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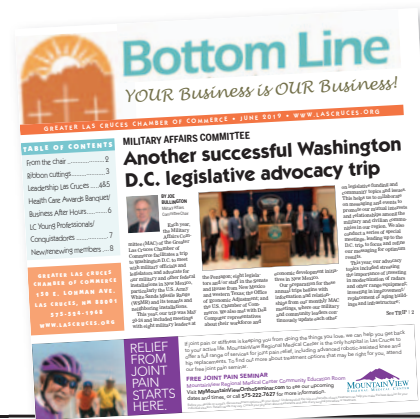


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Garrett Gillespie of the Dachshund Squad and Sharlae Garcia of Meow Wolf high-five during a cornhole tournament May 31 at Picacho Peak Brewery. The charity benefiting multiple sclerosis research drew up to 80 participants. Picacho Peak will host a cornhole tournament on Sundays beginning June 16.

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## Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'

### County's bomb team ranks first in nation at 'Robot Rodeo'

For the third time, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Bomb Squad brought home first-place honors from the Western National Robot Rodeo.

The event, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, is hosted by Sandia National Laboratories. In addition to the competition, the rodeo provides training and an opportunity for civilian and military bomb teams to practice their skills on mitigating potentially dangerous situations with the assistance of robot technology.

The five-day rodeo took place May 13-17 in Albuquerque, challenging teams from all over the nation to test their communication and dexterity skills through various situations. Several scenarios included removing potentially explosive devices

from planes, busses and automobiles.

The sheriff's bomb squad includes five trained technicians from within the department, two of which recently graduated from the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL.

The team is routinely called out to assist with emergencies that require remote-communication assistance, or situations where the bomb squad must identify and defuse potentially explosive materials.

DASO previously won first place honors in the Robot Rodeo in 2012 and 2015. The team is now tied with the Albuquerque Police Department for the most wins.



DASO's Bomb Squad, left to right: Sgt. Scott Bayles, Det. Michael Hinojosa, Det. Jessica Gonzalez, team commander Capt. Jon Day and Sgt. Ismael Porras.

PHOTO BY KELLY JAMESON

### Secure Your Load Day a reminder for year-round safety

Thursday, the Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) joined organizations and individuals across the nation in recognizing June 6 as National Secure Your Load Day. The day focuses on the importance of securing loads for public safety.

"Failure to tarp trash or secure a load prior to hauling has long been an issue, not only in Doña Ana County, but throughout the nation," said Vicki Lusk, Manager of Doña Ana County's Animal Control and Codes Department. "Not only is it a matter of preventing litter and illegal dumping, it's essential to public safety and it is the law."

In addition to posting signs throughout the county reminding residents to secure their load, the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) will be giving out "Oops Tags" at all county transfer stations, reminding people to tarp and secure their loads.

Failing to secure your load is dangerous and illegal. Violators can face severe consequences—fines ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 or up to 90 days in jail. Additionally, failure to secure a load could result in accidents, obstructing traffic and harming the environment.

"Not only does trash fly out while driving and accumulate as roadside litter, but it also poses a significant risk to other drivers," added Lusk. "We encourage residents to join us in recognizing Secure Your Load Day and take pride in our community by working to keep Doña Ana County safe, clean, and litter free."

For more information on Secure Your Load Day, visit [www.secureyourload.com](http://www.secureyourload.com). For more information on the IDP, visit

[www.cleanupwithcarlos.org](http://www.cleanupwithcarlos.org) or call (575) 525-8846.



### Sunland Park clinic on June 12

Staff with the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services (CCS) Office and the Animal Control and Codes Enforcement Department have scheduled a joint Mobile Constituent Services Hour Clinic in Sunland Park for residents to discuss issues and concerns with county staff.

The clinic will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12 inside city council chambers at Sunland Park City Hall, 1000 McNutt Road.

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.

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

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# Amador Hotel restoration yields state award

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces, the Amador Hotel Foundation, architect Jonathon Craig and Las Cruces developer Max Bower have received the New Mexico Heritage Award for organizations for their work on the restoration of the historic Amador Hotel in Las Cruces.

The award, which was announced in April, was formally presented May 17 in Santa Fe by the New Mexico Cultural Affairs Department's Historic Preservation Division.

Attendees included Department of Cultural Affairs Sec. Debra Garcia y Griego and Reginald Richie, who is acting chair of the Cultural Properties Review Committee for the state Historic Preservation Division, along with Amador Foundation President Heather Pollard and Vice President Dr. Debra Dennis, City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department Administrator Mandy Guss, Craig and Bower.



FILE PHOTO

**The historic Amador Hotel, as it appeared within the past year.**

“This award is extremely prestigious and speaks to the fact that Don Martin Amador was one of the most historical pioneers of Las Cruces and built two amazing structures, his own home and the Amador Hotel,” Pollard said. “We are blessed as a team to be part of the city’s efforts, [along with] professional historic preservationists and the private sector in the restoration of the Amador Hotel.”

Restoration work is expected to be completed within two years.

Here is what the state Historic Preservation

Division said about the award:

“The historic Amador Hotel was built in 1885 by Martin Amador, a prominent member of the Las Cruces community. Originally, the Amador was a one-story adobe building located at the south end of downtown.

“The building was subsequently enlarged with a second story and used as a hotel for the next 84 years. In 1969, the building was acquired by Citizens Bank and renovated from its historic territorial style to portray a modern pueblo revival style



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Left to right are architect Jonathon Craig, City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department Administrator Mandy Guss, Amador Foundation board Vice President Dr. Deb Dennis and President Heather Pollard, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs Sec. Debra Garcia y Griego and Reginald Richie, acting chair of the Cultural Properties Review Committee for the state Historic Preservation Division of the Cultural Affairs Department.

building.

“It was later acquired by Doña Ana County and sold to the City of Las Cruces following a campaign by concerned citizens to save the building from demolition.”

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## DACC students preparing for national competition

### BULLETIN REPORT

After finishing their final exams, 15 Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students including two dual credit students will refocus on their technical specialties for a national competition.

DACC's 15 state gold medalists will join 6,500 students from across the nation who qualified to compete at nationals by winning their state competitions at the SkillsUSA competition. The national event will be held June 24-29 in Louisville, Kentucky, where students will compete in 103 different trade, technical and leadership fields.



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### 2018 SkillsUSA winners

"We are proud of our students who will represent us at nationals," said Saundra Castillo, DACC Division Dean of Advanced Technologies. "The state and the na-

tional competitions are important for our students to develop their leadership skills and test their technical knowledge and competency."

The DACC team more than doubled their state gold medal count from 2018, bringing 16 medals home.

Earning gold medals were: Leslie Sydow and Daniel Kerr, Cyber Security Team; Robin Banegas, Computer Programming; James Chambers, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning; Alan Pansegrau, Electronics; Isaiah Silva, Information Technology Services; Vivian Allen, Information Technology Services (High School); Brenton Candelaria, Internetworking (High School); Shannon Smith, Internetworking; James Chambers, Job Interview; Anthony Garretson, Job Skill Demonstration; Rodolfo Ruacho, Medical Terminology; Ruby Villalobos, Nurse Assisting; Nancy Villalobos, Prepared Speech and Related Technical Math; and Rion Osborne, Technical Computer Applications.

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# Charter high school honors seniors

## BULLETIN REPORT

With proud parents, faculty, staff and community members looking on, Alma d'arte Charter High School recognized the achievements of two dozen students during its May 21 senior honors night and May 23 graduation.

• Recognitions/cords awarded: English language arts: Brittney Duque; ELA Enthusiasm: Bailey Martinez; Math: Jacqueline Avila, Karen Montoya, Bailey Martinez; social studies: Jacqueline Avila, Bailey Martinez, Isabel Roberts; science: Jacqueline Avila, Patrick Menanteau, Wohali Stevenson; visual art: Isabel Roberts, Kasandra Almaraz, Olivia

Young; digital design: Jamie Gamble; ceramics: Melissa Bueno, Maryanna Ramirez; ceramics good will: Jonathan Francis; literary art: Bailey Martinez; culinary art: Stephen Huffman; performing art choir: Cesar Angel; performing art guitar: Cheyenne Sapien, Jacqueline Avila, Yaraldi Gutierrez; prom: Bailey Martinez; SLT: Jacqueline Avila, Bailey Martinez; yearbook - Jacqueline Avila.

### Scholarships awarded:

• ENLACE scholarships: Kassandra Almaraz, Maryanna Ramirez, Jordyn White;  
• NMSU Crimson Success Scholarship: Cesar Angel; Mayor's Top Teen: Jacqueline Avila; Doña Ana Community College

legislative lottery: Sibley Brawley; NMSU Hadley Honors: Patrick Menanteau; NMSU 1888 Leadership: Karen Montoya.

• All City Senior Arts Show awards excellence, drawing: Natalie Morales, "Honey, Eyes, Duplicity, Banan Man and Sight"; Ireland Kelley, "Distorted Self Portrait"; Jesus Valenzuela, "Eye"; Hannah Gould, "Columbia Kiddo"; painting: "Cheyenne Sapien, "Face of Time"; Desani Caballero, untitled, batik; Kathleen Pawley, untitled, pointillism; Yaraldi Gutierrez, "Pals,"; mixed media: Isabel Roberts, "Second Hand Clock"; Kassandra Almaraz, "Migration"; Isabel Roberts, "Swollen and to the Side"; photography: Ayeisha Martinez,

untitled, Ferris wheel and portraits; Carlos Sandoval, untitled, small profile portrait; sculpture: Cheyenne Sapien, "The Five Jellies"; Mariana Rivera, untitled, suspending boxes; cermaics: Miriana Ramirez, "Warm Honey"; Jonathan Francis, "Unknown"; Brianna Banela, "Dia de los Muertos Dog"; jewelry and metals: Isaac Valles, "Shell Inlay"; Devon Garcia, "East Bay"; best of show, visual arts: Isabel Roberts, "What You Agreed to in the Shadows."

Holly Schullo is Alma's principal and CAO. The school is located at 402 W. Court Ave. It opened as an arts-focused charter school in 2004.

Call 575-541-0145 or visit [www.almadarte.org](http://www.almadarte.org).



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Alma d'arte Charter High School 2019 graduating seniors.



Left to right are 2019 Alma d'arte Charter High School graduates Olivia Young, Cesar Angel, Brittney Duque, Patrick Menanteau, Karen Montoya, Cheyenne Sapien and Jacqueline Avila with Alma Principal and CAO Holly Schullo (far right).

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# Las Cruces rich in superlatives

**T**here's nothing special about the name Richard. In fact, my dad named me not for a king or a genius, but for a guy he knew at a gas station in Fort Worth, Texas.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

I am fortunate, though, to know an inordinate number of special guys named Richard (or variations of it) here in Las Cruces. They include, among others, Rick Jackson of American Document Services, Rico Gonzales of El Paso Electric, Richard Aguilar of Aguilar Accounting, Rick Nezzar of Sisbarro Buick, Rick Supple of Washington Federal, attorney Richard Williams and architect Richard Haas.

All of these folks are also astute businesspeople who have deep and broad understandings of how things work in Las Cruces.

At various informal "Councils of Richard," with anywhere from one to five of these guys, in varying combinations, in varying settings, we will discuss, as many folks do, how business is going and how it could be better or different in the place we know and love as Las Cruces.

Just as you do with your children, we love Las Cruces, but we always want it to do better, and want it to be as healthy and prosperous as possible. Also, as with our children, we are frustrated and sometimes saddened when

we see our city make what we believe are mistakes.

Many of us Richards are or have been involved with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and/or the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In those roles, we have been particularly frustrated with the city's – and now the state's – minimum wage laws.

Many believe the higher wages put Las Cruces businesses at a competitive disadvantage compared to our bustling neighbor to the south, El Paso. There are other policies and practices in our region we believe hinder business in the Mesilla Valley.

Recently, though, after a group of us were complaining, Richard Haas casually mentioned to me that, "You know, despite some of the bad things, Las Cruces does have a lot of positive things going for it."

And, you know, Richard is right. So, I thought I would just list some of the many positive aspects of this wonderful place we call home. I'm sure you can think of plenty other things to add to this list. Here goes.

- **Weather.** I know, the wind sometimes gets out of hand, but I (along with fellow Richard Rick Jackson) am from Oklahoma. And we're glad there are no tornadoes in Las Cruces. And no hurricanes, earthquakes, blizzards, ice storms, none of the 118-degree Phoenix heat, and none of the four months of snow on the ground of Minnesota.

- **Mountains.** Aside from their beauty, the Organs provide directional assistance. Most everyone in Las Cruces

can tell you which way is east. But send us to Lubbock, Texas, and see how we do in the middle of the day.

- **Talent.** I know we have some workforce issues, but there truly is a lot of talent in a lot of areas in Las Cruces. We have literal rocket scientists at NASA and White Sands Missile Range. We have many high-level healthcare professionals. We have lots of New Mexico State University-produced engineers. We have some amazingly gifted people in the arts. I've been around enough young people in our high schools and colleges to be stunned by these bright kids. It's talent we need to encourage and cultivate.

- **Spaceport America.** Another Richard, Mr. Branson, believes in it enough to base his Virgin Galactic enterprise here.

- **Regional synergy.** Our Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and the Border Industrial Association have sent the message worldwide of the power of our region as a whole. If you factor in El Paso, our Santa Teresa Port of Entry and industrial complex, the maquiladoras of Mexico, the transportation hubs, the city of Juarez, the universities and other educational and training facilities, and many other crucial elements, you come out with a combination that can compete worldwide.

- **State assistance.** We sometimes criticize state politics, often deservedly. We also recognize two good things legislators have done. The Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) and the Tax Incremental Development Districts have

gone a long way toward helping specific areas of the state improve and thrive. Downtown Las Cruces, for example, which is just about to rise to another level, has benefited greatly from the TIDD.

- **Film and gaming.** The film industry, along with computer video gaming, is finding a great niche in New Mexico, particularly in southern New Mexico, also supported with some state measures. This is only in its infancy, but conditions in Las Cruces are ripe for rapid growth.

- **New Mexico State University.** The benefits of NMSU to Las Cruces are both obvious and hidden. I could write for days on this, but the university appears to be positioning itself to go down even more paths of research and collaboration that could greatly benefit the entire region.

- **Agriculture.** NMSU's slated new ag facility will even further enhance and build upon southern New Mexico's centuries-old agricultural tradition. The upcoming arrival of Global Rich Hemp (another Rich) adds another potentially explosive industry.

- **Giving Spirit.** The way our community gives to, and cares about, others is legendary. It's particularly powerful knowing the poverty and low incomes of our region. This attitude means a lot in our daily lives, and also means a lot for business. People here truly care about each other, and that's something you can't put a price tag on.

- **Green chile.** OK. If you've read this column with any regularity, you knew I would get around to this sooner or later.



# A cowboy parade

You gotta hand it to cowboys. They can turn a birthday cake into a four-alarm fire!

Many years ago, the Napa Valley (California) County Fair and Rodeo wanted to do something to attract attention to their big PRCA rodeo. Now I'm not sure how the conversation went at the Fair Board meeting, but maybe something like this ...

"Why not have a cattle drive down Main Street. Call it the Texas Longhorn Cattle Stampede."

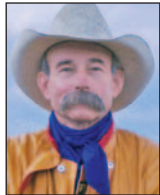
Detractors, stick-in-the-muds, spoil sports and accountants would have reacted with reasonable objections:

"Are you crazy! What if they got loose! You ought to be committed! What if somebody gets hurt! And where on God's green earth could you get anybody who'd let you borrow thirty-three head of full-grown longhorn steers to turn loose on Main Street!"

Into the spotlight stepped COTTON'S RENT-A-COW & BAIL BONDS. They assured the city officials that they had steers that were street-wise and couldn't be spooked and were absolutely controllable! (you can almost hear a cowboy sayin' that, can't you...!)

Well, friends, Texas Longhorn Cattle Stampede made the front page. Quotes from onlookers and police included:

"I almost got gored!"  
"Not under complete



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control!"  
"Surreal!"  
"Unbelievable!"  
"We ain't doin' this again!"  
"People could have been injured!"  
"Cattle riot!"  
"Why don't

they just load 'em on the truck before someone gets hurt?"

According to the Napa County Sheriff's Posse and local cowboys, it did get a little western. Cattle bolting every which way, clattering against the front door of the Redwood Bank, running through the parking lot, scattering protesters, grazing on City Hall lawn, side mirrors snapping off parked cars and lots of screaming. To put the problem in a nutshell, you could say the steers followed the parade route just a little wider and a little faster than everyone expected.

The Texas Longhorn Cattle Stampede did what the Fair Board wanted. It drummed up attention for the big rodeo that night. Lots of TV coverage, front page in the paper and a story that the citizens of Napa told for years.

That's good. Although the Fair Board might have been a little embarrassed, it's the kind of news story that lives on. And to top it off, it's a cowboy story.

*Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com).*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Honoring the public trust

To the editor:

It will come as no surprise to many that government sometimes has a bad reputation. Whether it is the local, state or national level, there are plenty of people everywhere who can quickly find and express their grievances and disappointments with various governmental organizations and the people employed by them.

Getting lost in that dissonant fog is the fact that government also employs fine and dedicated people who work diligently mostly out of view, [doing] their best every day to serve the public and fulfill the trust placed in them.

The Government Center on Motel Boulevard has some of these talented professionals. One of these public servants retired on May 1, 2019. His name is Mr. Ruben Reyes.

Mr. Reyes retired as Doña Ana County's Geographic Information System Supervisor in the County Assessor's Office. He has served with four different elected county assessors since 2001.

Mr. Reyes has served the public in numerous roles over the course of his nearly 25-year governmental career during employment in three New Mexico counties. He has routinely been sought out by colleagues, other professionals and the general public for help and guidance over those years.

It is an honor for any person to serve in government. [But it] is never a totally smooth ride

for anyone. And this included Mr. Reyes. He has overcome personal and professional challenges on a daily basis with class and professionalism.

Government has a responsibility to serve the taxpayers. All those fortunate enough to work in government are the human agents of service who take on a daily duty to fulfill the trust placed in them by the public. Mr. Reyes understood that trust, and he did his best to meet that challenge every day.

Best wishes, Mr. Reyes, and to the public you faithfully served.

*Don Cillo*  
Temple, Texas

### Race Unity Day

To the editor:  
Our memories are short and our ability to

accept to the status quo is, at times, astonishing. After the racially charged violence in Charlotte a few years ago resulted in a woman being run over, my friends everywhere lamented that people merely posted their concerns or outrage on Facebook and moved on without ever actually doing anything about it.

When Charlotte happened, Patrik Ngouka acted. He gathered people from different ethnic backgrounds to discuss the challenges of building a unified, multi-cultural society. The group has met together for several years now and we have the chance to learn from them.

We can discover what solutions they uncovered for overcoming the preju-

dices and assumptions that cause disunity in a community. We can learn about patterns that lead toward unity and harmony and how to apply that knowledge. Isn't this what we all want for our families and friends? Let's learn and act together.

In honor of Race Unity Day, Patrik will be speaking on what his group has discovered in this process. You're welcome to join us on Sunday, June 9, from 3:30-6 p.m. at Good Samaritan's lower-level conference room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Find out more about how we can help to create racial harmony in our own community.

*Jean Wilkey*  
Vice-chair, Baha'i's of  
Las Cruces

50 Years Together




**Jaki and David McCollum**

On June 7, 1969 Jacqueline Ballew and David McCollum were united in holy matrimony at Northwest Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. In 2019 Jaki and David will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary and will be joined by family and friends to celebrate the event at their home in Las Cruces.

David and Jaki graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1970. David worked in the newspaper industry and marketing throughout his career. They moved to Las Cruces in 1996 when David was named publisher of the Las Cruces Sun-News. Together, they formed FIG Publications in 2003 where they operated newspapers and other publications in Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. In 2012, they also published an award-winning hardback book, "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey."



# Founders ensured that impeachment is political

Those who argue that impeachment is not about politics, it's about upholding the rule of law, or maintaining the integrity of the presidency, or anything other than politics are simply mistaken.

It's an easy mistake to make, especially for those of us old enough to remember the Clinton impeachment process. It had all the trappings of a judicial proceeding, and the participants all spoke and acted as if they were engaged in the judicial process. But it was all pure politics.

Blame the founders. They set it up that way.

