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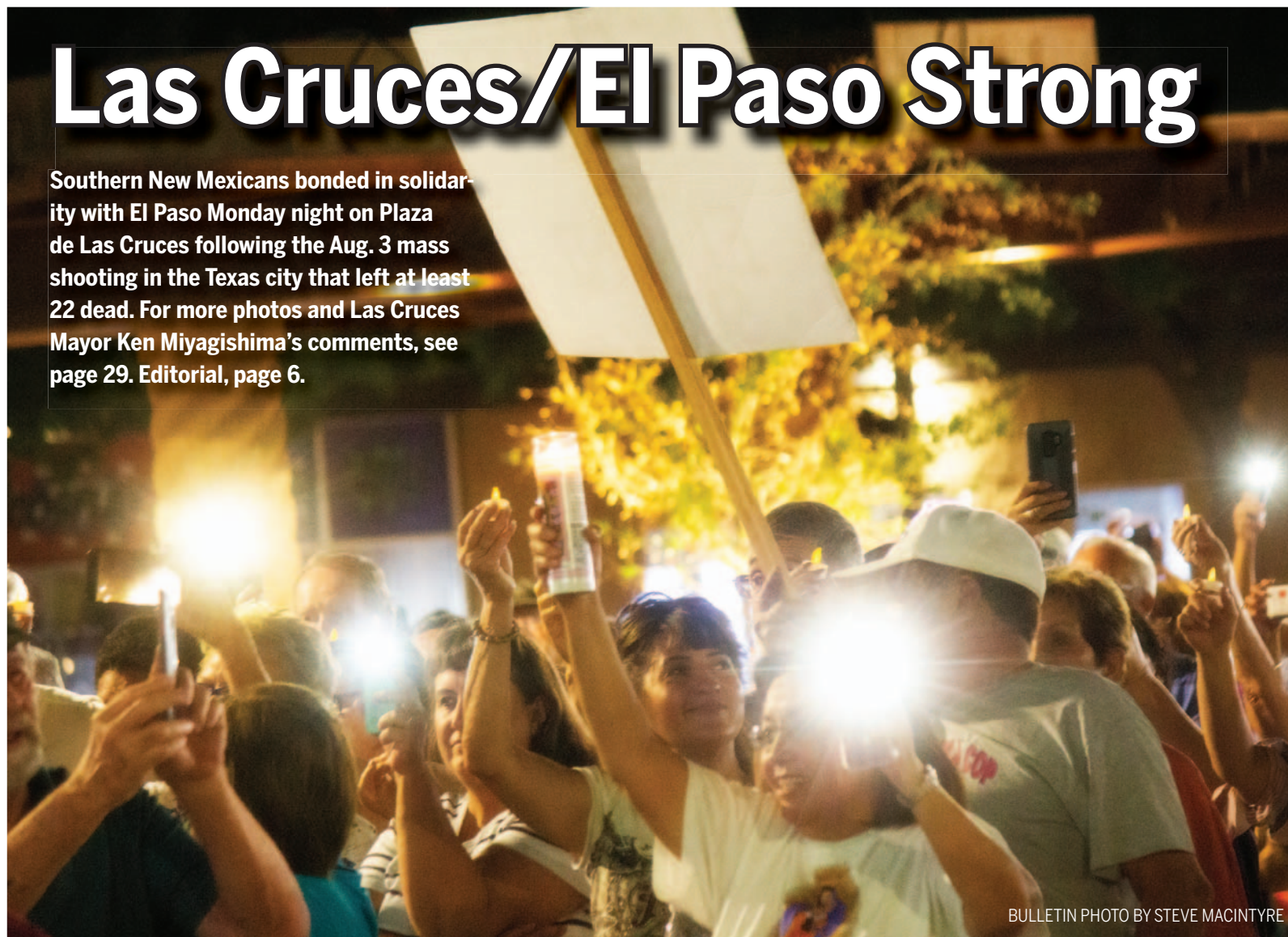
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Las Cruces/El Paso Strong

Southern New Mexicans bonded in solidarity with El Paso Monday night on Plaza de Las Cruces following the Aug. 3 mass shooting in the Texas city that left at least 22 dead. For more photos and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima's comments, see page 29. Editorial, page 6.



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House Bill forces renumbering of commission districts

Four of the five Doña Ana County districts represented by the Board of County Commissioners were recently affected by a legislatively-mandated, one-time realignment following the passage of House Bill 407. As a result, constituents may see a new district number associated with the commissioner representing that district, but the alignment did not change any district boundaries from which candidates are elected.

