because you can't change your swing in the heat of battle. But sometimes, if

you're not aware, your swing will change for the worse, anyway.) These aren't all my secrets, as I am saving a few that my competitors don't know about, LOL.

First, build your confidence. It starts with trusting and believing in yourself. If you know you lack confidence, fake it 'til you make it. Next, examine what you're really afraid of when you have a stress-filled breakdown. Is it fear of being embarrassed? Fear of losing? Face your fears head-on and truthfully; hug the monster. You'll realize that you are completely magnifying them.

Often when performers face a daunting situation, their mind begins racing, and their thoughts are a

tangle. Negative self-talk can be ruinous. Have you ever said to yourself, “If I don't make this shot I could lose \$30!” Or, “Don't hit it right into the lake.” Hardly anything good can come from a swing-thought beginning with “Don't.”

When you follow your routine and focus on your swing-thought you can hardly go wrong. Sure, it is your objective to shoot a great score and win your match, but those results follow your resolve to pay attention to a singular swing (this shot), without letting your mind wander ahead or behind. Staying in the present is a way to “normalize” things even when the match is on the line. Let's avoid becoming too

attached to the outcome we desire. Arnold Palmer wisely noted, “Choking is connected with losing the ability to concentrate.”

Some folks think that golf is a matter of life and death. But we all know that it's far more important than that! Deep down some golfers believe that. They have difficulty getting themselves to lighten up and relax. Tension is their enemy.

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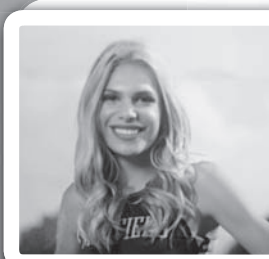


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Top Golf El Paso team member Brad Darr tees off Friday morning on hole No. 7 at Red Hawk Golf Course during the 2019 Chamber Golf Classic presented by PTS/Kyocera.

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Raegan Gorzeman is a 17-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. She is on the Lady Trojans cross country and track teams, running the 400 and 800 meters, the medley and the 4x400 and 4x200-meter relays. They were 2017-18 District Champions in the 4x400 meter and 800-meter race. This year Gorzeman qualified for State in the 400-meter, with a time of 59.11, 800-meter with a time of 2:19, and 4x400 relay, medley relay. At the 2019 Marilyn Sepulveda Meet, she won first place in the 800 meters. Gorzeman placed first in 400 and 800-meter races 2018 USATF Border Region meet, first in the 800-meter at the 2018 USATF Regional meet and first in the 800-meter, qualifying for the USATF Junior Olympic National Championship for the 400 and 800-meter in Greensboro, North Carolina. Gorzeman has a positive attitude and is a good role model to her younger teammates. She is a dedicated student with a 3.63 GPA and is a National Honor Society member. Outside of school and sports, Gorzeman enjoys spending time with family, playing with her dogs, going for long runs and volunteering in her community.



Robert Barela is a 16-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. He is on the Trojans football and track teams. In football, Barela has played cornerback and wide receiver. In track he is a sprinter and helps with the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. Barela has received honorable mentions in both football and track and has been an All-District cornerback. He is a disciplined, hard-working, dedicated, persistent and energetic person, with a good attitude and sees things through to the end. Barela takes pride in working hard and maintaining good grades, with a 2.85 GPA. Outside of school and sports, he enjoys hanging out with friends and family.

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