In our criminal justice system, there are specific



**WALT RUBEL**

The View  
From Here

elements laid out for each offense. A prosecutor must be able to prove each of those elements beyond a reasonable doubt in order to win a conviction.

The ability to meet that burden determines if charges are filed

There are no specific elements for impeachment, only the incredibly vague standard of "high crimes and misdemeanors." What the heck does that mean? Does it include lying about sexual liaisons with an adult intern? Well, as it turned out, that depended entirely on which political party you belonged to.

The split decision in the impeachment of Bill

Clinton by the House without conviction and removal in the Senate left both sides dissatisfied and brought us no closer to understanding what the founders meant and when impeachment is justified.

In the criminal justice system, guilt or innocence is decided by a jury of our peers. I guess you could say the same is true with impeachment, but the difference is that none of those peers is impartial. They all have a personal stake in the outcome.

If an impeachment process was started against President Donald Trump, I don't think there's anybody in the nation who would see Congress as an impartial arbiter.

There is no greater or

more consequential event in our country than the presidential election held every four years. Our next election is still more than 17 months away, and yet the national news is filled with stories every day about the 20-some Democrats who are vying for the chance to take on Trump.

It is estimated that \$6.5 billion total was spent on the 2016 election, with nearly \$2.5 billion of that on the presidential race alone. An estimated 138 million Americans went to the polls that year to cast their ballots for our nation's next leader.

Obviously, that is not a process that should be easily overturned. In the long history of our country, no president has ever been removed from office

by impeachment. Clinton and Andrew Johnson were both charged by the House but not convicted by the Senate. Richard Nixon resigned rather than face impeachment. But, the Senate has never taken direct action to remove a president from office.

And, there is absolutely no evidence to suggest that our current Senate would make Trump the first.

In light of the president's stonewalling of congressional investigations, an argument can be made that starting an official impeachment process could make that obstruction more difficult.

Others argue that impeachment is necessary to curb the president's abuse of power and set

an historical precedent, even if it doesn't result in his removal. Democratic leaders in the House worry that impeachment would further divide the country and play into Trump's appeal to his supporters that the system is rigged and it's them against the world.

All of those are political arguments, and they are worth having. Just understand that nothing Democrats uncover will lead to impeachment and removal unless Republican senators agree that it should. And they won't.

If Trump is to be removed, it will be by the voters in 2020.

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# Advocating for foster children: challenging, rewarding

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding volunteer opportunity, consider the Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program.

If your application is accepted, you could become a sworn officer of the court as an advocate for a child up to age 18 who is in foster care and appearing in Third Judicial District (Doña Ana County) family court before District Judge Grace Duran in a civil case that involves abuse or neglect of the child.

Volunteers serve as positive role models for children in traumatic circumstances, working with the children themselves, their foster and biological families, the judge, attorneys, case-workers, CASA staff, therapists and others to develop a treatment plan to “hold the system accountable” and make sure each child’s needs are met, said CASA Executive Director Doreen Gallegos.

It’s “not a typical volunteer position,” said Gallegos, who joined the program in 2001 and has more than 30 years’ experience as a social worker and childcare advocate. She is also a member of the Doña Ana County delegation in the New Mexico House of Representatives, where she serves as majority whip.

Most of the 70-80 CASA volunteers are retired, Gallegos said, but the second-largest group is comprised of college



**DOREEN GALLEGOS**

students. “We would love to attract a more diverse group,” she said, especially more men. The program serves about half girls, half boys, and CASA would like to have “a volunteer pool equal to that,” Gallegos said.

A pre-application interview helps both CASA staff and the potential volunteer determine if he or she is a good fit for the program, Gallegos said.

It takes resiliency and motivation to become a successful advocate, said CASA Program Director Brandie White, who joined CASA in 2012. Volunteers must have dealt with their own traumatic life experiences in a way that allows them to stand by children who are processing their own trauma.

Volunteers receive at least 30 hours of face-to-face training in

a classroom setting following national CASA training curriculum, supplemented with guidance on local laws and procedures. CASA also provides monthly in-service training and weekly sessions during which advocates can strategize with one another, White said.

Each advocate takes an oath of service and is sworn to secrecy because proceedings in family court are sequestered. The advocate is assigned a case and asked to continue with it until a final judgment is entered, which often takes 12-18 months. Most advocates work one case at a time, sometimes representing more than one child in the same family. “We have a strong group,” White said, including volunteers who have been with CASA for five years.

The hope is that the child in each case is reunited with his or her biological parents, White said. That actually happens in only about a third of the 200-plus cases CASA handles



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**Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates staff are, from left, Executive Director Doreen Gallegos, advocate coaches Casilda Provencio and Janice Sartin, Program Director Brandie White, Administrative Assistant Denise Koller and special helper Lucy White.**

each year, she said. More often, parental rights are terminated by the court and children are adopted or continue in foster care as they wait for adoption. Some older children don’t want to be adopted, White said, so

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advocates help each one finish high school or get a GED and prepare for college, the workplace and adulthood.

Volunteers must be objective in their work and follow strict rules, Gallegos said, remembering always that they are not friends of but advocates for the children they serve. But strong bonds develop, she said, and relationships sometimes continue between an advocate and the child he or she serves after the child turns 18. One advocate was still mentoring the child he had served through CASA after five years, Gallegos said, and she remembered another advocate who hosted a baby shower for the child she served “who didn’t have a sup-



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### New Mesilla Valley CASA volunteers taking the oath of service in Third Judicial District Children’s Court in Las Cruces.

port system in the community.”

Advocates must work within the parameters of the legal system, Gallegos said, but without “a cookie-cutter mentality.” They need to “think outside the box” to help the children they serve “get the things they need so they can have a good childhood experience,” she said.

Being an advocate “is not for everybody,” Gallegos said. Dealing with abused and neglected children and with biological parents who are often battling substance abuse and mental health issues can be “heart-breaking work,” she said. But it can also be extremely rewarding.

“I’m very proud of this agency,” Gallegos

said, “of the staff, the volunteers, the work we do.”

There are other ways to help CASA besides being an advocate, including becoming a donor. CASA has

bought everything from basketball shoes to a wheelchair to help the children it serves and has also paid for things like summer camp and art lessons.

The program also

seeks volunteers to serve as board members.

Mesilla Valley CASA was established in 1993. The national program was started by Judge David Soukup in King County, Washington, in 1977. CASA has since expanded into 49 states. In 2014, it served more than 250,000 children with more than 76,000 volunteers and another 24,000 in training.

The next CASA training will be in September. For an application or to donate, visit [www.mesillavalleycasa.org](http://www.mesillavalleycasa.org).

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## The role of Court Appointed Special Advocates

Third Judicial District (Las Cruces) Family Court Judge Grace Duran, who took over the child abuse and neglect docket in March 2019, said this about Court Appointed Special Advocates:

“It is important to note the key participants in child abuse and neglect proceedings, from the judge to the children’s court attorney, attorneys appointed to represent the Respondents, the Guardian ad Litem (for

children under 14) and the Youth attorney (for children over the age of 14).

“CASA (court appointed special advocates) have a unique role in child abuse and neglect cases. The goal is a determination of the best interests of the child. It is the duty of the Court to make the ultimate decision after receiving evidence and information from all key participants. The role of a CASA is more aligned with the

role and responsibilities of the Court than any of the other participants. After an adjudicatory hearing and a formal, legal finding of abuse and neglect, a CASA monitors compliance with a treatment plan for the respondents and submits reports to the court and the parties which include the results of their independent investigation and interviews of pertinent individuals.

“The reports of CASA do not have to follow the strict forms utilized by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department and therefore tend to be quite informative. A CASA, in some instances, is the person with whom the child has the most long-standing involvement. That history and information can be invaluable to the Court and therefore the recommendations of a special advocate are carefully considered.”

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**JUNE 1 - SEPT. 13**

Drawn to the Land: Peter Hurds

**JUNE 1 - DEC. 13**

The Cowboy Way: Drawings by Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt

**JUNE 1 - MAY 22**

Sodbuster: San Isidro

**JUNE 1 - DEC. 12**

Grist for the Mill

### BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

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**JUNE 1 - JUL 20**

The Front Porch by Storm Sermay

### MUSEUM OF ART

**JUNE 1 - JULY 20**

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Immortal Wars

Rio Grande Theatre. 1pm & 7pm. Free. riograndetheatre.org

CARE Honors National Cancer Survivors Day

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. \$15. carelascruces.org

Movies in the Park: Black Panther

Young Park. 7:30pm or dusk. Free. 575-541-2550

**JUNE 1 - 2**

Singing Out Las Cruces Spring Concert

Peace Lutheran Church. 3pm. \$10; 12 & under free. singingoutlascruces.org

**JUNE 1 - 16**

Play: Emilie: La Marquise

Du Chatelet Defends Her Life  
Black Box Theatre. \$10-15. no-strings.org

**JUNE 1 - 24**

Feed Your Mind Series

DAAC. 1:30-3pm. \$90/series or \$20 p/session. daarts.org

**JUNE 2**

RACE4CARE 5K Run/1K Fun Walk

Old Mesilla. \$20. carelascruces.org

Sunday Night Music in the Park

Young Park. 7pm. Free. Karlos Saucedo y La Ley (Spanish); Neal McCowan (Country)

Sunday Live Music on the Patio

La Viña Winery. 1-4pm. Free. lavinawinery.com

**JUNE 7**

Downtown Art Ramble

Downtown Las Cruces. 5-8pm. Free. downtownlascruces.org

**JUNE 7 - SEPT. 7**

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**JUNE 7 - 23**

Play: Glorious! The True Story

of Florence Foster Jenkins

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**JUNE 7 - JULY 26**

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Children's Matinee: A Bug's Life

Rio Grande Theatre. Noon. \$1 (cash only) riograndetheatre.org

Classic Film Series: On the Waterfront

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Movies in the Park:

Ralph Breaks the Internet

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**JUNE 9**

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**JUNE 15**

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amadorlive.com

Movies in the Park: Aquaman

Young Park. 7:30pm or dusk. Free. 575-541-2550

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Las Cruces Convention Ctr. 11pm. \$10. 575-202-0823

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La Viña Winery. 1-4pm. Free. lavinawinery.com

Sunday Night Music in the Park

Young Park. 7pm. Free. Rockabilly Strangers (Rockabilly);  
Gary Reynolds (Americana/Folk)

**JUNE 29**

Summer Kids Class (Age 8-12)

Fort Selden State Monument. 9am-3pm. \$10  
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Classic Film Series: Maltese Falcon

Rio Grande Theatre. 7pm. \$8. riograndetheatre.org

Movies in the Park:

Ant-Man and The Wasp

Young Park. 7:30pm or dusk. Free. 575-541-2550

**JUNE 30**

Sunday Live Music on the Patio

La Viña Winery. 1-4pm. Free. lavinawinery.com

Sunday Night Music in the Park

Young Park. 7pm. Free. 575-541-2550  
Borderless Brass Band (Variety); Powerswitch (Rock)

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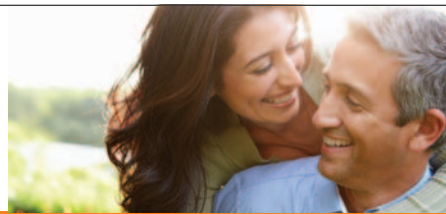
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*Tina Byford is interim vice president of University Advancement at New Mexico State University.*

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#### La ley requiere que los excavadores hagan lo siguiente:

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- 2) Llame antes de escarbar.
- 3) Marcar el área de excavación en color blanco.
- 4) Determine la ubicación de cualquiera de las instalaciones existentes bajo tierra.
- 5) Llame al centro de "una llamada" si alguna de las instalaciones no está marcada para determinar si es "seguro proseguir."
- 6) Conserve la ubicación de las líneas marcadas o proporcione la distancia/desvío.
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#### Qué pasa cuando usted llama:

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# Young chess players make inspiring moves

By **BILL BRADLEY**

For the Bulletin

Today I have a little story to tell. A little story both literally and figuratively. It is about two kids who are really important in my life. To them I am Grandpa Memo (Spanish for Bill). They came into my life just a tad more than three years ago at the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces. Their names are Mia and Brady Allison. They were in in kindergarten and second grade respectfully. I taught them the basics of chess. They caught on quickly.

As a first grader, Mia played a chess exhibition, playing six simultaneous matches against six children from a middle school. The exhibition made the front page of the local newspaper, complete with a large photo. By the fourth grade, Brady was beating me regularly.

More recently, they have played with a team from Monte Vista Elementary School. That team has won the New Mexico K-6 Scholastic



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## Mia and Brady Allison.

Chess Championship two years in a row. This past weekend Mia, Brady and the chess team played for the first time in the U.S. Chess Federation National Elementary Championship.

Let me give this tournament some perspective. A chess history writer asserts that as many as 30 million children in the U.S. play chess. Hundreds of thousands of children annually play in tournaments throughout the U.S. Tens of thousands of children are members of the U.S. Chess Federation

and have official ratings of their abilities. This past weekend, 2,252 of these children showed up in Nashville to test their skills. Please take a moment to consider what this must be like for a child under the age of 10 as he or she enters an auditorium for his/her first national tournament.

Woody Allen once said words to the effect that 90 percent of life was just showing up. These kids were there to compete with the best players in their age range in the United States. In my



The Monte Vista Elementary School team.

mind they were already winners.

At this point, I would like to tell you they all won trophies. But they didn't. They pretty much ended up in the middle of the pack. But they were there. They tried. They competed in some cases until they ran out of time. (Competitive chess is played with clocks.) Losses became learning experiences. Wins were moments of joy. And in the end, all agreed they had fun. In an era of

negative news, it is nice to have a feel-good story. These kids are my heroes and sheroes.

Here are some of the details: First, hats off to Monte Vista Elementary Chess Coach Manny Castillo. Without his dedication, this never would have happened. Second, more hats off to Christy Allison and all the parents who gave time, energy and money in support of this adventure.

As for the kids, each child was registered

in one of 13 divisions. Each child played seven matches over three days. Brady was in the K-5 under 900 division. He won four matches and tied one and finished 74th out of 347 in his division. Mia played in the K-3 under 700 division and won three and lost four. She finished 186 out of 310 in her division.

The best result came from Coach Castillo's son of the same name but known as Big Boy, who has the highest rating on the team and played in the K-5 under 1200 division. He is only in the second grade but was competing with children up to and including fifth grade. He won five of his seven matches and finished 28th out of 204; quite an achievement at such a young age.

The other two children on the team I don't know as well. But kudos to Jonathon Howard and Angelita Ontiveros. Each won three games. Their contributions helped Monte Vista Elementary finish 37th out of 58 in the K-5 under 900 team competition.

This story isn't the stuff that makes for great novels or exciting movies. But in an era where wars, immigration, school shootings dominate the headlines, it is refreshing to know that good things are still happening even if they don't make the headlines or have worldwide significance. Thank you, kids.

*Bill Bradley is a chess teacher and volunteer, Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces.*



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# Flag Day waves again on June 14

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Friday, June 14, is Flag Day, celebrating the date in 1777 (242 years ago) when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

The United States' first known Flag Day celebration was apparently in Hartford, Connecticut, on June 14, 1861 and came at the suggestion of a citizen, George Morris, to support the Union in the first year of the American Civil War.

"One of the key players in the founding of National Flag Day was Bernard J. Cigrand (1866-1932), a child of Luxembourgian immigrants," according to americanflags.com.

Cigrand was a 19-year-old teacher at Stony Hill School, a one-room school in Waubesa, Wisconsin, where Cigrand and his students celebrated Flag Day on June 14, 1885. He continued to advocate for a national Flag Day, finally instituted by presidential order signed by Woodrow Wilson in 1916. An Act of Congress made Flag Day on June 14 official in 1946.

"The Stars and Stripes, the official national symbol of the United States of America was authorized by Congress on that Saturday of June 14, 1777, in the fifth item of the day's agenda," according to www.nationalflagday.com. "The entry in the journal of the Continental Con-

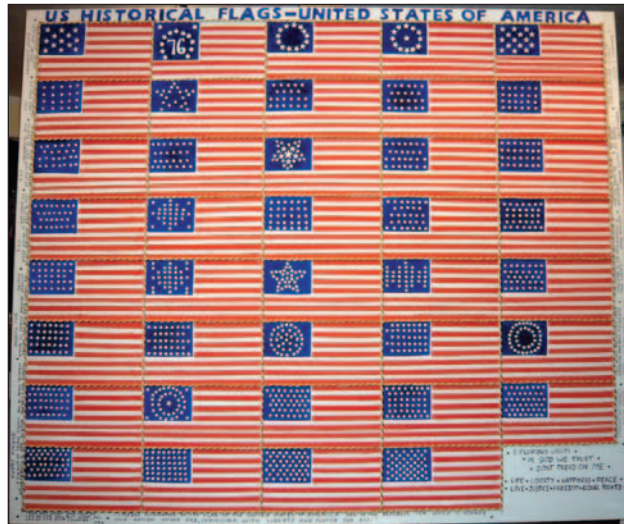


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"It is the universal custom to display the American flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open," according to www.flagandbanner.com. "However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

## New Mexico flag

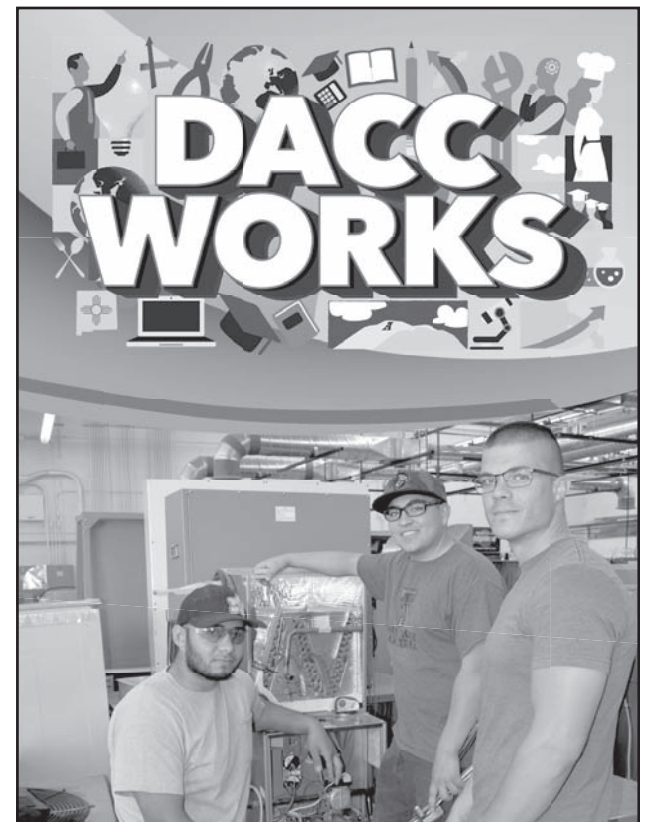
New Mexico has had an official state flag since March 1925, when Gov. Arthur T. Hannett signed a bill designating a design by Dr. Harry Mera and his wife, Reba, of Santa Fe. Mera won a contest sponsored in 1923 by the New Mexico Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. With the scarlet and gold of old Spain, the flag contains the Zia pueblo symbol's sacred four directions, four seasons, four times of the day and four stages of life. "The symbol's proportions are

fixed by legislative act, with the four groups of rays set at right angles, the two inner rays one-fifth longer than the outer rays. The diameter of the circle in the center is one-third the width of the symbol," according to the New Mexico Secretary of State.

The New Mexico flag

is one of only four U.S. state flags that does not include the color blue. It was voted best of 72 U.S. and Canadian flags by the North American Vexillological Association in 2001.

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of being 50+ and sometimes it just happens. I've had a number of patients come to see me and say very similar things. They wake up one morning with pain in their neck and shoulder and they think it will go away on its own but it still hasn't. Or they woke with shoulder stiffness and they didn't think much of it. However, after a few days their shoulder has become tighter and is now interfering with their day.

It's something that happens to a lot of people, usually without warning. People often try a number of different options before coming to see us when they're looking for some way to end their shoulder pain. It's normally one of three things they try;

1. Painkillers
2. Rest and time
3. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages

Do those options sound familiar? Maybe you haven't tried all of them, but most people will have tried at least one of them. But none of them work. In the long run they never work, especially not you hope they will. Here's why they don't work:

**Painkillers** - The problem with painkillers is that they might ease your pain for an hour or so, but that's about it. They never actually get rid of your pain, they only mask it. And, they don't get to the root cause of your painful shoulder. Once they start to wear off, you reach for a few more to mask it again. The problem is still there and you're left frustrated and with a very tight muscle or a stiff shoulder. They don't solve the problem.