Dist. 5, represented by Commissioner Manuel Sanchez, was not affected in the realignment.

The bill aligned all odd- and even-numbered

districts with the corresponding ballot on which those offices are elected. All odd-numbered districts will now appear on the presidential election ballot and all even-numbered districts will appear on the gubernatorial election ballot.

The public process took place on July 22 in Santa Fe under the supervision of New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver. Some elected office terms were extended as a result of the realignment, but none of those offices affected were in Doña Ana County.

The updated district numbers take effect immediately.

FORMER DISTRICT NUMBER	NEW DISTRICT NUMBER
Dist. 1, Lynn Ellins	Dist. 1, Ramon Gonzalez
Dist. 2, Ramon Gonzalez	Dist. 2, Lynn Ellins
Dist. 3, Shannon Reynolds	Dist. 3, Isabella Solis
Dist. 4, Isabella Solis	Dist. 4, Shannon Reynolds

Aug. checkpoints scheduled

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office has scheduled several DWI checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the month of August. These activities are part of an ongoing effort to reduce DWI-related crashes, injuries and deaths.

Checkpoints and patrols will be conducted between Aug. 1 and 31 at various undisclosed locations throughout Doña Ana County. Checkpoints will be set up sometime between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Deputies will be looking for all types of violations, with an emphasis on intoxicated drivers.

The Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department offers county residents a low-cost taxi ride home through Project HOME (Helping Others Make it home Every time), which is available on Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. by calling (575) 524-TAXI. For up to two people, the fare is a flat \$5, and up to four people can be taken home for \$10. Project HOME will only take people from a bar or party to the rider's residence.

Carlos the Coyote hits San Diego Comic-Con

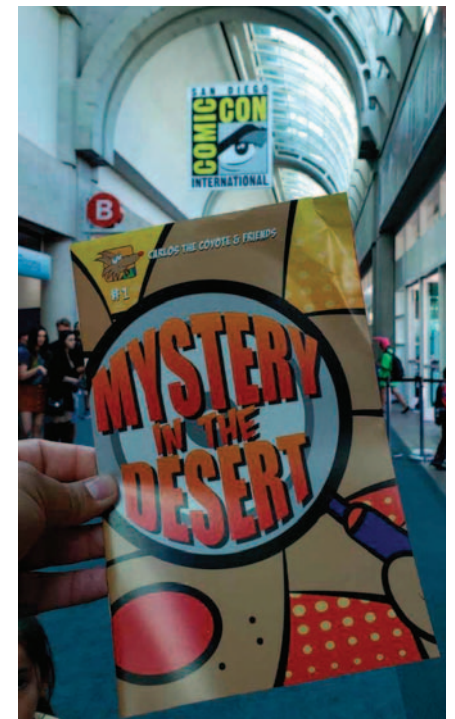


Carlos the Coyote, the earth-friendly desert dweller featured in a series of stories by Doña Ana County Animal Control supervisor Mary Lou Ward, was a hit at the recent Comic-Con International in San Diego.

Staff with South Central Solid Waste made the trip to the convention, held last month. In a matter of minutes, more than 500 copies of Carlos's first comic book, *Mystery in the Desert*, were distributed to event goers.

Carlos was first introduced in 2015 as the main character in *Carlos the Coyote Desert Adventure*, a children's book that reinforced the importance of properly disposing of trash and reporting illegal dumping.

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Chaparral Middle School NM MESA team members Elias Galvin, Isaac Garcia and Alyssa Sandoval (2nd, 3rd and 4th from left) took first place against teams from eight other states in the Middle School level of the 2019 MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition hosted by Arizona MESA at the University of Arizona. The team made affordable products to enhance independence in eating for the visually impaired. In the process, they helped their classmate, Makayla, who is visually impaired. This is Chaparral Middle School's second year taking the national title and their third year placing in the top three. NM MESA is a year-round STEM initiative that works with school districts and higher education institutions to improve New Mexico student STEM performance and increase New Mexico college STEM enrollment. Visit www.nmmesa.org.