**Rest and time** - This is one of the mistakes that a lot of people make when it comes to pain. Many people think that if they rest their shoulder and keep it immobilized for a few days, the pain will go away and they will be fine again. Wrong. The more you rest it, the tighter your muscles become and the more stiff your joints become too.

Imagine leaving your car sitting on the driveway for a few months. When you try to drive it again, it won't feel as smooth as it used to right away. Your joints and muscles are designed to move and your body gets stronger the more you keep it active. It's crucial that you keep your shoulder joints moving to reduce stiffness and to help them feel more relaxed.

**'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages-** These might feel lovely, but these types of massages will never work. It's definitely not the massage therapists fault! They aren't trained to get to the root cause of your problem which means that the pressure they apply to your muscles will never be 'quite right'. They say they can feel 'knots' in your shoulder. They're probably right. But that's because every person over the age of 45 has knots and tension in their shoulders. In fact, most people do, regardless of their age. It's not always an issue, or even the source of your pain. This is where we can help.

We will never recommend dosing up on painkillers, even if your pain hasn't gone after 5 days. It's just not the way we do things. We know, and now you do too, that painkillers just mask the pain. What we will do is give you a personalized set of exercises. These exercises will be done safely when we know that you're ready for them. We'll also teach you some other things that can reduce and remove your shoulder pain. If exercise alone does not make you completely better, we have some other techniques, such as manual therapy and dry needling, which may be appropriate for you. We want to help you get back to being active and on the go as quickly as we can, without painkillers, resting or getting a spa-style massage. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, please feel free to call me at (575)525-2450 or email me at [biz@atriumpt.com](mailto:biz@atriumpt.com)

The author, Dennis Prickett is a Physical Therapist and co-owner of Atrium Physical Therapy. He's more than happy to answer any questions by phone at (575) 525-2450 or by email at: [biz@atriumpt.com](mailto:biz@atriumpt.com)



# Sen. Steinborn reflects on active legislative session

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

State Sen. Jeff Steinborn had quite a session.

The first-term Democrat from Las Cruces, who also served eight years in the New Mexico House of Representatives, sponsored several major bills in the 2019 session of the New Mexico Legislature that are about to become state laws, including ones creating a Division of Outdoor Recreation and an interagency purchasing council that could save millions of dollars on pharmaceuticals used by about half the state's population.

Another Steinborn bill increases incentives to filmmakers who work outside of Albuquerque and Santa Fe, including in Las Cruces.

## Outdoor Recreation

Effective July 1, Outdoor Recreation will become a sixth division within the New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD). Steinborn's bill, co-sponsored by state Reps. Nathan Small and Angelica Rubio, both D-Doña Ana; Rep. D. Wonda Johnson, D-McKinley, San Juan; and Sen. Steven P. Neville, R-San Juan, passed the state Senate 38-0 and the House 52-14 and was signed April 2 by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

The division's multi-faceted mission mandates that nearly a dozen governmental entities work together to create



**Jeff Steinborn**

jobs and promote public health, conservation and "preservation of New Mexico's special places," Steinborn said. He said it will help cities, counties and tribes across the state improve, promote and preserve their "great public lands and national amenities for people to enjoy."

The new division will include an Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee, an infrastructure fund and an outdoor equity grant program to fund outdoor recreation programs for children up to age 18 who are economically disadvantaged, "creating the next generation of stewardship," Steinborn said.

"Communities all over the state are very excited," he said. "The opportunity is there to get New Mexicans outdoors."

Las Cruces is among the first cities in the state to enhance its focus on outdoor recreation, Steinborn said. The 2019-20 city budget passed May 20 includes funding for the city's first ever

outdoor recreation coordinator. The position will "promote our wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities all across our area," said Las Cruces Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg.

"I just returned from a hike up the lower Broad Canyon (north of Radium Springs), 6.1 miles roundtrip, where there are several slot canyons and marvelous petroglyphs," Sorg said in a May 24 email. "Wildlife was seen also. There isn't anyone both here and afar that has experienced all the wonderful places with history, archeology, wildlife and more. There are still many to discover, which is the greatest high - to discover something new."

Las Cruces, Steinborn said, is a great example of the advantages offered by outdoor recreational opportunities. The city and Doña Ana County include multiple attractions within Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (OMDP), like Kilbourne Hole National Historic Landmark, which is both a "geologic wonder" and a part of space history because it was a testing site for Apollo astronauts, he said.

The monument also preserves eight symmetrical bullseyes that were used as top-secret test sites for American bomber pilots during World War II, he said, and today offer business opportunities to both



## STEINBORN

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outfitters and aviation companies. The Monumental Loop bicycle trail offers recreation along with cultural and culinary experiences that stretch from Hatch and Las Cruces to Anthony and Sunland Park, Steinborn said.

Outdoor recreation is a never-ending asset for Las Cruces and all of New Mexico because “it will continue to grow over time and help to add value to everything else,” Steinborn said, and “because it is so essentially who we are. We live in an incredible place. People are coming here from all over the world.”

### Pharmacies Purchasing Council

Senate Bill 131, which Steinborn co-sponsored with state Rep. Joanne Ferrary, D-Doña Ana, creates an interagency pharmaceuticals council to “review and coordinate cost-containment strategies for the procurement of pharmaceuticals” by multiple state agencies and to identify cost-saving opportunities in the private sector. The bill passed the state Senate 24-15 and the House 43-20 and was signed into law by the governor on March 28. The council is mandated to hold its first meeting by Sept. 1, 2019.

Agencies have been purchasing the same drugs independently of each other, often at very different prices, Steinborn said. Mandating that they coordinate purchases of about \$700 million in pharmaceuticals for Medicaid recipients, state workers and retir-

ees, veterans, educators, prison inmates and others – about a million New Mexico residents total, Steinborn said – could save the state \$100 million over 10 years.

Steinborn has been working on the bill since 2014, when he was a member of the New Mexico House Budget Committee. The bill passed both the House and Senate in 2017 but was vetoed by then-Gov. Susana Martinez.

The pharmaceuticals council will be chaired by the secretary of the New Mexico General Services Department or his or her designee, Steinborn said, and will be subject to the provisions of the state Open Meetings Act. The professional staff of the state Legislative Finance Committee will review its performance.

### Film credit

Lujan Grisham referenced filmmaking in Las Cruces when she signed a bill March 29 that more than doubles the cap on rebate payments to qualified film and television productions in New Mexico and provides an additional five percent credit for productions that film in Las Cruces or anywhere outside of Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The 5 percent provision was added to the bill by Steinborn, who is president of the nonprofit Film Las Cruces.

At the signing, the bill’s chief sponsor, state Sen. Nancy Rodriguez, D-Santa Fe, thanked Steinborn and Small, who “helped us figure out a way to include rural areas,” she said.

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- June 8: Bird feeder
- June 15: Salt dough ornaments
- June 22: Paper plate looms
- June 29: Salt fireworks

**Apple Users Group:** Monthly meeting, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 8, NMSU Barnes & Noble bookstore. Info: Louise Foster, [louisefoster@mac.com](mailto:louisefoster@mac.com); [www.cauglc.org](http://www.cauglc.org).

**Children's Matinee:** "A Bug's Life," doors open at 11 a.m., movie at noon Saturday, June 8, Rio Grande

Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2290.

**Republican Women of Mesilla Valley:** Monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Info: Carol Cooper, 575-644-1790; [tscooper@qwestoffice.net](mailto:tscooper@qwestoffice.net).

**Classic Film Series:** Doors open at 6 p.m., movie begins at 7, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.; 575-541-2290.

- June 8: "On the Waterfront"
- June 29: "The Maltese Falcon"

**Race Unity Day:** Sponsored by Baha'i's of Las Cruces, 3:30-6 p.m. Sunday, June 9, Good Samaritan's lower level conference room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Speaker:

Patrik Nkouaga from Cameroon.

**Share the Road Visibility Ride:** Builds awareness among bicyclists and motorists on sharing the road safely; gather at 7:05 a.m., depart 7:15 Monday, June 10, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Wear a helmet, follow rules of the road. Info: [www.velocruces.org](http://www.velocruces.org).

**Can you dig it:** The world of archeology, for ages 11-14, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. June 11-13, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4111 Dripping Springs Road. Bring hat, sunscreen and a lunch. Register by June 6 at [friendsnrmfarmandranch-museum.com](http://friendsnrmfarmandranch-museum.com).

**Taco eating contest:** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday,

June 11, Plaza de Las Cruces. Sponsored by El Sombrero Patio Café.

**Doña Ana Archeological Society:** Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vista Circle. Topic: Ranches on the White Sands Missile Range. Free. Info: 575-524-9497.

**Summer Wednesdays:** Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-522-3120; [Las-Cruces.org/museums](http://Las-Cruces.org/museums).

- 5-7 p.m. June 12: Water slides

**Doña Ana Genealogical Society:** Monthly meeting, 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho. Speaker: Vicki Minnick, senior librarian, on how to use the library to conduct research.

**Timebank orientation:** 90-minute presentation on the service exchange, 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, DACU office, 151 S. Walnut St. Unit B13. Info: 575-323-0730; [dacumairead@gmail.com](mailto:dacumairead@gmail.com).

**Monthly Culture Series:** Historian and author W.

Michael Farmer on the trial of rancher Oliver Lee, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Free. Info: 575-522-4100.

**Kids Night Out Summer Bash:** 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 14, Las Cruces Jazzercise, 3217 El Camino Real. Kids ages 5-12 welcome. Register by June 7. Space limited. Info: Amy Richards, 941-705-0800; [las-crucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com](mailto:las-crucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com).

**Raft the Rio:** River float and kayak race Saturday, June 15, at the Picacho Bridge on the Rio Grande. Registration and unloading of rafts and kayaks at 8 a.m.; races and floats begin at 9:30. Info: John Northcutt, 410-925-9126; [northcuttjb@comcast.net](mailto:northcuttjb@comcast.net).

**BBQ cookoff and cornhole tournament:** Sponsored by LCPD, benefiting NM Special Olympics, cookoff registration 8 a.m. Saturday, June 15, Apodaca Park, 801 W. Madrid St. Cornhole registration 9 a.m. Info: Las Cruces Codes Enforcement, 575-528-4517.

**Doña Ana Modular Railroad:** On display and running trains from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 15-16, Good Samaritan Village Arts and Crafts Room of the Social Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free. Info: 575-649-9503.

**Roller derby:** Crossroads City All-Star Sucias vs. El Paso TexPistols, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15, rink behind Meerscheidt Center. Tickets \$7 in advance at Nessa's Café, \$10 at the gate. Kids under 12 free with paying adult.

**Minnesota Club:** Luncheon meeting, 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, Aqua Reef restaurant, 141 N. Roadrunner Parkway. For those with ties to the Gopher State. Info: Kris, 575-323-3624 or 303-908-4876.

**Juneteenth events:**

- 6 p.m. Friday, June 21: Multi-cultural concert of uplifting music, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Info: 575-541-2290.

- 6 p.m. Saturday, June 22: Annual banquet, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Speaker: Civil rights attorney Dr. Ernest Johnson. Admission: \$50. Tickets and information: [info@naacpdac.org](mailto:info@naacpdac.org).

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# Bencomo makes first bid for office in council race

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Johana Bencomo is making her first bid for public office in her run for the District 4 seat on the Las Cruces City Council.

Bencomo hopes to succeed incumbent Jack Eakman, who won the seat four years ago and will not be a candidate for re-election in the November election. District 4 encompasses west Las Cruces.

Bencomo, 31, was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, where some of her relatives still live. She came to the United States with her family at age 8, settling in Holyoke, Colorado. Bencomo moved to Las Cruces at age 18 to attend New Mexico



**Johana Bencomo**

State University, where she obtained a BA in government in 2010 and a master's in social work in 2015.

"I have always loved politics and policies," Bencomo said. She discovered a "whole new love for social movements" while studying at NMSU, where she was

particularly inspired by Neil Harvey, Ph.D., head of the NMSU Government Department.

"Community organizing is like my whole heart," Bencomo said, including building leaders and helping "regular people advocate for themselves ... and change the ways their

communities function."

Coming to NMSU also meant finding a home in Las Cruces, Bencomo said. "I love this city," she said. "I believe in Las Cruces."

Bencomo attended Emerge New Mexico candidate training program in 2018 and decided to run for city council because she wants to "be part of the discussion (and) is ready to serve the community," she said. "I'm a fighter for things I love and believe in." Serving on city council will allow her to "fight for people in a whole new way," Bencomo said. "I believe in my ability to lead."

Bencomo said a recent discussion she had with students at Arrowhead Park Early College High

School about the migrant situation in Las Cruces "was a really powerful experience" and confirmed her support for mentorship programs to help young people develop the "skills, resources and confidence" to become leaders.

"I'm not afraid of courageous conversations," Bencomo said. Discussions of difficult issues among people with different views is "how you build a new community narrative ... people on different sides can still respect one another."

"You can't make everybody happy (but) you have to build spaces where people can have hard and serious dialogues with each other."

At the city level, she said, Las Cruces can "show New Mexico and the United States what true nonpartisan politics can look like."

Bencomo said she is framing her campaign around the needs of District 4, including places that "just need attention, love and investment." The district, she said, needs a councilor "that will fight for those places," including Ama-

dor Proximo, the multi-use neighborhood west of downtown that has been targeted for re-development; the MacArthur Elementary School neighborhood, where young families need help with home investments and renovations; and Burn Lake, where a restoration of public spaces should be explored.

Bencomo also said city and state road construction on and near Valley Drive and Picacho Avenue has sometimes left business and property owners out of discussions about the projects.

These areas "have so much potential," Bencomo said, and need a city councilor to serve as a mediator between the city and residents. Bencomo said she will hold regular public meetings and go door-to-door in District 4 to discuss issues.

"It's a good time to be a Las Crucean," Bencomo said.

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Contact EBID at 526-6671. Irrigators may visit [www.ebid-nm.org](http://www.ebid-nm.org).

### Twitter scam

Las Cruces Police remind users of social media that the department has only one Twitter account and its handle is @LasCrucesPolice.

The department learned that someone else created a Twitter account – using a similar handle and images stolen from LCPD's Twitter account – and is tweeting inappropriate and potentially harmful information that does not represent the City of Las Cruces or the Las Cruces Police Department.

The Las Cruces Police Department's Twitter account has been in use since April 2009. LCPD regularly posts news, photos, tips and information on Twitter and its other verified social media accounts.

### Summer camp

The Las Cruces Police Department's Youth Leadership Summer Camp is in the middle of its first two-week session

with the second session set to begin June 17 and the third session on July 8.

LCPD has been inundated with telephone calls and social media messages from parents asking when camp for their child begins. Those sessions begin on the date they signed up for.

There is no need for parents to call and confirm the date.

As a courtesy, the week before each session, LCPD school resource officers call parents of children whose session is approaching to confirm the date. For more information, parents may leave a message for Sgt. Robert McCord at 575-528-4153.

### Heat caution

The Las Cruces Police Department reminds motorists that rising daytime temperatures can cause death or serious injury to children and pets left in an enclosed vehicle.

Research shows that the interior temperature of an enclosed vehicle can rise 19 degrees Fahrenheit after only 10 minutes in the sun, 34 degrees after 30 minutes, and 45-50 degrees in about one hour – even when outdoor daytime temperatures are in the 80s or low 90s.

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or no help in decreasing interior temperature. Windy weather or cloudy days also don't help. The lack of circulation inside an enclosed vehicle on a warm day, even after sunset, can be deadly.

Call 911 if you see a person or pet left unattended in an enclosed vehicle.

### Play date

La Clinica de Familia Early Head Start Director Tricia Heffelfinger and Doña Ana County Early Childhood Education Coalition (ECE) Coordinator Cesia Otero have created a Las Cruces Community Play Date, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 8, during the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market at Plaza de Las Cruces.

At the 2019 national Head Start Conference in San Antonio, Heffelfinger and Otero attended "an informative session about transforming communities by way of interacting, socializing and uniting together to play," according to a combined news release from the organizations.

"We all know how important play is for children, there's plenty of research on that; however, there's not much talk about how important play is for adults," Heffelfinger and Otero said. "We want to send the message that play isn't only essential for children, but also for adults. We want to encourage our community, young and old, to come out and play.

"Play makes us resilient, develops self-regulation skills, and increases memory and language.

Playing helps us to create scientists, artists, engineers, teachers, nurses, mechanics, you name it."

Local organizations associated with children, families, health and education will participate in the community play date, which will include jumbo-sized games, giveaway prizes, a performance by the New Mexico State University cheerleaders, Pistol Pete and face painting.

Contact Otero at [cgilard@lcdfnm.org](mailto:cgilard@lcdfnm.org).

### Recycling falsehood

An article published in late May in the Silver City Daily Press titled Recycle No Mas informed residents that the Silver City recycling program was being reduced to only accepting corrugated cardboard, with a Silver City Town Councilor quoted as saying, "Las Cruces and Albuquerque are landfilling nearly all their recyclables. We need to reduce our use."

South Central Solid Waste Authority Director Patrick Peck responded, saying, "Las Cruces does not landfill its recyclables; all of our recycling is still being sold and moved to the market. In April alone, Las Cruces recycled 537 tons of material by sending it to Friedman Recycling in El Paso."

"Both Albuquerque and Las Cruces are working diligently to keep their programs going strong," said Sarah Pierpont, executive director of the New Mexico Recycling Coalition. "The quote in the Silver City Daily Press that Las Cruces and Albuquerque are landfilling nearly all their recyclables is false."

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# Film Las Cruces signs contracts with city, county

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Film Las Cruces (FLC) has a new three-year contract with the City of Las Cruces to continue bringing film and television production to the city, and FLC has signed its first-ever contract with Doña Ana County to expand its work into other communities and locations throughout the county.

“The ball is rolling,” Film Las Cruces (FLC) Film Liaison Jon Foley said. “It’s time to capitalize on the moment. I think we are well positioned to do that.”

FLC has had a memorandum of understanding with the city for the past three-plus years. Its new city contract is a professional services agreement (PSA) that includes specific measurables of its success, Foley said. The city contract was approved by the Las Cruces City Council as part of its June 3 consent agenda.

“I believe in the (city’s) Peak Performance plan,” Foley said. The plan includes an evaluation of how all city departments and programs are performing.

The PSA is for three years, with \$95,000 in annual funding, Foley said, along with an annual review.

Earlier this year, FLC signed a PSA with the county, which will provide an additional \$40,000 in funding for the nonprofit. It also is a metrics-based agreement, Foley said, and will help FLC “to extend our resources to the entire county,” including its location and resource database, workforce devel-



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Film Las Cruces Studios, 2100 S. Valley Drive

*“The sky is the limit. I’d love to see 365 production days a year.”*

**Jon Foley**

opment and school connections.

There are “so many valuable locations” for movie and TV production throughout the county, Foley said, including places like downtown Hatch and the Santa Teresa airport.

One of Foley’s jobs as liaison is to personally visit as many locations as possible so he can give a “cinematic vision” to interested location scouts and managers who could potentially bring a multi-million dollar film or TV production to the county.

“The sky is the limit,” Foley said. “I’d love to see 365 production days a year.”

More reasonable near-term goals, he said, include a movie shooting in the county every month and a television

show coming here to film several months a year or perhaps the entire year.

When Clint Eastwood’s movie “The Mule” shot in Las Cruces for a week, it generated \$9,000 just in lodgers tax funds for the community, Foley said. And that doesn’t count all the other spending cast and crew members did locally during that week and in pre-production.

Foley is a native of Las Cruces. He attended Hill-rise Elementary School and was part of Las Cruces Public Schools’ media magnet program at Sierra Middle School and Las Cruces High School’s dual-credit film training program at Doña Ana Community College (DACC).

As a public-school student at New Mexico State University’s Creative Media Institute, Foley said he “took full advantage of everything Las Cruces has to offer film and media students.”

LCPS, NMSU and DACC do a great job of providing those K-16 opportunities, he said. One of FLC’s goals is to create more local opportunities for



**Las Cruces Film Liaison Jon Foley**

those students and graduates of CMI and DACC’s Creative Media Technology programs so they can live and work locally instead of having to move elsewhere.

FLC took a major step to enhance that partnership when it partnered with DACC to open Film Las Cruces Studios earlier this year in a 74,000-square-foot building at 2100 S. Valley Drive.

DACC pays the rent on the building with support from Cinelease, a national lighting and grip company, and New Mexico’s largest film union, IATSE Local 480.

Foley has also begun a mentorship program to provide additional guidance and support for two-three students each year who want to learn more about film and TV production. Foley said

he prefers to mentor students who are enrolled in CMI or CMT, but it’s not a requirement.

FLC also has internships available. Check under “contacts” on its website.

With its memorandum of understanding with DACC for the studio rental, its city and county contracts and \$6,000 in additional income, FLC’s proposed 2019 budget is \$206,000, according to city documents. FLC’s office is located at 340 N. Raymond St. in the former Women’s Improvement Association (WIA) building, which is owned by the city.

For more information, contact Foley at [jon@film-lascruces.com](mailto:jon@film-lascruces.com). Visit [www.filmlascruces.com](http://www.filmlascruces.com).

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## New Mexico celebrating 120 years of filmmaking

The first film made in New Mexico was shot 15 years before statehood, according to the New Mexico Film Office (NMFO).

The 38-second film, “Indian Day School,” was filmed at Isleta Pueblo in 1897, NMFO said. It was produced by Thomas Edison, NMFO’s website said, and released the next year.

With that date of 1898 in mind, NMFO is now celebrating 120-plus years of filmmaking in the Land of Enchantment, territory and state.

You can see footage and a still from the movie at [dev.newmexicohistory.org/filedetails](http://dev.newmexicohistory.org/filedetails).

The first film shot in Las Cruces may have been “Mexican Border Defenders,” which dates to 1911 and was produced by Powers Motion Picture Company of New York City, according to NMFO.

The film was also shot in Alamogordo and on the Cox Ranch near Organ. That same company also filmed “The Dude” in 1911 on the Cox Ranch, NMFO’s website said.



# Hermosa Heights students crack the code

## BULLETIN REPORT

Thirty-one students from Hermosa Heights Elementary School received graduation certificates and medallions in April after completing a three-month program called “Girls Who Code,” which allowed them to work with students from New Mexico State University on a weekly basis.

The “Girls Who Code” program was offered to, but not intended exclusively for, female students at Hermosa Heights Elementary School, grades 3-5. Students learned about subjects that influence engineering, such as



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**The 2019 Girls Who Code graduation ceremony was held at Hermosa Heights Elementary School.**

math, science and coding, as well as photography and videography. The program gave students a broader scope for the value of their education,

highlighting subjects they are already learning and correlating them to possible future career opportunities.

“Though educational

partnerships like ‘Girls Who Code,’ we are able to inspire our students in ways that go beyond the classroom,” said Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Greg Ewing. “We are grateful for our partners at NMSU, and their shared commitment to education.”

Denise Rodriguez-Strawn, the NMSU Doctoral Programs Coordinator and assistant professor, and Bernie Diaz Crawford, a former counselor at Hermosa Heights Elementary, played essential roles in helping launch the Girls Who Code program.

The students from

NMSU consisted of student athletes, students from the Honors College, computer science majors and engineering majors.

“I was really proud of this particular group because they had an understanding of where these young women come from,” Rodriguez-Strawn said. “These are opportunities that each of them wished they had. Many of us, being first generation Latinos, coming from these communities, attending these types of schools, were completely invested in wanting to pay it forward.”

**Third grade graduates:** Cesar Lujan, Brissa Gal-

legos, Zoei Arias, Alise Eatman, Jasmine Carrera, Yvette Cadena, Mya Serna, Aubry Lynn Medina, Dominique Achulea, Valerie Pena

### **Fourth grade graduates:**

Natalia Rodriguez, Heavenlie Ramos, Adrianna Vilareal, Airam Richa, Hannah Calderon, Cyn-dee Soto, Sara Arcos Alvarado, Fatima Carranza, Clarissa Del Rio, Alesandra Loysoya, Oli Acevedo, Paloma Lambert, Layla Valencia, Zayra Montoya

### **Fifth grade graduates:**

Ariya Richard, Mariana Castillo, Ari Clark, Ulani Radtke, Naomie Silvestre, Kenya Rodriguez, Ezekiel Acosta.

## Reed for readers



PHOTO BY MARIA R. ZUNIGA

The Children’s Reading Alliance of Doña Ana County held a volunteer appreciation party to honor Jan Reed as outstanding volunteer. With Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce President Debbi Moore (at left), chamber Conquistadors and alliance members and staff, a ribbon cutting was held at 3880 Foothills Road to welcome the alliance to the chamber. Reed (partially obscured far right), a founding alliance member, was recognized for “her tireless dedication to children and the success of the Children’s Reading Alliance,” said alliance president Rorie Measure (wearing the scarf at right in the front row). Reed created the alliance’s Reading Buddies program eight years ago “to provide struggling early readers with mentors who encourage them by modeling their own love of reading,” Measure said. The program has spread from to nine Las Cruces elementary schools.

## Presidential visit



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Sons of the American Revolution national President General Warren Alter, center, visited Las Cruces April 20 to meet with members of the local Gadsden Chapter of SAR. At right is Alter’s wife, Nancy. At left is SAR Gadsden Chapter President Don Williams. Alter, who splits his time between his home in Tucson and national SAR headquarters in Louisville, said he has visited local SAR chapters in more than half the states since he took office in July 2018, focusing on bringing new members into SAR, the oldest male lineage organization in the U.S. Nancy Alter’s “pet” project as SAR first lady, she said, is raising funds for the nonprofit National Search Dog Foundation in producing highly trained certified canine disaster search teams. She hopes to raise \$5,000 by July. To donate, contact her at nancyalter@cox.net.**



## LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL

## Council supports immigration reform, parking enforcement

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

At its June 3 regular meeting, Las Cruces City Council unanimously passed a resolution seeking federal immigration reform and reimbursement for city expenses while assisting asylum seekers. The resolution will be sent to the state's federal congressional delegation, state government and the office of the Mexican consul general.

City Councilor Greg Smith, who drafted the resolution, said in an email that he proposed it "in an attempt to get our federal government to take action on some issues contributing to the situation we have in Las Cruces regarding large numbers of people who are seeking asylum being dropped off here."

In cooperation with local churches and humanitarian organizations, the city has processed more than 8,000 asylum seekers since April 12, almost all of whom have been provided temporary care in Las Cruces before being sent on to sponsors across the country, with sponsors paying the cost of that transportation.

During a May meeting with U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, both D-NM, in Washington, D.C., Smith said he "shared my gratitude for their efforts to secure some compensation for Las Cruces for the expenses associated with sheltering people seeking asylum." Both senators "expressed their pride in how our community



GREG SMITH

has stepped up and their desire to do more," Smith said, adding that U.S. Rep. Xochitl Torres Small, D-NM, has requested and received his draft resolution.

The city "has designated \$575,000 for this effort ... to ensure that the asylum seekers are processed and get to their sponsors as quickly and humanely as possible," the resolution states.

"In the long run, our private contributions to social partnerships speak to how we build and how we will be remembered," Smith said in the email. "A sentiment has been circulating that I believe may speak to situations like this one: 'When you have more than you need, build a longer table and not a higher fence.'"

Smith, who lived in El Salvador in 1967-68 when his father was a U.S. military advisor there, gave a brief history of U.S. intervention in Central America since the 1850s. He said U.S. actions in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua have contributed to the situations in those countries that have resulted in their citizens leaving

their home countries and coming to the U.S.

The resolution calls for U.S. aid programs "in nations experiencing turmoil in Central and South America so that their populations are better served, employed, protected, and respected in their home countries to reduce the conditions that lead to people seeking employment and asylum in the United States." It calls for an assessment of "what constitutes a need for asylum and the appropriate resources needed for the federal government to humanely, and efficiently process petitions for asylum," and for the federal government to "better address the current and future situations with people seeking asylum; hence, the need for infrastructure designated here in the way of shelters, courts, and medical care on both sides of the border."

An amendment approved by the council removed one section of the draft resolution that called for a new program to address immigrants who come to the U.S. seeking temporary employment. The first paragraph of the resolution was amended by Councilor Gabe Vasquez to say that "with the exception of Native Americans, we are all immigrants or descendants of immigrants to the United States."

Vasquez said he expects the immigration problem to continue. The Trump administration "prefers to deal with dictators than to deal with problems affecting our border communities," he said.

More than a dozen members of the public spoke for or against the resolution during the meeting's public input segment. Bishop Ricardo Ramirez said the city and Doña Ana County are "a welcoming community" and thanked local agencies helping with humanitarian efforts, "especially the churches."

"We have an invasion here," said Carol Cooper. "We need to look at it that way. When people come in droves, they are not being documented so we do not know if they are true asylum seekers or not. Until they are documented I am going to consider them invaders." The federal government, she said, should protect its citizens from

invaders.

The city announced in a June 3 news release that it has received \$250,000 from the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to offset costs it has incurred "providing release services to migrants and asylum seekers who have been brought to Las Cruces by U.S. Border Patrol in recent months."

**Police service aides**

The council also unanimously adopted a resolution hiring three full-time and three part-time police service aides (PSAs) to issue citations for parking violations anywhere in the city, said Assistant City Attorney Robert Ca-

bello.

Las Cruces Police Chief Patrick Gallagher said the PSAs also will be able to write noninjury vehicle-crash reports and will help to lighten police officers' workloads and help with police recruiting efforts.

The resolution said the aides are necessary as the city "desires to encourage residents and visitors to patronize local business, which requires that the limited parking spaces within the city be used for their intended, lawful purpose and in the most efficient and equitable manner possible."

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**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Full Time (12p-830p) Secondary licensure required.

**CONTRACT:** 8.5 hours per day Monday through Thursday. 166 days. NAS-LC pays 75% of employee benefits

Please submit curriculum vitae and letter of interest to NAS-LC Principal, Margarita Porter: [mporter@newamericaschoolnm.org](mailto:mporter@newamericaschoolnm.org)

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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## Legal Notice

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on April 19, 2019, Elfigo F. Padilla & M. Sue Padilla for the Padilla Family Trust u/d 4/21/00 & restated 2/13/18, 2615 W. Union Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-7060, OSE File No.: LRG- 1447-C with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1447, located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 24.81 "N, 106° 45' 59.81 "W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and transferring 27.0 acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined diversion, historically exercised from aforementioned well LRG-1447 and from Elephant Butte Irrigation District surface water delivery structures for the irrigation of 6.0 acres of land located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, owned by the applicant.

Said 27.0 acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined diversion is to instead be exercised from existing well LRG-7060, located within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 14' 38.03"N, 106°46' 0.53"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and from Elephant Butte Irrigation District surface water structures, and stacked on an existing surface and groundwater combined water right appurtenant to 6.0 acres of land for irrigation purposes, located within the SW 1/4 and the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, owned by the applicants.

The transfer of the 27.0 acre-feet per annum surface and groundwater combined diversion is contingent upon proof from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District of the transfer of the surface

water right appurtenant to the move-from 6.0 acres to instead be stacked upon the existing surface water right appurtenant to the move-to 6.0 acres of land.

In summary the surface and groundwater combined water right appurtenant to the 6.0 acre move-from place of use, located at the physical address of 285 Carver Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, is to be transferred and stacked upon an existing surface and groundwater combined water right appurtenant to the 6.0 acre move-to place of use, located at the physical address of 4715 N. Highway 28, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on April 29, 2019, Nelson F. & Carolyn A. Clayshulte, P.O. Box 430 Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-1558, OSE File NO. LRG-15387 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 adding supplemental groundwater points of diversion including existing wells LRG-1558, located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 26S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°0'18.224"N, 106°38'37.793 "W (WGS84), LRG-1558-POD5, located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 26S, Range 3W, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect at 32° 0'24.153 "N, 106°38'143.649"W ( W G S 8 4 ) , a n d LRG-1558-POD6, located within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 26S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°0'42.247"N, 106°38'158.35"W (WGS84), all on land owned by applicant, to supplement well LRG-657 located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 26S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°0'58.813 "N, 106°39'23.592"W (WGS84), on land owned by Estate of Guillermina Chavez, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 9.42 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 26S, Range 3E. Wells LRG 1558, LRG-1558-POD5, and LRG-1558-POD9 can be found south of Ojito de Madrid Dr., along the Jimenez Lateral, with the farthest one (LRG- 1558) being approximately .5 mile south of said road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, 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: 05/31, 06/07, 06/14, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on May 10, 2019, Henry Lucero and Esther Lucero, 582 W 200 N, Pima, AZ 85543, filed 3 applications numbered LRG-13393-POD3, OSE File Nos. LRG-13393-1, L R G 1 3 3 9 3 - 2 & LRG-13393-5, 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 LRG13393-POD3 to a depth of 125 feet with a 8-inch casing within the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23S, Range 01 E (NMPM) and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°16'13.351"N and 106°47'39.824"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of well LRG-13393-POD1, located on land owned by the applicants located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected Section 36 and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°16'13.351 "N and 106°47'39.755"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of

New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 0.45 acres of land owned by the applicants and 1.01 acres owned solely by Mr. Lucero, both located within the NE 1/4NW 1/4 of said projected Section 36 and the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected Section 36 as described in Subfile Order Nos. LRN 280130079A & 280130079B of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, and 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 280130079A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of proposed well LRG-13393-POD3 will be in Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately 0.22 miles southwest of the intersection of University Ave. & Avenida de Mesilla. Existing well LRG-13393-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, 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: 05/31, 06/07, 06/14, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on May 2, 2019, Gilbert Hernandez, 98 Franco Rd. Vado, NM 88072, and Luz I. & Raymundo Aguirre, 203 Colina Alta Dr. El Paso, TX 79912, filed application number LRG17601-POD1, OSE File NO. LRG-17601-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to change an existing water right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by adding supplemental well LRG-17601-POD1 to be drilled at a depth of 140 feet for a 6-inch casing, to be located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 32, Township 25S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°5' 147.854"N, 106°38'58.725"W (WGS84), on land owned by applicant, to supplement well LRG-1007 located within the NWV4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 25S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect 32° 5' 148.968"N, 106°38' 148.976"W (WGS84), on land owned by the Franco Family Rev Trust, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 1.67 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 25S, Range 3E. Well LRG-17601-POD1 will be located approximately 335 feet southeast of the intersection of Franco Rd and Portillo Rd at the physical address of 98 Franco Rd.

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: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on May 6, 2019, Got To Make It Happen, LLC, 8095 Pinecreek Lane Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093, filed application numbered LRG-14168-POD3, OSE File No. LRG014186- 1A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14168POD2, located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 28S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 54' 27.29" N, 106° 38' 58.35" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and by drilling new well LRG-14168-POD3 to a depth of 300 ft. with a 16-in. casing, to be located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 28S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located within Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 54' 27.02" N, 106° 38' 58.18" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-14168-POD1, located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township

27S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 54' 27.02" N, 106 ° 38' 58.18" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the 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 73.7 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 28S, Range 3E (NMPM) and the SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. LRS-28-OI 9-001 1 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

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

Old well LRG-14168-POD2 will be plugged. The proposed location of new well LRG-14168-POD3 is south of La Union, NM and is approximately 40 feet west of the intersection of Crawford Rd. and Double Eagle Rd.

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Dates: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 2019

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on June 17, 2019:

**(1) Council Bill No. 19-026; Ordinance No. 2891:** An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 38-32 B 2 and Section 38-33A of the Las Cruces Municipal Code to Conditionally Allow for Assisted Living or Retirement Facilities and Nursing Homes Within C-2 and C-3 Zoning Districts. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces (19CA0500020).

**(2) Council Bill No. 19-027; Ordinance No. 2892:** An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace the Existing Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) 1997, as Amended, Chapter 2, Article VI, Public Records with a New Version Adopting State Law.

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 29th day of May, 2019.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 06/07, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-74  
Judge Martin

**MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEE K. ABBOTT, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that NATALIE

WALSTON ABBOTT has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

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

Dates: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 2019

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

DM-2018-1460  
Judge: DURAN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OF CHRISTIAN HARVEY, a minor child**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

TO TARA HARVEY AND WEYLIN SANCHEZ: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County a verified Petition seeking Kinship Guardianship of a child.

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

Kristin Anna Marie Hahn  
1887 Defiance Rd.  
Las Cruces, N.M. 88001  
(575)649-4575

Witness the Honorable Grace B. Duran, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of

New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 25th day of 2019.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By, Leticia N. Salas  
Deputy

Dates: 05/31, 06/07, 06/14, 2019

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

Cause No.  
D-307-CV-2019-00400  
Judge: Marci Beyer

**THE CASITAS AT MORNINGSTAR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Plaintiff,**

v.

**LUIS TORRES, Defendant.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of an Amended Default Judgment issued out of the District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on May 20, 2019 in the above entitled cause in which it was determined that Plaintiff has a judgment against the Defendant LUIS TORRES in the amount of \$10,981.62 together with interest from and after April 26, 2019 at the rate of 8.75% per annum, and by which judgment I am among other things commanded to sell all the lands described in said judgment, which real estate is to be sold in the foreclosure sale and more particularly described in the judgment of said cause and hereinafter described.

**DATED** this 20th of May, 2019.

By /s/ Stephen Hosford,  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 420  
Array, NM 87930-0420  
575-644-6068

Dates: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 06/14, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-00440  
Judge Beyer, Marci

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

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF DOLORES HERRERA, deceased;**  
**THE ESTATE OF JOSEFA G. HERRERA, deceased;**  
**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND**

minium Declaration recorded on March 27, 2007 in Book 800, Pages 358-430 of the records of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, together with undivided interest in the common areas and facilities appurtenant to said unit. Said property's address is commonly known as 3650 Morningstar Dr. #1702, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and real property address, the legal description shall control. Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate and in any way pertaining to said premises to satisfy the amount due on Plaintiffs Judgment in the total amount of \$10,981.62 together with interest to the date of sale in the amount of \$243.70 and all costs of said sale. If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the amounts to be paid, and to whom said amount shall be paid. Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid all or a part of its Judgment.

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

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

The sale is to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, outside of the front doors of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Properties to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 7, 2019 in the total amount of \$7,762.68 with interest at the rate of 12% per annum from April 30, 2019, through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

**LEGATEES OF DOLORES HERRERA AND JOSEFA G. HERRERA, 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 properties (the "Properties") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 710 E. May, Las Cruces, NM 88001 and 710 E. May (Rear), Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: 710 E. May, Las Cruces, NM 88001: Subd: COUNTY ASSESSORS PLAT 1 345 Lot: PT OF LOT 4 Block: 215 S: 18 T: 23S R: 2E 710 E. May (Rear), Las Cruces, NM 88001: Subd: COUNTY ASSESSORS PLAT 1 345 Lot: PT OF LOT 4 Block: 215 S: 18 T: 23S R: 2E

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

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

registry of the Court for determination of the whom said amount shall be paid.

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

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

City of Las Cruces, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the Purchaser at the sale takes the properties "as is" in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the properties by the County Assessor as real or personal properties, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the properties, if any, environmental contamination on the properties, if any, and zoning violations concerning the properties, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real properties subject to a nine (9) month right of redemption.

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

By: /s/ Matthew P. Holt  
MATTHEW P. HOLT, Special Master  
P.O. Box 2699  
Las Cruces, NM  
88004-2699  
Telephone: (575) 524-8812

Dates: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 06/14, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00070  
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORA SAENZ, 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: May 15, 2019

/s/ Camerina Saenz Moreno  
Camerina Saenz Moreno,  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Dora Saenz, 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 Personal Representative

Dates: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00069  
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EMILY HERNANDEZ, 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: May 15, 2019

/s/ Erika Hernandez  
Erika Hernandez, Personal Representative of the Estate of Emily Hernandez, Deceased

**PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:**  
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PO Box 366  
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07, 2019

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

PB-2019-0072  
JUDGE MARTIN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK A. SOULES, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, P.O. Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.



# LEGAL NOTICES

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DATED: May 20, 2019

/s/ Merrie Lee Soules  
Merrie Lee Soules  
Personal Representative of  
the Estate of  
Jack A. Soules, Deceased.