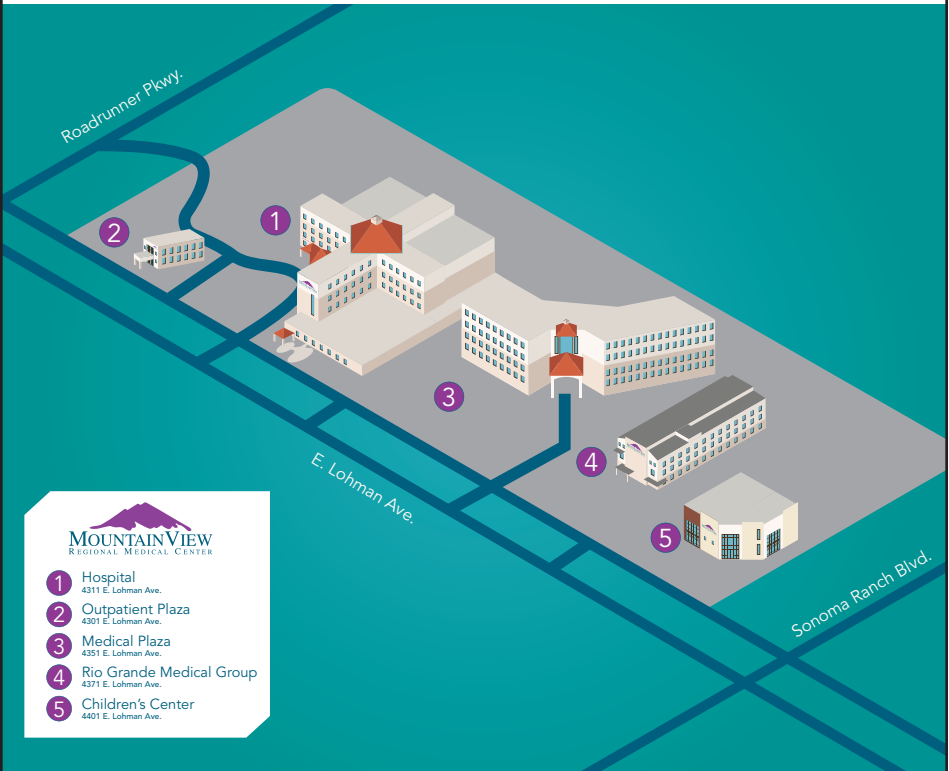
Patriotism award



PHOTO BY BECCA WILLIAMS/SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GADSDEN CHAPTER

Sons of the American Revolution Gadsden Chapter President Don Williams, left, presents a certificate of commendation to Dan Jackson of Las Cruces Aug. 1 “in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America,” according to a SAR Gadsden Chapter news release. SAR, chartered by Congress in 1906 to honor those who served during the American Revolution and to “foster true patriotism,” is the largest male lineage organization in the U.S., with 500 local chapters and 38,000 members. Contact Williams at 575-644-4215 and CobraCaptain@earthlink.net. Visit www.sar.org.

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Volunteer firefighter recruitment shows improvement

BULLETIN REPORT

Not long ago, the volunteer ranks within the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department were at a critical low. So low, that ratings related to affordability for homeowners' insurance plummeted. While residents worried, county leaders planned.

"We overhauled the way we recruit volunteers, and we ramped up the frequency of our training academies," said Doña Ana County Fire Chief Nick Hempel. "And we saw our numbers increase by 25 percent."

The number of volunteers trained and ready to serve in the county is now over 300.

The process to become a volunteer firefighter is relatively simple. Interested applicants can submit a form online and then contact the station chief to set up a time to meet. After the applicant has had a chance to ask and answer some questions, they are given a tour of the station and usually meet some other members of Fire and Emergency Services. After the applicant clears a background check, they are fitted for uniforms and fire gear and can begin training.



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A group of volunteer firefighters gathered at Mesquite's Station 10 recently. Pictured left to right: Jahaziel Zamorano, Juan Loya, Jonathan Martinez, Albert Vallejo, Jose Torres, Sara Terrazas, Cory Sapien, Celena Barraza, Alejandro Seanz, and Cameron Crawford.

It has helped that the number of paid staffers also increased within the department. According to Hempel, there are currently 16 paid staff on rotating shifts and five staff officers. The county is also actively working to fill eight additional paid positions that will allow for round-the-clock coverage

at two of the county fire stations – Anthony and Doña Ana, which historically receive a higher call volume and are geographically located to service a wider area of Doña Ana County.

Having 24-hour staffing will also cut response times significantly and will provide more oppor-

tunities for volunteers to run calls with more experienced firefighters and gain additional on-the-job knowledge.