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:  
BATES LAW FIRM  
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/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate  
NM Bar No. 175

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

NO. D-307-CV-2019-00040

SUN WEST MORTGAGE  
COMPANY, INC. D/B/A  
SUN WEST MORTGAGE  
USA, INC.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL YBARRA,  
THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF MICHAEL  
YBARRA,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Michael Ybarra and The Unknown Spouse of Michael Ybarra,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2602 Claude Dove Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 7 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF AMENDED RIDGECREST ADDITION, LAS CRUCES DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AMENDED RIDGECREST ADDITION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY

CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 30, 1964 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 53-54.

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: 05/24, 05/31, 06/07,  
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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-00315

BANK OF AMERICA,  
N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MIGUEL A. ARMENDARIZ AKA MIGUEL ARMENDARIZ, JUSTINE M. GRINDE AKA JUSTINE GRINDE; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2528 Waltz Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF WEST PICACHO ESTATES SUBDIVISION,

PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID WEST PICACHO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 24, 1999 IN PLAT BOOK 19, FOLIO 244-245. RATIFICATION OF PLAT AND DEDICATION, FILED OF RECORD ON MARCH 1, 1999, RECORDED IN BOOK 169, PAGE(S) 557. DOCUMENT NUMBER 995560, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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 27, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 15, 2019, in the total amount of \$158,981.95, with interest at the rate of 5.590% per annum from January 1, 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. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE 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 201 Princeton Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-02640

REVERSE MORTGAGE  
FUNDING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

JANET CARVER AS TRUSTEE OF THE GEORGE B. CARVER AND GEORGIA E. CARVER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 27, 2000; 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 201 Princeton Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 27 OF ALAMEDA TERRACE, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ALAMEDA TERRACE, FILED IN THE

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 26, 1955 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 59.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 on July 11, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 24, 2019, in the total amount of \$147,046.21, with interest at the rate of 3.59% per annum from February 28, 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. Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-01533

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVE J. VUKONICH;  
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 5895 Second Street, Organ, NM 88052, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1, 2, 3, 4 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 19 OF ORGAN TOWN SITE, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ORGAN TOWN SITE, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 11/03/1883 IN PLAT BOOK 3, FOLIO 12. CORRECTED TO BE: LOT NUMBERED 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 21 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 19 OF ORGAN TOWN SITE, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ORGAN TOWN SITE, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 11/03/1883 IN PLAT BOOK 3, FOLIO 12.

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 27, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 19, 2019, in the total amount of \$40,398.16, with interest at the rate of 6.625% per annum from March 19, 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. Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-00325

LSF11 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS COOK, OLGA COOK; 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 5065 Pueblo Trl., Las Cruces, NM 88012-7371, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 9G IN BLOCK NUMBERED 13 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST COMPANY AMENDMENT #2 OF SUBDIVISION "C" BLOCK #12,13,14 & 15 AS CORRECTED, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST COMPANY AMENDMENT #2 OF SUBDIVISION "C" BLOCK #12,13,14 & 15 AS CORRECTED, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 07/17/1967 IN PLAT BOOK 10, FOLIO 10-12.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 on July 11, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New



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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 30, 2019, in the total amount of \$231,828.26, with interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum from April 16, 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.

**LSF11 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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

NO. CV 2019-1474  
JUDGE JAMES T. MARTIN

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
CLAIRE ASHBURN  
SHERVANICK  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME OF  
KELLY ANN SHERVANICK**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that CLAIRE ASHBURN SHERVANICK, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child, from KELLY ANN SHERVANICK to ALEXANDER LUKAS SHERVANICK. This petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 17th day of June, 2019, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., at the DOÑA ANA County Courthouse, 201 WEST PICACHO, LAS CRUCES, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Claire Ashburn Shervanick  
CLAIRE ASHBURN  
SHERVANICK  
4047 DEMOS AVENUE  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88011  
575-522-1717

Dates: 05/31, 06/07, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2018-00130  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE  
OF EVANGELINE A.  
BORUNDA,  
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that ISMAEL BORUNDA has been appointed 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED: January 25, 2019.

ISMAEL BORUNDA  
125 W. San Miguel Street  
La Mesa, New Mexico  
88044 Telephone: (575)  
223-2725

Prepared by:  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00720

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

v.

**DAVID HOLGUIN, DEBBIE GONZALEZ, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID HOLGUIN, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBBIE GONZALEZ, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on June 11, 2019 at 9:30 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT NUMBERED 10 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE V-A, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN

AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE V-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 22, 1984 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 257-260.

The address of the real property is 1989 Buchanan Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on February 15, 2019 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$121,383.36 plus interest from April 1, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special

assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or

manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at

such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1  
Albuquerque, NM 87123  
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A corner of the exhibit

## ‘Fantasy Free-for-All’: Outdoing the imagination

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

At Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado, the exhibit “Fantasy Free-for-All” brims with everything fantastic, inviting the viewer into strange dreams, through windows of time.

Clay, mixed media, watercolor, oil and other

artist mediums are represented, from the deceptively simple and stark watercolor, “Skull Patch,” by Debra Vance to the intricate creation of wire, pearls, glass beads and found items called “Four Hits of Acid and a 40 or 2” by Dennis Lujan.

“The Old Home Place,” by Steven But-

ler in acrylic and India ink, takes us into the past anywhere in New Mexico. “Hands On,” by Margaret Bernstein, is a watercolor bursting into colors and energy.

Donna A. Wood’s “Sheep Shaman,” “Turkey Prints” and “Shaman” reflect ancient days through petroglyph-like watercolor images

that seem to come alive, popping into the present.

But “Spotlight on Fantasy,” by Teresa M. Phillips and Ron Saltzman, is a futuristic creation that looks like it belongs in the past. You can stare at this creation, made of industrial/ocean treasures, until dizzy but not

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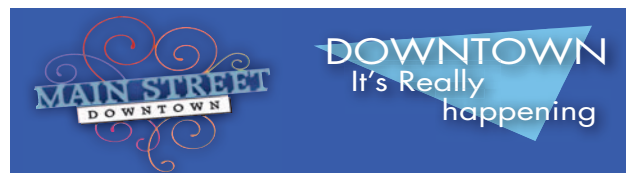


Indriela “Ella” Collins, “Star Light”



Karen Conley, “Corn”





## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>FRI JUNE 7 • 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Rhythm Roundup* - Music & Movement for ages 2-5	
<b>SAT JUNE 8 • 12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Therapaws Reading Teams - Kids read to dogs who love to listen!*	
<b>SAT JUNE 8 • 12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
A Bug's Life Movie - \$1	
<b>SAT JUNE 8 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
On the Waterfront Movie - \$8	
<b>SUN JUNE 9 • ALL DAY</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Library Closed Sundays in June, July, & August	
<b>MON JUNE 10 • 11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Tai Chi Chuan	
<b>TUE JUNE 11 • 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Read to Me - Story time for ages 3 and up*	
<b>TUE+THU JUNE 11+13 • 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Teen Game Night	
<b>WED JUNE 12 • 11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants*	
<b>WED JUNE 12 • 1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Teen Screen - Glass	
<b>WED JUNE 12 • 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Branigan Summer Movies - Avengers: Age of Ultron	
<b>WED+THU JUNE 12+13 • 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Toddler Time - Stories and Activities for ages 1-3 with caregivers*	
<b>THU JUNE 13 • 2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Summer Screen (Movies for Kids)* - A Wrinkle in Time	
<b>THU JUNE 13 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
Dirty Dancing - \$5	
<b>FRI JUNE 14 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
Metalachi - \$15	
<b>SAT JUNE 22 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
The Drifters and Remember Then - \$35	

### ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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\*\*Well-behaved adult caregivers welcome.



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Left to right are Bobby Senecal, David Arias, Debbie-Jo Felix, Nancy Sorrells and Nancy Cline Tafoya in Black Box Theatre's "Emilie: La Marquise Du Chatelet Defends Her Life Tonight."

# 'Emilie' is French for 'Fab!'

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The delightful costumes and excellent story take us back to the first half of the 18th century as physicist and mathematician Emilie Le Tonnelier de Breteuil (1706-49) and world-renown writer and philosopher François-Marie Arouet (1694-1778), square off in a battle of the hearts and sciences in Lauren Gunderson's "Emilie: La Marquise du Chatelet Defends Her Life Tonight" at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. downtown.

Emilie (Nancy Cline Tafoya) and Arouet – better known as Voltaire (David Arias) – shared great passions for science, writing, philosophy and each other, with

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friendship evolving into a relationship that lasted throughout Emilie's short life.

These are challenging roles for two veteran actors, and Tafoya and Arias are well matched as they bring these two real-life scientists, philosophers and lovers into razor-sharp focus under the guiding hand of the play's director, the talented and wonderful Nikka Ziemer.

Tafoya is actually a ghost who has come back to life in Gunderson's marvelous script. But why? Has she returned to right some wrong with Voltaire? her daughter? her mother? her very tolerant husband? We only know for sure that

Emilie the ghost can't physically touch any of them. That's left to her live persona, played with charm and grace by Debbie Jo Felix.

Playing various other parts in the show, including Emilie's mother, daughter, husband and admirer, are Nancy Sorrells, Avra Elliott, Bobby Senecal and newcomer Doug Abbott. It's a strong supporting cast, covering everything from "snide and proud" and "serious and wounded" to "obnoxious and proud" and "sexy and academic," according to Samuel French, Inc., the play's publisher.

Emilie is best remembered for her translation of and commentary on Sir Isaac Newton's laws of physics and her contribution to the most famous scientific formula

in history. Gunderson wrote the play in 2010. Her play, "Silent Sky," was performed earlier this year at New Mexico State University. She is the United States' most-produced living playwright.

Remaining performances of "Emilie" are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, June 7-8 and June 14-15; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, June 9 and 16; and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors over age 65. All seats for the Thursday, June 13 performance only are \$10.

For reservations and more information, call 575-523-1223. Visit no-strings.org.

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Ella Alvarez, "Pendulum"

## FANTASY

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discern a purpose. It is whimsical but serious, dull but colorful and mechanical but lively.

"Quirky Runner," by Marj Leininger, looks ready to run right off the wall. Works by Jean Graham, Indriela "Ella" Collins, Mitch Alamag and Caerllion Thomas virtually explode with space/time themes. The fanciful masks of Jeannine Summers glare out at visitors. And Georgia Stacy's mahogany "A Walk for Water" takes off gliding across the ocean.

This exhibit outdoes the imagination itself and is on display through June 22. Rokoko is open from noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment. A reception is planned from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 8, as part of the Doña Ana Arts Council's Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop.

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Donna Wood, "Turkey Prints"

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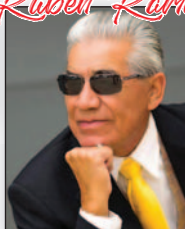
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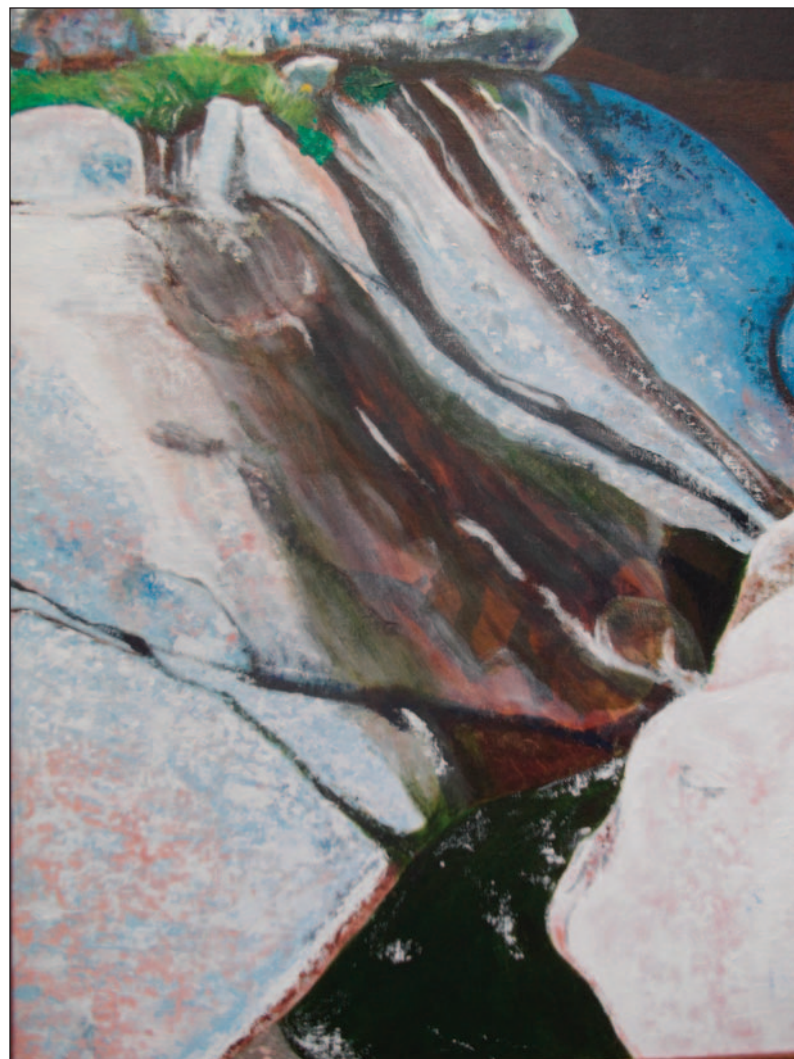
# Keeping it Cool

A new Las Cruces Arts Association exhibition, "Keeping it Cool," is opening at Café de Mesilla for a two-month run. A special artist reception will be held from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at the café, 2190 Avenida de Mesilla.



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Gary Bender, woodworking



Diana Ayers,  
"Spring  
Snowfall"



# 'High Life': The worst film ever but it's pretty good

By **JEFF BERG**  
For the Bulletin

Please note: An advance copy of this film was not available, so this is a preview/overview rather than a review.

The tagline for this film is "oblivion awaits."

I can attest to that since I've not seen the film and it only played for a week in Santa Fe before heading for oblivion itself.

But it does have a good cast, which includes Robert Pattinson, who has certainly broken away from his stock image from the "Twilight" series. Since then, beside starring in this film, he has played T.E. Lawrence in "Queen of the Desert" and Samuel Alabaster in the odd but good comedy Western, "Damsel."

In this film, his role is that of Monte, the father of an infant daughter, who live somewhere beyond our solar system in a mostly hostile and unwelcoming although unnamed world, where they are the sole (criminal) survivors on a spacecraft.

The great French actress, Juliette Binoche, also stars, as Dibs, with Andre Benjamin as part of the supporting cast, as Tcherny.

The basic premise of the film, according to the distributors Website, is as follows:

Monte (Robert Pattinson) and his baby daughter are the last survivors of a damned and dangerous mission to deep space. The crew – death-row inmates led by a doctor (Juliette Binoche) with sinister motives – has vanished. As the mystery of what happened onboard

Opens tonight, June 7, at the air-conditioned Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

the ship is unraveled, father and daughter must rely on each other to survive as they hurtle toward the oblivion of a black hole.

Interesting, especially to me since recently a photo was taken of a black hole. Maybe it was this very one....

Rex Reed, the film critic for The Observer, offered that it is one of the worst films of the year and noted it was the second-worst shown at the New York Film Festival. His review includes "An unwatchable sci-fi creep-out by eccentric French director Claire Denis..." and "Its abstract ideas about life and death don't make one lick of sense and the director's refusal to acknowledge such old-fashioned values as plot, character development and narrative tempo just makes it all the more abstruse. Pretentious critics compare it to Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, which it in no



COURTESY PHOTO

**Boyse (Mia Goth) kills the pilot, takes the controls and steers a space shuttle into a black hole. What can possibly go wrong?**

way resembles."

On the other hand, Peter Bradshaw of The Guardian gave it 5 stars, offering that, "as with so many of Denis' films, the point is to contrive an overwhelmingly powerful mood and moment, an almost physiological sensation, this one incubated in the vast, cold reaches of space. It throbbed and itched with me long after the film was over."

And square in the middle is one of my favorite reviewers, Manohla Dargis of The New York


Times, whom I quote: "Pattinson's vivid presence and intimate voice-over help shape a movie

that often feels on the verge of disintegrating. He keeps you watching, as do the images of reverberant, often haunting power and beauty, including a fecund garden in which kale, berries and gourds grow in bleak contrast to the ship's laboratory fetuses."

Quite a mixed bag, and personally, I'm not really a fan of other films directed by Claire Denis ("Beau Travail," a really odd French Foreign Legion film), and "Let the Sunshine In," an alleged comedy.

But this week, it's all up to you!

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

• June 7: Jamie O'Hara, singer/songwriter, 8-10 p.m.

• June 8: Ricky All-night, singer/songwriter from Fort Worth, 8-10 p.m.

• June 14: Coolside Collective, jazz, 8-10 p.m.

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• June 8: Judith Ames

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

• June 8, 4-7 p.m.: Gallery reception for the Ten O'clock Club during Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop. Art in a variety of 2-D and 3-D mediums by members of the group is on display during the month of June. The artists' reception is free and open to the public. Light refreshments, entertainment by Allison Reynolds on guitar and Bill Kolbin on piano.

• June 10, 17, 24, from

3-4:30 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m.: Parts 6-9 of the nine-part Feed Your Mind seminar series on the topic of Late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art with Kathleen Key. Individual sessions are \$20 each.

• June 12, 2-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Get ArtRageous! The Art of Marketing Art with Joy Miller. The business side of art sales, work-

ing with gallery owners, marketing online and more. Class is \$35 and includes all materials and light refreshments. Bring samples of portfolio for tips and insights.

**High Desert Brewing Company:** Live music, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays, 1201 W. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-525-6752.

• June 8: Pero No!,

folk-rock  
• June 13, Jamie O'Hara, blues/jazz

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• June 9, The 2 of Us

**Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society:** Monthly concert with MIG and

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**Doña Ana Photography Club:** June events at SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Sessions start at 7 p.m., public in-

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

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

**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 21<sup>st</sup> century in Las Cruces. Submission due by 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 July 5. Email digital files to calaveracoalition@gmail.com. CDs can be mailed to P.O. Box 1308, Mesilla, NM 88046.

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

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

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

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

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

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Nightly 7:30, Saturday matinee 1:30, Sunday matinee 2:30.  
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“Cruces” assistant camera operator Nicole Martinez and key grip Trevor Howe.



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Left to right as “Cruces” films locally are the film’s director and co-writer, Joe Warren, Director of Photography David Jean Schweitzer and gaffer David Busse.

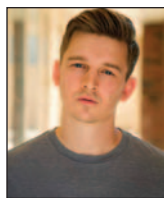
## Film shooting in Las Cruces includes local cast, crew

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Two young filmmakers from Los Angeles were in southern New Mexico the week of May 20 shooting a short film called “Cruces” at several locations.

“The film is a short film about a struggling standup comedian, Bo, who returns to his hometown from Los Angeles for a show,” said the film’s co-writer and executive producer, Nat Frum. “Upon returning home, we follow Bo as he navigates through his estranged relationship with his father and new stepmother.”

Frum said he and co-writer and director Joe Warren came up with the concept, as they both



**Stafford Douglas**



**Jay Huguley**

have tried their hand, unsuccessfully, at standup comedy. “In the process we became fascinated with the form – particularly with the struggle most comics endure for their entire careers. It is a particularly unglamorous life, yet they do it because they love comedy deeply.”

He and Warren had wanted to shoot in Las Cruces for some time, Frum said.

“When we first moved to LA from the East Coast in 2016, Joe drove through Las Cruces. It is such a visually captivating place! Furthermore, the exciting New Mexico film scene enticed us to film something in the state. The Las Cruces film office was incredibly supportive and welcoming to us, which also played a huge part in deciding to film here.”

“Being at the crossroads of I-25 and I-10, Las Cruces is often seen by those passing through on their way to Los Angeles, said City of Las Cruces Film Liaison Jon Foley. “This is the second film in the last two years that has landed in Las Cruces after a producer happened to drive through. The Las Cruces Film

Office is happy to extend our resources to projects of all scopes and sizes. We look forward to continually serving the film and entertainment arts industries in Doña Ana County whenever the opportunity arises.”

Cast and crew utilized NMSU’s Creative Media Institute film program, as well.

Locations used for “Cruces” include the Butterfield Shooting Range and White Sands National Monument. “Those who have visited know there is no justification needed for wanting to shoot a film there,” Frum said of White Sands. “It is one of the most beautiful and haunting places I have seen in my life.”

The cast includes

professional actors Stafford Douglas and Jay Huguley, along with Las Cruces actors Eric Brekke, George Loman and Santiago Garzon. Susie Ouderkirk of Las Cruces, who is doing production design, costumes and props for the film, said a former Las Cruces shelter dog, Rocco, is also in the cast.

The crew includes David Jean Schweitzer, SOC, as director of photography. Pepper Gallegos of Las Cruces is doing makeup.

Douglas is a native of Albuquerque. His television acting credits include “In Plain Sight,” “Better Call Saul,” “Longmire,” “The Night Shift,” “Criminal Minds,” a recurring role in “Manhattan” on WGN

and as Billy the Kid in American Heroes Channel’s “Gunslingers.” His movie credits include “Independence Day: Resurgence,” “Gold,” “The Space Between Us,” “Hostiles” and “The Kid.”

Huguley played David on AMC’s “The Walking Dead” and Jimmy Ledoux on HBO’s “True Detective.” He played Will Branson in the HBO series “Treme,” Whit Peyton on ABC’s “Brothers and Sisters” and recurring characters on ABC Family’s “Raven-swood.” Huguley’s film credits include “Sunny in the Dark,” “Abattoir” and “12 Years a Slave.”

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## Acting workshop



Santino Jimenez, Las Cruces native and New Mexico State University grad, hosts an acting workshop for those age 18 and older, to be held 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9, at Las Cruces Film Studios, 2100 S. Valley Drive. The cost is \$99. Jimenez currently lives in Los Angeles and has been a SAG-AFTRA union actor for 10 years. He has appeared on NBC, CBS, FOX, HBO and Netflix and in national and regional commercials. The workshop will include on-camera training, real network scripts and mock auditions. To register, contact Jimenez at 773-398-3437 or sjactingworkshop@yahoo.com.

## 'Glorious'



PHOTO COURTESY LCCT

Lennie Marie Brown is Florence Foster Jenkins in Las Cruces Community Theatre's "Glorious! The True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins, The Worst Singer in the World," which opens at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, June 7-8, 14-15 and 20-21; and 2 p.m. Sundays, June 9, 16 and 23. The cast also includes Bob Diven, David Cunniff, Karen Buerdsell, Gail Wheeler and Anna Perez-Wright. Director is Vanessa Dabovich. The story is based on the life of opera singer Jenkins (1868-1944), who was so bad that her lack of talent – along with outlandish costumes – drew audiences to New York City stages in the 1920s, '30s and '40s. For tickets, visit lcctnm.org or call LCCT at 575-523-1200.



Attendees browse student artwork during the Congressional Art Competition reception.

# Centennial High School hosts Congressional Art Competition

## BULLETIN REPORT

Centennial High School on April 26 hosted the 2019 Congressional Art Competition for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District. The reception and art show, held in the school's gymnasium, was attended by student competitors, local dignitaries, Las Cruces Public Schools personnel and members of the community.

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

In March, U.S. Rep.

Xochitl Torres Small, D-NM, invited high school students residing in her district to submit their original entries for the annual competition.

Students submitted entries to their representative's office, and panels of district artists selected the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

A total of 43 students from the 2nd Congressional District submitted artwork for this year's competition. The April 26 reception featured all the paintings, drawings, collages, prints, photography and computer-generated art submitted by students.

"It's such an honor to be able to host this year's

Congressional Art Competition, and to join Rep. Torres Small in celebrating New Mexico's young artists," said Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Greg Ewing. "Art education plays a vital role in encouraging self-expression, embracing diversity and fostering well-rounded students."

The winners of the 2019 Congressional Art Competition are:

• **First Place:** Andrea Burciaga, "Wrapped in Culture," Gadsden High School

• **Second Place:** Alvaro Oliva, "Space Voyage," Gadsden High School

**Honorable Mentions:**  
• LaShea Alvarez, "Major," Lordsburg High School

• Genesis De Luna, "Jar of Joy," Lordsburg High School

• Madison Miller,

"Champion the Wonder Horse," [no school listed]

• Trinity Paz Candelas, "Blowing Bubbles," Gadsden High School

• Sharik De La Garza, "Wistful," Gadsden High School

• Devin Hernandez, "Liquid," Gadsden High School

• Elizabeth Lerna, "Absent Minded," Gadsden High School

• James Camacho, "Dragon Fly," Gadsden High School

The Centennial High School Culinary Arts Program prepared and served hors d'oeuvres and beverages for the event, and music was provided by the Centennial Orchestra.

The competition was judged by a panel of three Las Cruces artists: Meg Freyermuth, Norma Hartell and Bob Diven.



## GALLERIES &amp; OPENINGS

**'The Face of Climate Change'**

Through June 14  
SW Environmental Center

275 N. Main St.; 575-522-5552

A photographic exhibition stemming from a nationwide call to artists concerning human footprints on the landscape.

**'TENsion'**

Through June 27  
DAAC Gallery  
1740 Calle de Mercado;  
575-523-6403

"The Ten O'clock Club" artists explore the balance between competing forces in the environment in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, pastels, clay and found objects. Opening reception, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 8.

**'The Front Porch'**

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

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

**'Personal to Political'**

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

Fourteen African-American

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

**'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.

**'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  
NM Farm & Ranch Museum

4100 Dripping Springs Road; 575-522-4100  
A portable gristmill from

the museum's collection, a stone set from Mora, NM, and 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.

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## EVENTS

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vited. Info: daphotoclub.org.

• June 18: "Worship" (not necessarily religious) and a presentation by Anne Chase on where to

photograph in July.

**The Drifters:** Legendary vocal group, with Remember Then, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 6. \$35. Info: riograndetheatre.org/events.





Nopalito Restaurant at 310 S. Mesquite St. There's also a second location at 2605 Missouri Ave.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK  
Nopalito Restaurant, 310 S. Mesquite St., is busy every day at lunch time.

# Nopalito Restaurant: chile con history

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

## REVIEW

When Nopalito Restaurant opened for business in the summer of 1964, Lyndon Johnson was in the middle of his first full year as president of the United States, Jack Campbell was running for re-election to a second two-year term as governor of New Mexico and Thomas J. Graham was in the second year of his 11-year term as mayor of Las Cruces.

The Gallegos family opened Nopalito's at 226 S. Campo St. in the Mesquite Historic District but outgrew that location and moved to 310 S. Mesquite St. in 1968. There is now a second location at 2605 Missouri Ave.

The restaurant is poised to celebrate its 55th anniversary July 1.

I have been to both locations, but more often to the one on Mesquite

Street, where I had lunch May 30. A simple fare of ground-beef tacos with double refried beans (I apologize with great regret that I have never acquired a taste for Spanish rice) was exceptionally prepared and excellently served.

The restaurant's widely varied menu includes all the traditional Mexican favorites like combination (and even mini combo) plates, specialty plates (pork chili con carne, chile rellenos, gorditas, huevos rancheros, tostadas compuestas, Mexican chicken fajitas and tampiquena sirloin steak), burritos and enchilada-style burritos, enchilada plates, chimichangas, flauta plates, taco plates; along with chopped steak with red or green chile,

hamburger and fries, chicken or avocado salad and several starters, including three varieties of nachos, quesadillas, chile fries and chile con queso.

There's also a kid's menu and dessert menu that includes sopapillas, ice cream and even fried ice cream.

You can also order many items in bulk, including enchiladas, tamales, rice, beans, chips and Nopalito's signature green chile sauce.

If you've never tried Nopalito's, what are you waiting for? If you haven't been in a while, you need to go! If it's one of your regular dining spots, enjoy!

Both restaurants are open 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. every day.

Visit [www.nopalitos-restaurants.com](http://www.nopalitos-restaurants.com).

*Mike Cook may be contacted at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



A traditional favorite at Nopalito's – ground beef tacos with refried beans. The meal also included chips with two kinds of salsa and iced tea. With a generous tip (always!) it was only \$15.36.



## To our Valued El Paso Electric Customers,

We want to share with you an important update about El Paso Electric (EPE). On June 3, 2019 we announced a significant, long-term investment in our service area. Infrastructure Investments Fund (IIF), an investment vehicle advised by J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc., has agreed to acquire EPE. As we look to the future and the long-term investment needed to meet the growing energy needs of our communities, this is a major step in EPE's ongoing commitment to providing safe, clean, affordable and reliable energy to you, our customers.

IIF is responsible for investing and growing the retirement funds of more than 40 million families, including 2 million people across Texas and New Mexico who will be invested in EPE. The IIF family of companies includes a number of other utilities. They are a leading investor in renewable energy and have a track record of delivering for the communities they partner with.

Let me assure you that now and in the future, we will continue providing you with safe and reliable service. We also are committed to communicating with our customers, employees and communities with transparency and respect.

EPE and IIF share the same vision for local job retention and growth, financially supporting our communities and creating a sustainable path to grow our renewable energy resources while protecting the environment.

EPE and IIF have agreed to a number of customer, employee and community commitments, which will take effect upon closing and include:

- **Electric Bill Credit for Customers:** EPE and IIF have committed to provide a credit on customer electric bills in the amount of \$21 million over 36 months.
- **Continuity of Local Workforce:** IIF has made real commitments to ensure EPE's workforce, including union and non-union employees and management, will remain in place.
- **Community Contributions:** EPE and IIF remain committed to \$1.2 million in annual charitable contributions in our service area under the existing Community Partner Program, which provides employee engagement with and financial support to the many local organizations that positively impact the well-being of our communities.
- **Community Economic Sustainability Fund:** EPE and IIF commit to establishing a *Community Economic Sustainability Fund* to invest \$100 million over 20 years to fund growth and economic development in our service area.
- **Maintain Local Presence:** EPE's headquarters will remain in El Paso, Texas.

This agreement will better position EPE to meet the future energy needs of our service area. The partnership with IIF will enhance our ability to fulfill commitments to you - our customers - and the communities we serve, including investment in more renewable energy resources, local generation and other infrastructure needs.

Our agreement with IIF is subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. This process takes time, and we expect to complete the closing in the first half of 2020.

We will keep you informed as more information becomes available, and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Customer Service at (915) 543-5970 or (575) 526-5555. Our obligation and commitment remain the same - to provide safe, clean, affordable and reliable energy to our customers.

Thank you,



Mary Kipp  
President and Chief Executive Officer,  
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### Forward-Looking Statements

This advertisement includes statements that are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements regarding the proposed acquisition of EPE, shareholder and regulatory approvals, the expected timetable for completing the proposed transaction and any other statements regarding EPE's future expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, financial conditions, assumptions or future events or performance that are not historical facts. This information may involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: failure to obtain the required vote of EPE's shareholders; the timing to consummate the proposed transaction; satisfaction of the conditions to closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied; the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; the diversion of management's time on transaction-related issues.

Additional information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements is contained in EPE's most recently filed periodic reports and in other filings made by EPE with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and include, but is not limited to: (i) the impact of the federal law commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act and other U.S. tax reform legislation; (ii) increased prices for fuel and purchased power and the possibility that regulators may not permit EPE to pass through all such increased costs to customers or to recover previously incurred fuel costs in rates; (iii) full and timely recovery of capital investments and operating costs through rates in Texas and New Mexico, and at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; (iv) uncertainties and instability in the general economy and the resulting impact on EPE's sales and profitability; (v) changes in customers' demand for electricity as a result of energy efficiency initiatives and emerging competing services and technologies, including distributed generation; (vi) unanticipated increased costs associated with scheduled and unscheduled outages of generating plant; (vii) unanticipated maintenance, repair, or replacement costs for generation, transmission, or distribution facilities and the recovery of proceeds from insurance policies providing coverage for such costs; (viii) the size of EPE's construction program, the receipt of necessary permits and approvals and EPE's ability to complete construction on budget and on time; (ix) potential delays in our construction and resource contracting schedule due to legal challenges or other reasons; (x) costs at Palo Verde; (xi) decisions and actions of EPE's regulators and the resulting impact on EPE's cost of capital, sales and profitability; (xii) deregulation and competition in the electric utility industry; (xiii) possible increased costs of compliance with environmental or other laws, regulations and policies; (xiv) possible income tax and interest payments as a result of audit adjustments proposed by the Internal Revenue Service or state taxing authorities; (xv) uncertainties and instability in the financial markets and the resulting impact on EPE's ability to access the capital and credit markets; (xvi) actions by credit rating agencies; (xvii) possible physical or cyber-attacks, intrusions or other catastrophic events; (xviii) the U.S. Government shutdown and the resulting impact on EPE's sales and profitability; and (xix) other factors of which EPE is currently unaware or deem immaterial.

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### Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, EPE expects to file a proxy statement, as well as other materials, with the SEC. **WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND THESE OTHER MATERIALS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER.** Investors will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement (when available) and other documents that will be filed by EPE with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>, the SEC's website, or from EPE's website (<http://www.epelectric.com>) under the tab, "Investor Relations" and then under the heading "SEC Filings." In addition, the proxy statement and other documents filed by EPE with the SEC (when available) may be obtained from EPE free of charge by directing a request to Investor Relations, Phone: 1-800-592-1634. Media inquiries can be directed to Eduardo Gutierrez at EPE, Phone: 915-497-3495.

### Participants in the Solicitation

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## PUZZLES

## REAL AMERICANS

## ACROSS

1 Deal with mercifully  
 9 Smooth-tongued  
 13 Inlaid tile designs  
 20 Shady protagonist, perhaps  
 21 Inner Hebrides island  
 22 Female graduates  
 23 Famed pool hustler  
 25 Reverberate  
 26 Recap no.  
 27 Neither go-with  
 28 Mined rocks  
 30 Actress Ekberg  
 31 Founder of Tuskegee University  
 36 "Don't put it off!"  
 40 "Yes" vote  
 41 Sports guard  
 42 "Sideways" actress  
 47 Many  
 53 Just right  
 54 Window above a door  
 55 Interstellar dust clouds  
 56 Arnaz of TV  
 57 Interim workers  
 58 Mystery novelist who created Anna Pigeon  
 60 Tree of Iowa  
 62 Some iPods  
 63 Authority  
 64 Home: Abbr.  
 67 "LOVE" stamp artist  
 73 They work on mags

74 Aleve targets  
 76 Dueling tools  
 77 Cleo's biter  
 79 NFL MVP of 1989 and 1990  
 81 Pleasantly warm outside  
 85 Norwegian city  
 89 Many pink-eyed animals  
 90 Ban on trade  
 92 Kilt design  
 93 Publisher of Elle Decor  
 94 Painter called "The Mother of American Modernism"  
 96 Theta lead-in  
 98 Big foot spec  
 99 Map blowups  
 100 "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" playwright  
 109 "Full of beans," e.g.  
 110 "Frozen" queen  
 111 Acid rock's "acid"  
 112 Writer Dinesen  
 116 Place-to-place worker  
 118 Bailiff's directive that's apt to this puzzle's theme?  
 123 Opponents  
 124 Reverberate  
 125 Diagnostic list for a techie  
 126 Brand of frozen desserts  
 127 Phony  
 128 Decade's span

## DOWN

1 Alluring legs, informally

2 Attending to the task  
 3 Big volcano in Sicily  
 4 Isn't incorrect?  
 5 That girl  
 6 "Assuredly"  
 7 Maine city  
 8 Uncool  
 9 Alternative to a JPEG  
 10 Mauna --  
 11 Tagging along behind  
 12 Port in Iraq  
 13 Actress Mason  
 14 Seville cheer  
 15 Singer Boyle  
 16 In a group of  
 17 Arctic native  
 18 Poem division  
 19 Car variety  
 24 GPS display  
 29 "NFL Live" channel  
 31 Be really hot  
 32 BYOB part  
 33 "-- Hope" (old soap)  
 34 "Bill & -- Excellent Adventure"  
 35 Ran in place  
 36 Full of zeal  
 37 Funny -- (2003 Kentucky Derby winner)  
 38 Very, to Fifi  
 39 Mystery writer Marsh  
 43 Ending for Manhattan  
 44 Branch  
 45 ---law (acquired relative)  
 46 Revise

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48 First family until 2017  
 49 Big brass  
 50 Really work  
 51 Rowed  
 52 Plants with fronds  
 55 Viking org.  
 57 Certain bout result, briefly  
 59 7, to Caesar  
 61 Fire felonies  
 62 Prefix with fire  
 64 Hindu royal  
 65 French place of learning  
 66 Cat food brand

68 Reno actions  
 69 Air quality gp.  
 70 Zellweger of "Case 39"  
 71 "I love you," to Juan  
 72 "No" vote  
 75 Arabian chief  
 78 Flag holders  
 80 Re, fa and la  
 81 Deli staple  
 82 Actress Dom-basle  
 83 NYC airport code  
 84 Pasture call  
 86 Not in peril

87 Raise up  
 88 Extolling poems  
 91 Matzo -- (Jewish fried dish)  
 92 Writing tools  
 94 Scottish Celt  
 95 One of the Kardashians  
 97 African fly  
 100 Durations  
 101 Patsy's sidekick on "Absolutely Fabulous"  
 102 Neighbor of Mali  
 103 Shearer of old films

104 Inbox filler  
 105 Curvy letters  
 106 Stare at  
 107 "The best -- to come!"  
 108 Venerate  
 112 Regarding  
 113 Spanish for "room"  
 114 Winged god  
 115 Beer holders  
 117 Born  
 119 "That's it!"  
 120 Singer Jones  
 121 Sizable vase  
 122 Actor/singer Rogers



# 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.

9				1		5		
		4			3			6
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1					5			7
	2	3		9			1	
	5		4			9		
		2	7				5	
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## SCRAMBLERS



"Why is it that when I hand you my \_\_\_\_\_, I get the feeling of being robbed?"

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!

Bundle  
**GEARTH**   

Graft  
**ECLIPS**   

Twirl  
**RAGETY**   

Cover  
**KOLAC**   

**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: J equals T

HSCD YNJECMM LOICM HYDJCW

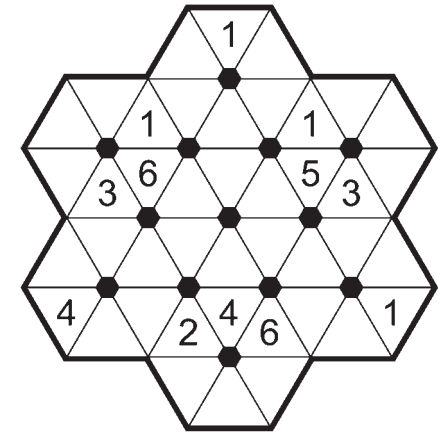
JV MODA JV SCE SVEMC, SVH

WOW MSC YNNVLZIOMS JSYJ?

MYEYS DCOASCW.

## 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

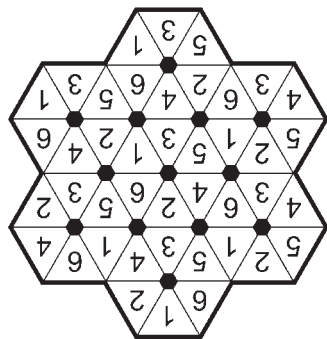
# PUZZLE ANSWERS

When actress Milles wanted to sing to her horse, how did she accomplish that? Sarah neighed.

### CRYPTOQUIP

**PAYCHECK**  
Today's Word  
1. Gather; 2. Splice; 3. Gyrate; 4. Cloak

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

3	9	8	5	4	6	7	2	1
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### WEEKLY SUDOKU

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# Heroic acts still need the coordination of a community

On May 9, I participated in a program at White Sands Missile Range that highlighted the contributions of members of the Jewish community to American life.



**RABBI KAROL**

Seeking Harmony

Finger) all illustrated the value of holding on to our aspirations to make a positive difference in the world.

In each one of those examples, none of the work could be done

alone. Even superheroes needed to partner with dedicated people who were supporting them. And Dorothy couldn't have made it home by herself.

Perhaps that is the draw of the "Avengers" films. Each hero has personal challenges. Together, the heroes realize that their individual abilities, added to the whole, have the potential to make them collectively (and ultimately) invincible.