"Numbers aside, our morale had improved significantly," said Hempel, referring to overall job satisfaction among paid and volunteer staff. "Having more firefighters in the

county, both paid and volunteer, means having more boots on the ground arriving at critical incidents, like structure fires. It significantly improves safety, reduces injury and allows us to rotate our firefighters so we're not exhausting them."

Hempel says the county recently implemented a stipend program where volunteers can earn a nominal compensation twice a year, depending on the number of calls they respond to, trainings they attend, and number of shifts worked at the stations.

But it wasn't the idea of being paid that lured Yesenia Castillo to apply with Doña Ana County as a volunteer. "A few of my friends are firefighters and they encouraged me to give it a try. Now that I'm about

seven months into my training, I can say it's the absolute best thing I've ever done."

Castillo, 35, says volunteering with Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services is something she wished she had done sooner, but enjoys the camaraderie among the paid staff and other volunteers.

"It's like a family," Castillo says of her fellow volunteers. "They push you and reassure you that you're going to be just fine."

A single mom, Castillo says her kids, ages 6 and 10, think it's "awesome" that their mom is a firefighter. "They love it," she said. "And hopefully, with some additional training, I can apply for a paid position when it's available. That's the goal."

Now that the county has boosted the ranks among volunteers, additional plans are in motion to upgrade several fire stations to better accommodate overnight shifts. Additional equipment will be added, training hours will be expanded, and Hempel says more continuing education opportunities will be made available to staff.

The bigger picture, however, will be preparing for critical incidents before they happen.

"Over the next three years, we hope to create a pre-fire plan for every commercial structure in the county," Hempel said. "Part of those plans will include working with our water providers to help them expand and upgrade water delivery systems – like fire hydrants – to ensure we have a water source wherever and whenever we need one."



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New school year prompts traffic safety reminders

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As back-to-school season approaches, the New Mexico Department of Transportation reminds drivers and pedestrians to take be safe in and around school zones.

Driver's safety reminders:

- Slow down! Speed limits in school zones tend to be 5-10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

- Respect the crossing guard. Always stop for crossing guards holding a stop sign.

- Use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians, no matter who has the right of way.

- Be aware children can be unpredictable. Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.

- Yield to pedestrians walking in a crosswalk.

- Do NOT stop on a marked crosswalk or impede a pedestrian's pathway at a marked intersection.

- Drivers must stop behind a school bus with flashing lights. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children entering or exiting the bus.

Pedestrian safety reminders:

- Look both ways before crossing.

- Do not expect a driver to yield to you if you are crossing on an unmarked pathway.

- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing if walking in darkness.



School zone signs caution Las Cruces drivers in advance.

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- Only walk on designated sidewalks, pathways or as far from the

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- Never jump into traffic or walk on the road.

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Tragedy: Trying to find a way forward**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

"I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear; and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love. I have cried, pained and hoped ... but most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten."

— excerpt from the poem "Soldier," by Vietnam veteran and artist George L. Skypeck

Light

It was a quiet morning, the temperature already soaring, as it will on any El Paso Saturday in August.

Dewayne "Rock" Jones was preparing to raise a flag up the pole at a memorial in Concordia Cemetery.

It is the Buffalo Soldier memorial, which I had never seen, despite it being there nearly 10 years.

There are about three dozen updated headstones, with interpretation markers, the flagpoles and a wall with donation bricks.

Jones had already raised the American and Texas flags over the memorial and was about to raise the Buffalo Soldiers' "Ready and Forward" flag, as we visited. He explained the soldiers are not interred there, but elsewhere spread out in the cemetery, often with insufficient markers. The memorial was a way to celebrate and honor their collective service despite, as African-American soldiers, having spent their service as second-class citizens.

Jones is part of one of the driving forces of the memorial, the El Paso Buffalo Soldiers

Motorcycle Club. He's the club's chaplain.

Charitable work is part of the club's mission: "As Buffalo Soldiers, always remember that you have the responsibility to Teach, Coach, Mentor, Motivate and Dedicate yourself to our youth and our communities" their website states.

The EPBSMC organizes senior dances, provides service to community centers, makes holiday visits to the children's crisis center, feeds the homeless, visits veterans homes, works on litter cleanups and, among many other things, provides Christmas gifts to the children's hospitals.

"It's really something to see those kids' smiles light up, even though they might be too weak to lift a small gift," Jones said.