The enthusiastic worldwide response to "Avengers: Endgame," I believe, demonstrates a commitment of fans not only to seeing a film with fast-paced action, or wanting to know "what will happen this time," but also to the principle of people working in concert to do something incredible.

That is how we create community: by working together for a common goal.

We see teamwork in musical performances, theatrical presentations, films, sports, interest groups, and organizations.

We have witnessed coordinated action in the extensive efforts of local groups to offer hospitality and care to asylum seekers who spend a few

days in Las Cruces and other nearby communities before going to their sponsors in other parts of the country.

Those acts of kindness mirror what we have been doing all along to offer assistance to local residents who are in need of food, clothing and shelter.

We have also witnessed communities coming together at times of tragedy. At this writing, on Memorial Day, I can look at the flag in my home that was presented to my family at the funeral of my father, who was a World War II veteran.

The violent attacks on houses of worship in recent months, in the United States and around the world, have brought people together to resolve to offer one another

greater understanding, support and security.

Sometimes, a sense of community can be resilient in ways we may not expect. I attended the funeral in St. Louis of my 43 year-old friend (and harmonizer on my three albums), Angela Gold, several weeks ago.

Angela's health challenges began at age 27, and continued in the years following. During all that time, she remained active and vibrant as a teacher, singer, guitar instructor, creator of jewelry, and participant in music conferences.

I met some of her closest friends for the first time at her 27th birthday celebration, and easily reconnected with them at the funeral. The family requested those who had

gathered for the evening service, customary on the day of a funeral (and the evenings following), to remain afterwards and join together in song to pay tribute to Angela's memory.

Several generations of friends and family fashioned a meaningful musical tapestry of remembrance, a "circle of song" that offered warmth and comfort.

That is the heroic work we can do for each other: giving support to create and sustain harmony, security, healing and hope.

*Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.*

## RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

### Shavuot

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will hold a study session and worship on the evening and morning of Shavuot, the third of the annual festivals on the Jewish calendar, on June 8-9.

On the eve of Shavuot ("Weeks"), Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m., there will be dessert (please bring a dairy dessert to share), brief worship and discussion of "David's Debacle," one of King David's most challenging moments when he had to face a prophet and humble himself before God. Participants will explore Second Samuel, Chapters 11 and 12, from Robert Alter's new translation and commentary, and Psalm 51,

from Rabbi Richard Levy's translation and commentary, Songs Ascending.

Please let Rabbi Larry Karol know if you plan to attend by calling Temple at 575-524-3380 or emailing rabbi@tbelc.org.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, June 9, there will be a morning service for the holiday including memorial prayers for loved ones who have died (as is customary). A bagel brunch reception will follow the service.

### 'Discover Creation'

Bethel Bible Fellowship's Vacation Bible School, "Discover Creation," will be held 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday June 10-14, at 3890 Stern Drive, Las Cruces.

The school is for children

from kindergarten through fifth grade.

There is no cost to attend. Register at bethelbf.org.

### 'The Incredible Race'

The Incredible Race Vacation Bible School is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. July 15-19 at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. (behind T-Mobile).

According to a news release, "At The Incredible Race, we're off on a race around the world as we discover that, no matter where we live, what language we speak, or what we look like, we are all part of the same family."

For registration or information, contact 575-526-9535 or svcc.myanswers.com.

### Affirmative prayer

Eugene Holden, a Religious Science practitioner for more than 30 years and a columnist for the Science of Mind Magazine for 12 years, will conduct a workshop called "Living the 5 steps of Affirmative Prayer" at the Center for Spiritual Living (CSL) from 1-5 p.m. July 6.

Holden will also be the guest speaker at the Unity Sunday services from 8:30-9:30 a.m. July 7 and will be the CSL guest speaker from 9:30-10:30 a.m. July 7.

The Center for Spiritual Living is at 575 N. Main St. downtown.

For more information, call 575-523-4847.

### Priesthood

Gino Wilcox was or-



**WILCOX**

dered to the order of the Presbyterate on May 24.

The order of the Presbyterate is one of the three holy orders of the Catholic Church (Episcopate, Presbyterate, and the Diaconate).

It is considered the second order of the priesthood.

The ordination Mass is a sacramental ceremony in which a man becomes a priest and is bestowed the ability to minister in Christ's name.

The Holy Orders of the Priesthood are:

- Episcopate – Fullness

of the sacrament of orders when a man becomes a Bishop.

- Presbyterate – The priesthood, second rank of priesthood.

- Diaconate – Ministers in the Catholic Church.

Wilcox is a native of Artesia, New Mexico, and studied six years of philosophy and theology at Mundelein Seminary. His message to the Las Cruces community is, "You have been in my prayers for the past six years. I have encountered Christ in each of you during my parish assignments and diocesan events. I have often envisioned the joy of serving all of you in our diocese as a priest. That moment is finally here."





COURTESY PHOTOS

Caliche's is not only known for its frozen custard, but its friendly staff and speedy service. Alyssa Calderon, Valley Drive store manager, whips together a classic sundae with strawberries and bananas – a decadent lunch selection.



Omar Trujillo, Caliche's shift manager, stands outside the Valley Drive location, with orange construction barrels in the background.

# Patience During Progress

## Caliche's: two decades, two locations of sweet success

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**  
and **SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

*Editor's note: Fifteenth in a series on business impacted by the Valley Drive/Avenida de Mesilla road reconstruction.*

Caliche's Frozen Custard at 590 S. Valley Drive has been offering their familiar and much-loved frozen custard treat in Las Cruces since 1996.

With two locations, one on Roadrunner Parkway and the original on Valley Drive, Caliche's reach spans the city ... but orange highway construction barrels on Valley Drive are slow-

ing traffic as well as the number of customers making it into the westside location.

Owner Javier Morales says he's seen a 30 percent reduction in business on Valley Drive since the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) road reconstruction began – and it hasn't yet reached the Caliche's doorstep. "Right now, our Roadrunner location is helping us keep this location going," he said. "Weekends are busier, but during the week, we struggle on Valley."

One real good reason to come in during the week is a special lunch deal: two hot dogs and a

large drink – soda, lemonade, or tea – for \$5.75. Plus, Caliche's uses Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs, which are made with premium beef and are larger than you'd see at other hot dog venues.

If hot dogs aren't your thing, there are two specialty turkey sandwiches available. But save room for dessert! Sweet treats abound at Caliche's.

Still want to avoid the traffic? Morales says, "By working with the Las Cruces food delivery service Lodel (lodel.com), Caliche's can deliver everything on the menu to your home or business including our famous frozen

custard in pints and quarts." He laughed, "Some customers like the frozen custard runny, and wait for it to melt to drink it. I tell them, 'Get a shake' but no, it's a tradition for them."

One of the newest offerings at Caliche's is "Desert Ice," their take on Italian ice. It's dairy-free and comes in lemon, mango, strawberry, and, just in – blue raspberry.

Caliche's will be caught up in the next phase of the Valley Drive road reconstruction, but steady progress has been made on Phases 1 and 3 with new sewers from Amador Avenue to the fire station, new gas lines

from Amador Avenue to Hayner Avenue, new water connections and services, a new sewer line on Hadley Drive, and curbs and gutters popping up all along Valley Drive.

Questions or concerns? Please contact Project Manager Ryan Tafoya at 575-418-7891.

*The NMDOT Valley Drive road reconstruction project is scheduled for completion in early 2020; in the meantime, the City of Las Cruces encourages residents to continue supporting local businesses on Valley Drive. For the most up-to-date information please visit [www.valleydrive.net](http://www.valleydrive.net).*



# NMSU business students compete in 'Shark Tank'

By **CARLOS ANDRES LOPEZ**  
For the Bulletin

The College of Business at New Mexico State University awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to more than 20 students who participated in the 2019 COBA Business Advisory Council Student Shark Tank Competition, held April 26 at the Las Cruces campus.

Similar to the TV show "Shark Tank," the competition at NMSU gave students the chance to pitch original business plans to 20 members of the Business Advisory Council, who acted as potential investors, or "sharks." Following the presentations, the highest-scoring teams were awarded scholarships from a pool of \$5,000.

Ebetuel "Beto" Pallares-Venegas, a college professor in the Department of Finance, hosted the competition with students from his course, MGT 301V: Entrepreneurship Mindset.

"In the Entrepreneurship Mindset class, the students were randomly assigned into teams, and throughout the semester, they developed and refined a business plan for something – anything they're passionate about – that they believed could be fundable. The opportunity to present to the Business Advisory Council arose later in the semester, giving the students an added incentive to polish their presentations," said Pallares-Venegas, who also serves as the Bill and Sharon Sheriff Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship at NMSU. "They've taken



"Shark Tank" teams from New Mexico State University's College of Business presented original business plans before members of the COB Business Advisory Council April 26. The highest-scoring teams received scholarships from a pool of \$5,000.

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the learnings from the class and distilled them into a 'Shark Tank'-style presentation."

Each team was given 15 minutes to present their business plans and take questions from the members of the Business Advisory Council, who grilled the students, asking about feasibility, profitability, development strategies and return-on-investment estimates. Members of the council then scored each team.

Each team developed their business plan over the past semester to solve a problem. Many pitched ideas to launch mobile apps, including the widely praised "A-Mountain Parking Buddy," which

promises to help users, namely NMSU students, find available parking spaces at the Las Cruces campus. Another team sought to develop a non-profit that would manage after-school STEM programs for low-income K-12 students.

"This competition gives our students an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and creativity and receive practical advice from many successful entrepreneurs and industry executives," said College of Business Dean Jim Hoffman, who attended the April 26 event.

Jared Ludica, a sophomore studying criminal justice who presented the parking app plan, earned the "You're a

brave, brave soul" award and a \$500 scholarship for presenting alone. Jessica Locke, a senior studying product and supply chain management, also won the same award and a \$500 scholarship. She presented her team's web-based human resources system.

The four winning teams included:

- ValVue, which won the "I want this product, get it into the market place now" award, for an app that lets users take pictures of items and instantly receive an estimated value.
- College Grocers, the "I was on the edge of my seat" award, an app that delivers groceries to users' doorsteps.
- Sista Sista, the "Take


my money, please" award, an art-box subscription service for sorority members that sends art supplies and tutorials to subscribers on a monthly basis.

• Rent-A-Paw, the "The world needs this" award, a dog rental company that allows users to rent

dogs for hours, days or weeks.


Each of the four winning teams had five students, who each received \$200 in scholarship money.

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## Centennial student selected

### BULLETIN REPORT

Kieran Binkley, a senior at Centennial High School, was selected to participate in the Student Board of Directors (SBOD) program, an innovative, educational program sponsored by the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The announcement was made by Becky Binkley, an advisor at Centennial High School

The SBOD program is a collaboration between the El Paso Branch and numerous independent school districts in El Paso and Doña Ana counties. The Student Board of Directors is a unique opportunity to give interested high schoolers exposure to the Federal Reserve System while also providing information about the importance of economics, business and the free market



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**Kieran Binkley, right, with Marisol Martinez, SBOD communications and outreach specialist**

system.

Student Board members are nominated by a teacher, and they apply to be admitted to the program. Once selected, students meet monthly at the El Paso Branch, discuss economic issues with Federal Reserve staff and business leaders,

and get an insider's view of daily Fed operations. Students learn hands-on about their local economy while becoming better prepared for college, the workforce and community involvement. They also participate in a national personal finance campaign called Money Smart Week, helping promote financial literacy in their schools.

The Student Board program provides opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Participants explore real-world issues affecting the nation's economy and financial system. They work closely with Federal Reserve staff and meet corporate leaders who serve on the El Paso Branch's board of directors. They serve as ambassadors of the Federal Reserve in their community, where they are challenged to share what they have learned.

In addition, students receive a letter of recognition from the Federal Reserve Bank upon successful completion of the program.

## Introduction of the Euro has undermined Greek economy

The drachma is among the oldest coins, dating back to the 6th century BC. And in 1832, it became the monetary unit of modern Greece. This ancient and glorious history came to an end in 2002, when it was replaced by the Euro. That event, the end of the drachma, has turned out to be a disaster for Greece.

Greece is among the countries suffering the greatest adverse effects from the 2008 financial panic and the subsequent Great Recession. Incomes have fallen by a quarter since then and the country has seen an out migration as especially young well-educated workers have sought employment in more prosperous parts of the EU. (Sound familiar New Mexico?)

Back in 2008, the standard response to a crisis like that faced by Greece would have been a devaluation of the currency, essentially putting the economy on fire sale. Increased demand for Greek exports would create jobs



**CHRIS ERICKSON**

State of the Economy

and put Greek workers back to work. But of course, this option was not available because Greece no longer had its own currency. The inability to devalue explains why Greece has not

been able to recover.

The alternative to a currency depreciation would be fiscal expenditure to stimulate the economy. In the United States, for example, the \$831 billion Obama Stimulus package is widely credited for the relatively rapid recovery of the U.S. economy.

A fiscal stimulus was not an option for Greece. The financial crisis plunged Greece into a sovereign debt crisis forcing a series of austerity measures resulting in a sharp decline government spending. This situation was made far worse when it was revealed that the Greek government had been systematically under-reporting its debt so as to comply with EU monetary union guidelines.

In the alternative, Europe could have stepped up to bail out Greece, but this was not possible due to a lack of political support from Germany. Ultimately, Greece was bailed out with a \$150 billion loan primarily funded by the IMF.

Greece has still not recovered from the 2008 financial crisis and is suffering the longest recession ever experienced by any developed country since the advent of modern economic statistics in the 1930s. Meanwhile other countries that also suffered disproportionately

from the Great Recession – Portugal, Ireland, Spain and Italy – have recovered and returned to a growth path.

What are the lessons learned from the Greek situation? First is that monetary and fiscal tools can be used effectively to reduce the damage from financial crisis, and when these tools are not available, as in the case of Greece, the consequences can be dire. Second is that debt can make the situation much worse.

In the United States, unlike Europe, we have a unified fiscal regime. The federal government has substantial taxing capacity and funds nationwide programs that benefit the citizens of the United States without regard to state residence.

In the event of a turn-down, expenditures on these programs often increase automatically. For example, federally subsidized unemployment benefits increase in response to rising unemployment rates. The expenditure is exactly in the state where the problem is greatest. Europe does not have similar programs, at least not to the extent of the United States.

Monetary union without fiscal union is the reason for the Greek situation.

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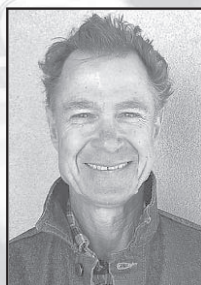
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# Cable-ready

Admiral Cable, a Taiwanese manufacturing company that makes industrial cables and electrical wires, held a groundbreaking ceremony May 24 in the Santa Teresa Intermodal Park for its new 75,000-square-foot plant at 4701 Avenida Divisadero.

The company is expected to open in 2020 with a workforce of 342 employees.

Total investment of the project is expected to exceed \$50 million. The New Mexico Economic Development Department is providing \$3.92 million in Local Economic Development Act funds.

Admiral's Santa Teresa facility is the company's first in the United States.

"The company's executives are very glad to have chosen Santa Teresa," said Mitch Samuels, a consultant to Admiral Cable. "They believe the region has a great business environment and that it will bring success to their company."



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# Bowl winners



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New Mexico State University's finance students won the first-ever CFA Society New Mexico Research Bowl against rival the University of New Mexico. Students from both schools made an investment management portfolio buy-sell recommendation of Grand Canyon Education's publicly traded stock. Grand Canyon Education is a regionally accredited provider of online post-secondary education services focused on offering graduate and undergraduate degree programs in its core disciplines of education, business and healthcare. Thornburg Investment Management offices in Santa Fe hosted and helped underwrite the research bowl. The winning students and others, from left, are Andrew Garcia, Kellirae Reynolds, Tristen Foley, CFA Society New Mexico President J.J. Midler, NMSU finance professor Kenneth Martin, Arielle Sedillo and Dominic Maldonado.

# Investment survey

Rank	County	Business Growth	GDP Growth (\$ in millions)	New Building Permits (per 1,000 homes)	Federal Funding (per capita)	Incoming Investment Index
1	Los Alamos	-2.9%	\$15	2.9	\$141,711	48.88
2	Sandoval	3.8%	\$73	12.8	\$235	45.87
3	Dona Ana	17%	\$153	12.8	\$775	44.06
4	Eddy	7.0%	\$60	6.1	\$3,489	42.51
5	Bernalillo	0.0%	\$668	4.8	\$4,126	35.10
6	Valencia	2.4%	\$39	3.5	\$151	34.98
7	Curry	1.8%	\$45	3.9	\$91	34.90
8	Taos	-1.0%	\$45	4.4	\$27	32.69
9	Santa Fe	0.3%	\$200	3.0	\$444	32.65
10	San Miguel	2.3%	\$19	0.1	\$1	31.33

Doña Ana County ranks third of New Mexico's 33 counties in receiving the greatest amount of investment in their local economies.

This, according to a survey by online investment advisor SmartAsset.

Among factors considered were business growth, GDP growth, new building permits and federal funding.

"We scored every county in our study on these four factors," the company said in a news release. "We then combined those scores to create a final ranking of cities. With that ranking, we created an index where the county with the most incoming investments was assigned a value of 100 and the

county with the least investment activity received a zero.

"We also looked at investment and development in the local residential real estate market. To measure this real estate growth, we calculated the number of new building permits per 1,000 homes. "We found federal funding in the form of contracts awarded to businesses in each county, which we divided by the population. This gave us a per capita look at the flow of investment from the federal to the local level."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2017 American Community Survey, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), U.S. Census Bureau Building Permits Survey, USASpending.gov

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Rafters in previous Raft the Rio events.

## The river fills and the rafts prepare to float

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Rio Grande channel fills with snowmelt in late spring, and the rising waters will lift the annual Raft the Rio river float, taking place Saturday, June 15.

This year, a kayak race has been added.

Registration and the unloading of rafts and kayaks at the Picacho Bridge begin at 8 a.m. The one-man kayak race begins at 9:30 a.m. and the float is at 10 a.m. The Kayak race will have a Le Mans start and is winner-take-all. The raft float is not a race, but a recreational gathering by rafts made mostly from recycled materials.

Raft the Rio sponsor is the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces. Proceeds from the charity event benefit Las Cruces school children.



Raft the Rio Grande poster art

“Kiwanis sees this as a way to give back to the Las Cruces community,” said organizer Jim Pudlewski, a member of Kiwanis.

Pudlewski expects about 45 rafts to enter this year.

“When Southwest Environmental Center was running the regatta the first 15 years, they once had just shy of 100,” he said. Bad weather reduced the number of rafters to 30.

Numerous local businesses provide prizes for the event, including best fit to theme, best use of recycled materials, most spirited crew and least likely to float.

Participants must wear life vests and move their rafts from the water’s edge upon finishing to allow others to move their rafts.

Registration information is available at [kiwanis-lascruces.org](http://kiwanis-lascruces.org).

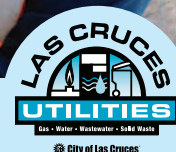


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# New mascot helps gardeners to be water-wise

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

It's daunting to stand in rows and rows of gorgeous plants at a local nursery or retailers and wonder which ones will be best for your water-wise garden. Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) is aiming to make it easy with new "Papa Drop-approved" signs featuring the LCU Water Conservation Ambassador "Papa Drop."

You have heard Papa Drop on the radio; in water conservation ads, saying, "Soy una gota de agua, a drop of water." You've seen him in local theater ads exclaiming that he is here to help plants grow with "just the right amount of water." He's hard to miss – he's a friendly drop of water with a mustache!

"His original purpose was to explain the city-wide outdoor watering schedule in a way that is memorable for both children and adults," explains Rhonda Diaz, LCU Water conservation program coordinator. His reminders are that Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays allow outdoor watering for even-numbered addresses; Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays allow outdoor watering for odd-numbered addresses; and that on Monday there is no watering at all.

"Papa Drop is popular, he used to make the rounds with former City Councilor Olga Pedroza during water conservation presentations at schools," said Diaz. "So, we wanted to bring him out more, and now he's a

**Papa Drop is the LCU Water Conservation mascot who explains, "Soy una gota de agua, a drop of water."**



fun way to highlight how residents can make water-wise decisions, like planting a shrub or flower that may use less water than a similar species."

At Sunland Park Nursery, Papa Drop became the final touch on Autumn Sage before they debut at the LCU annual Spring Stroll. These highly visible seed pack-sized signs not only

explain the type of plant you're buying but which plants might be best suited for a water-wise garden.

"We'd like to involve other nurseries and retailers in Las Cruces who might be interested in highlighting plants that are easily recognizable to their customers as water-wise," Diaz said. LCU staff is currently contacting local plant



COURTESY PHOTOS

Keep an eye out for Papa Drop, a cartoon drop of water with a mustache, who is the LCU mascot for water conservation. These signs, shown at Sunland Nursery in preparation for the annual LCU Spring Stroll, easily explain which plants are water-wise for your garden.

nurseries and retailers to implement "Papa Drop-approved" signage to visually alert customers of water-wise plants. If you're a business owner and haven't been contacted by LCU staff and are interested in the free "Papa Drop-approved" tags, contact Rhonda Diaz at 575-528-3549.

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## The memory chair, pt. II: the air mattress episode

I left off last time promising to tell you about our adventure with the air mattress. After our children had left home, my husband and I purchased a VW semi-van in which we could sleep.

Well, we were driving home from seeing one more national park. The previous night we had slept in our VW van. When the seats are adjusted for sleeping there are many curves and, depending on how your anatomy fits into the grooves, sleeping can be somewhat difficult.

So, we decided that, if we blew up our double air mattress, we could sort of smooth over the hills and valleys. Our plan was to spend another night sleeping in the van, and since it takes a lot of effort to blow up the mattress without a pump, we decided not to deflate the mattress fully and simply fold it over for the next day.

Charles was driving, and we were in the mountains and climbing. The elevation was over 6,000 feet. As we were ascending, I became aware of something happening in the back seat. It felt as though we had an extra passenger. I turned around and discovered that the air mattress was



**RUTH MOORER**  
Not for Sissies

inflating and getting very tight. It looked ominous, like it could explode at any moment. We quickly pulled over to the shoulder and then realized we had just reached the Continental Divide at 6,500 feet.

We were saved! From that point we would not be climbing any higher. Now, those of you with some understanding of science know what happened. For the rest of you – the higher the elevation the less the air pressure, so the air in the mattress was at a greater pressure and kept expanding to fill the whole mattress.

In the course of our travels we have visited 22 out of the 58 national parks. The first was Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico and the first national monument was White Sands. The parks that delighted me the most were Grand Canyon, Glacier, Yellowstone (the first national park established), Yosemite, Sequoia, Rocky Mountains, Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon and Big Bend.

There is no way to fully grasp the extent and beauty of these parks, especially the Grand Canyon. I am so grateful for all those people who have worked to establish them.

What a heritage we have! I hope that we protect them so that many generations of people may enjoy them also. I read an article recently that spoke of our national parks as being “holy ground.” I heartily agree!

And then there are the national monuments, of which New Mexico has 17, and we are blessed to have the two newest in our area. I have lost count of the monuments which we have visited, but the ones which stand out for me are Muir Woods in California, our own White Sands, and Canyon de Chelly in Arizona. All of these are awesome and will likely stir your emotions with their grandeur.

Another site which has brought us great delight are the Butchart Gardens in Victoria, Canada. These were developed out of a large rock quarry and have a paradise-like quality about them. You can also have the pleasure of a ferry ride to get to them. I have been blessed to see many other interesting places, which will keep me busy in my “memory chair.”

*Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public-school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.*



### Don't plan to retire. Plan to live.

Retirement isn't just an age. It's an opportunity to enjoy life without the work and worries of owning a home. More importantly, it's a chance to make new friends, find a sense of belonging and experience something more liberating than just maintenance-free living.

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## Herbal medicine, including cannabis, promotes wellness

In 1983, my colleagues and I opened the first wellness center in El Paso. At the time, the term “wellness” was not even recognized. I had one man ask me if we did welding there. True story.



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The Good Herb

The El Paso Wellness Center was ahead of its time. We were an integrative, holistic wellness center before those words were cool. We provided many needed services: nutritional and herbal consults, massage therapy, rolfing, neuromuscular therapy, chiropractic, acupuncture and self-help classes.

Today, wellness, massage and acupuncture are common household words. Medical clinics are incorporating wellness and prevention into their practices. Referrals for their patients to a massage therapist, a naturopath, an acupuncturist and to a cannabis expert are a common practice.

Wellness can mean different things to different

people. For some, it's about nutrition, supplements and fitness. For others, it's about nurturing the body, mind and spirit.

At NMMCP Consulting, we have been on a

mission for more than 40 years to help people discover how herbal medicine, including cannabis, can also promote wellness.

Despite the cultural stereotype of the stoned-out hippie, more people than ever recognize that cannabis has health benefits by supporting our endocannabinoid system, including our muscles, brain, stomach, eyes, skin and more. It's important to know that there are different strains and species of cannabis, which create different emotional and physical effects. Cannabis sativa may provide an uplifting experience and increased happiness, while cannabis Indica might calm anxiety. CBD-dominant strains are often

the preferred option for patients with pain or anxiety. It is always a good idea to know what the strain and its potential effects are. And remember, cannabis affects everyone differently. Microdosing is recommended for beginning users.

At any rate, for physical symptoms, medicinal cannabis may help:

- Ease pain – both acute and chronic
- Reduce inflammation
- Affect weight
- Promote clear skin and eliminate acne
- Regulate insulin levels
- Treat epilepsy and reduce seizures
- Control muscle spasms and tremors
- Increase appetite
- Calm nausea
- Soothe symptoms of IBS, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease
- Inhibit the growth and spread of cancer
- Treat metabolic disorders
- Assist in overcoming opioid and alcohol addiction

It's safe to say that most people, at one time

or another, have difficulty regulating their emotions – whether it's navigating through a particularly tough stage in life or combating the daily challenges that are part of being human. Cannabis can be a good medicine to help find and maintain emotional balance. Many people choose it to:

- Increase happiness
  - Reduce depression
  - Eliminate anger
  - Ease anxiety
  - Improve sleep
- Cannabis isn't just good for lifting your spirits. It has also been known to make it easier to relate to others. Many people who consume cannabis report that it helps them:
- Alleviate social anxiety
  - Enhance communication
  - Increase empathy
  - Feel relaxed and friendly

Some cultures have used the cannabis plant to increase spiritual connection and heighten awareness of ethereal energies. Spiritual cultures throughout his-

tory – Taoists, Hindus, Buddhists, Rastafarians, ancient Greeks and possibly Christians in the time of the Old Testament – incorporated the sacred plant known as “Kanen Bosem” into religious ceremonies and used its anointing oil in their rituals.

There's no need to go back thousands of years to find evidence of the spiritual benefits of cannabis. Modern-day seekers report that it can:

- Increase awareness
- Raise chi “energy”
- Open chakras, or “energy centers”
- Enhance intuition and psychic senses
- Improve meditation and prayer

Research regarding the connection between medicinal cannabis and mental health care is still in its infancy; however, there are extensive anecdotal patient reports of the effectiveness of this herb. It has been said that one in five adults in the U.S. deals with some form of mental illness or condition. Ailments can

range from mild to severe. When used properly, with guidance, cannabis may help alleviate many of these issues, including:

- Insomnia
- ADD/ADHD
- Autism
- Eating disorders
- Schizophrenia
- Dementia
- Cognition
- PTSD

You deserve a healthy balanced life – seek all the tools that will get you there. You do not need a medical cannabis card to benefit from CBD cannabinoids. However, we are fortunate in New Mexico to have a medical cannabis program and safe access to THC should you want to experience that cannabinoid.

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## HEALTH BRIEFS

### New facility

A new medical facility has been completed on Las Cruces' East Mesa.

Located at 4500 Sonoma Ranch Blvd., the 2,000-square-foot building will house the Dr. Kanaka Chelliah Medical Clinic. Construction began in fall 2018 and

was completed in May 2019. The medical office will create from five to 10 permanent jobs and provide additional medical services on the city's northeast side.

Century Bank provided financing for the building.

“Dr. Chelliah has been

a part of our community for many years and has a great reputation for providing good medical care,” said Erica Saunders, senior vice president and market leader for Century Bank. “There is a need for more doctors and medical services in Las

Cruces, and she helps to fulfill this need. We are proud to be a part of Dr. Chelliah's project and the relationship we have with her and her family. She will do great things here.”

“Living in Las Cruces for more than 16 years, I've enjoyed serving

this community and all of my patients,” Dr. Chelliah said in the news release.

“Being able to provide medical services in Las Cruces has been very rewarding and we are excited about the opportunity to open our new location here.

“We are happy to partner with Erica Saunders and Gerardo Valencia at Century Bank in constructing our own building and appreciate all their support as our clinic continues to grow. We will be able to accept new patients at this time.”





COURTESY PHOTOS

Springtime brings dozens of teams and thousands of visitors to Las Cruces for baseball and softball tournaments.

## Baseball, softball tournaments score big for the economy

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Just five spring baseball and softball tournaments held late March through early May in Las Cruces attracted thousands of visitors and generated more than \$1 million, according to figures from Visit Las Cruces Sports Sales Manager Ed Carnathan. The tournaments used fields at Jim Harty, Maag Park, Ron Galla, Apodaca Baseball and Raymond Paz fields in Las Cruces.

Here are the tourna-

ments and their numbers for 2019 as compared to last year.

- **USSSA Adult Slowpitch:** March 15-17, 2019; 40 teams (21 local, 19 from out of the area), 430 visitors at \$100 a day generating \$86,000 in estimated economic impact (EEI). 2018: 40 teams, 315 visitors, \$63,000 EEI;

- **USSSA Youth Boys Baseball:** March 22-24, 2019, 124 teams (43 local, 81 from out of the area), 3,100 total visitors at \$95 a day, \$489,000 EEI. 2018: 125 teams (39 local, 85 from out of the

area), 3,200 total visitors, \$524,800 EEI;

- **Southwest Premier Tournaments, Southwest Championships:** April 5-7, 2019, 46 teams, (16 local, 30 from out of the area) 1,125 total visits at \$85 a day, \$191,250 EEI. 2018: 83 teams (23 local, 60 from out of the area), 2,250 total visitors generating \$369,000 EEI. Carnathan said the drop in the number of teams from 2018 was because the 2018 event included the National Youth Baseball Championship (NYBC) banner, while the 2019

event was not a sanctioned NYBC tournament.

- **USSSA Youth Girls Fastpitch:** April 26-28, 2019, 37 teams, (18 local, 19 from out of the area), 715 total visitors at \$85 a day, \$121,550 EEI. 2018: 36 teams (14 local, 22 from out of the area) 825 total visitors generating \$135,300 EEI;

- **Cinco de Mayo:** May 3-5, 2019; 47 teams (24 local, 23 from out of the area), 520 total visitors at \$100 a day, \$104,000 EEI. 2018: 60 teams (30 local, 30 from out of the area), 675 visitors generating



\$135,000 EEI;

All told, that's almost 6,000 total visitors generating, \$1.09 million EEI in 2019 for the city, local restaurants, hotels and motels, gas stations and merchants. That compares to about 7,300 visitors and \$1.23 EEI in 2018. Averaging 40-50 teams for a tournament "is a good weekend" for the city, Carnathan said.

Coming in July is the Youth Baseball Tournament, which will bring about 140 teams to Las Cruces from throughout the Southwest, Carna-

than said. The Parade of Teams will be held Wednesday, July 3, at the Pan American Center. The parade was held last year at the Las Cruces Convention Center but had to be moved to the larger Pan Am this year, Carnathan said. Baseball will be played July 4-7 at fields throughout the Hadley complex, and are likely will generate more than \$1 million for the city, he said.

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# Have Dad do Dallas for a special Father's Day

For Father's Day (Sunday, June 16), if you want to do something special, take Dad on a golfing trip to Dallas. Golf in Dallas has variety and is affordable. Hop on a nonstop round-trip on Southwest Airlines to convenient and low-key Love Field for a surprisingly low fare; and rent a car. Golf clubs travel free. Think in terms of going for three days and playing four different golf courses. Here are my recommendations:

- First is The Tribute Golf Club at The Colony (near Lake Lewisville), an amazing design which links together 18 replica golf holes from Britain and Scotland (972-370-5464). Fees with cart vary.

- Be sure to check out Cowboys Golf Club (owned by Jerry Jones) in Grapevine, just north of DFW Airport (817-481-7277). I played 60 holes there one day on my (bleep) birthday and thoroughly loved the rolling hills and challenging layout. Call ahead for the latest deals.

- Another option is the Tour Eighteen Golf Club (817-430-2000) in Flower Mound, about 15 miles north of AT&T Stadium – 18 replicas of famous holes from the PGA Tour, including the infamous island green 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass.

- For a superb golfing experience, where cost is not prohibitive, there's TPC Craig Ranch Golf Club in McKinney, 30 miles north of downtown Dallas, the



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Golf Doctor

site of the Web.com (then Nationwide) Tour Championship 10 years ago. There is also a hotel and a Cooper Clinic spa on the property. While in McKinney you might go antique shopping; it's said

there are more antique shops per city block than anywhere in Texas.

- There's a fine public course in Rockwall, Buffalo Creek G. C. (972-771-4003), 20 miles east of SMU.

- Slightly north (25 miles) of Dallas proper, another high-end golf resort and spa is the Westin Stonebriar in Frisco, where you can play the fabulous Fazio-designed championship course, with nearby shopping and eateries.

- On the less pricey side, The Trails of Frisco Golf Club in Frisco is a formidable layout with water on virtually every hole. Frisco is one of the fastest growing suburbs in America, and it will grow even more with the decision by the PGA of America to move their headquarters here from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

- Just 20 miles northeast of downtown is Woodbridge Golf Club, a very playable, affordable and well-kept course with a classic mix of lakes, trees, creeks and large greens. Paul Kenny, formerly an assistant at our own Pico Hills Country Club, is the head PGA Professional at Woodbridge. Call him (972-429-5100) to reserve a tee time and say you're

from Las Cruces

- Closer to downtown Dallas is a semi-hidden gem called Tennison Park municipal, where Lee Trevino played a lot of golf back in the day. Of the two Tennison courses I recommend the Highlands Course, since it is the newer layout, is more scenic and the pace of play is better.

For dining, visit Bob's Steak and Chop house (214-528-9446), not far from Love Field in Dallas, where the atmosphere is dim lighting, low voices, no T-shirts and great service. And don't miss the S & D Oyster Company on McKinney Avenue (214-880-0111) in downtown Dallas where the fresh oysters are to die for. Another good bet for seafood and sushi is Bluefish (214-824-3474) on the Greenville Avenue strip, where there are dozens of fine eateries. On a day when you get rained out, or you're just golfed out, you can visit the Dallas School Book Depository Museum, where the shot that killed JFK was fired in November 1963. Or you can visit the Perot Museum of Nature and Science (214-428-5555) in downtown Dallas, which will take most of the day with its many levels of fabulous exhibits and displays.

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COURTESY PHOTO

With trophies and the cut net from the 2019 Western Athletic Conference tournament as keepsakes, New Mexico State's Brooke Salas signs on the dotted line with the Seattle Storm.

## Salas in Wonderland

### NMSU star signs contract with WNBA's Seattle Storm

By **TY STEVERS**  
For the Bulletin

Former New Mexico State women's basketball star Brooke Salas has signed a training camp contract with the defending Women's National Basketball Association champion Seattle Storm, the team announced.

Salas is just the third Aggie to sign a contract with a WNBA team, joining Moriah Mack in 2017 and Anita Maxwell in 1997.

"I'd like to thank the Seattle Storm organization for giving me an opportunity to continue my playing career," said Salas. "I look forward to competing for a spot on the team."

In her four years in the Mesilla Valley, Salas led the Aggies to four Western Athletic Conference regular-season championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

She appeared in 126 games with 125 starts, while averaging 15.3 points and 7.6 rebounds for her career.

In 2018-19, the guard posted 21 double-doubles to average 19.1 points and 11.1 rebounds, pacing the team in both categories. Salas also recorded the school's first triple-double since 1992 with 32 points, 22 rebounds and 11 blocks against Alcorn State in Miami on Dec. 21. During her senior campaign, the Aggies

tied program records for wins (26) and longest winning streak (17).

The Placentia, California, native wrapped up her career with three First Team All-WAC honors, two WAC Player of the Year honors and was the 2018-19 WAC Defensive Player of the Year. Salas became the first player in WAC history to win both Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season.

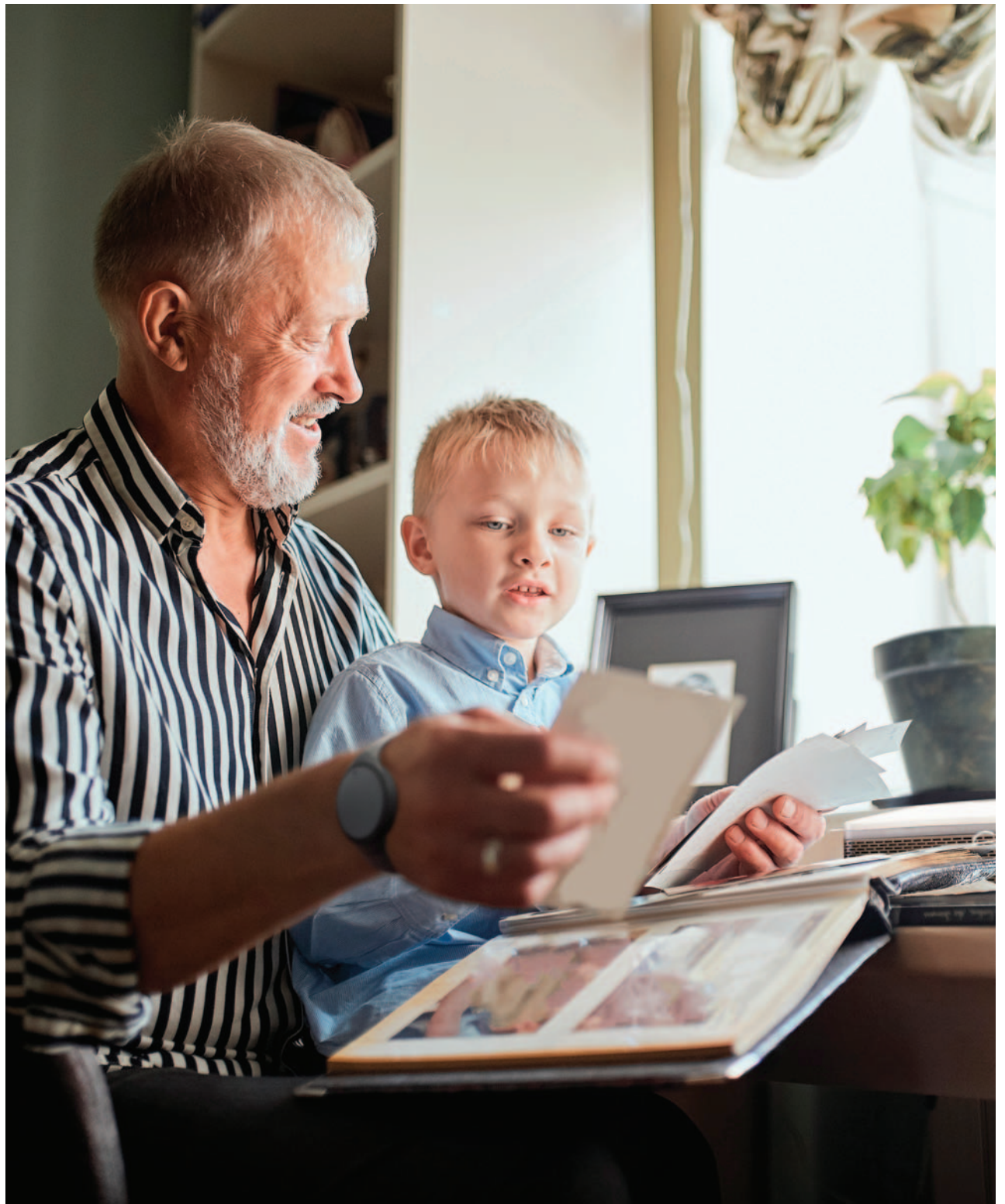
In addition, she placed in several top-10 school categories. She is NMSU's second all-time leading scorer with 1,931 points, its career leader for blocks (156), is third in steals (233) and fifth in rebounds (953).





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