The work they do goes across every community in El Paso, and occasionally includes events in Las Cruces.

As both African-Americans and motorcycle club members, Jones and his compadres are among two of America's most historically maligned and negatively stereotyped groups, yet there is only positive in anything this organization does.

As I stood there with Jones, in the heart of El Paso, the skyline and the south end of the Franklin Mountains in view (if it had been dark you could see the famed Lone Star alight on the side of the mountain) I got emotional as Jones talked about visiting dying children in the hospital, and the pride he took in doing maintenance on the memorial.

Darkness

Five miles east of where Jones and I stood, as he and I were talking, something sinis-

ter was happening.

A man filled with hate and evil calmly walked into a Walmart crowded with shoppers and delivered violence and mayhem, killing innocent men, women and children.

As Jones was discussing the best of humanity, how people can help and comfort one another, we had no idea that, just a few minutes away, people were experiencing the absolute worst of humanity.

I bid adieu to Jones and walked across the street for breakfast at the L&J Cafe, where I would soon learn the first bits of news about the shooting. I got emotional, both sad and angry, as I pondered the senselessness. As the day unfolded, the information came to light about the darkness that took place in Walmart, each detail darker than the last.

Not long after I made the short trip back home to Las Cruces, we learned of the killer's apparent pre-meditation, his quest to drive 600-plus miles with the sole goal to commit mass murder on Hispanics.

Reflection

In the hours and days after the shooting, I thought about a lot of things, as all of you have. And we barely had time to sleep when we learned of another shooting in Dayton, Ohio. Yes, as Las Cruces and New Mexicans, we have our little rivalries with El Paso and Texas, but we are much more brothers and sisters than we are enemies. Almost all of us have friends and family in El Paso. We care, and this hurts. Badly.

I thought about America at large, and all of our contradictions. I thought about Mr. Jones and the African-American

soldiers, who fought and died for our nation's ideals, even as they were denied them. I thought about the freedoms we have, and why we have them, and all the soldiers, including thousands of Latinos, who have fought and died for those freedoms. And I thought of the growing rolls of innocent victims of the evil and sick people who have abused America's freedoms.

Then I thought about all the things we have done as a country to prevent these types of killings since the first one I remember, in 1986, in a post office in Oklahoma, my home state. But when I thought of what we have done to prevent these types of killings, which have increased exponentially in the last 33 years, I didn't have to think long.

Because we have done nothing to prevent them.

Action

So, let's do something.

If you have any sincere ideas on addressing these mass shootings, please email them to me at richard@lascrucesbulletin.com, or mail them to Richard at the Las Cruces Bulletin, 1740-A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

If I get at least 20 ideas, I will publish them in an upcoming column and send them to the New Mexico Congressional delegation.

Don't overthink the ideas. Distill them down to a few words. Don't be concerned about cost, practicality or feasibility. Consider it a public brainstorming session. If we get enough ideas, maybe there will be something we could act on.

Something, anything.

The real story behind 'Pat Garrett Boulevard'

A group of prominent citizens calling themselves the Pat Garrett Committee and members of the Doña Ana County Historical Society spent almost three years working on getting the name of Motel Boulevard changed to Pat Garrett Boulevard.

The committee abided by a long-standing city resolution that spelled out the procedure on how to get this accomplished. A list of property owners was provided to the committee and we were tasked to obtain 75 percent of all those property owners that could be contacted. The committee did their due diligence and it took over a year-and-a-half to get our petition signed and subsequently approved by the city.

Every property owner was important, but some property owners that signed had more at stake than others. The largest property owner was the Doña Ana County Government facility on Motel Boulevard. When the name change came up for the vote, and the county commissioners unanimously approved a



BOB GAMBOA

Guest Column

resolution along with the city Planning and Zoning Board, we moved forward to get the rest of the other property owners to sign our petition.

For more than another year, we frequently had "working sessions" with city councilors to discuss the different issues. Soon thereafter, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) provided their quote for the potential costs for changing out the signs on Interstate 10. By then, the city has already compiled their cost for replacing the cross-street signs on Motel Boulevard at \$13,000. The NMDOT quoted \$56,000 for new signs, and if all three of the major support structures required replacing or modification, they quoted \$400,000. They stated that this cost was a "worse-case scenario." However, without having a structural engineer do a final cost evaluation, it could not be effectively determined.

Those of us in the committee felt that of the three major signs on the interstate, only one minor

support structure would require a modification, and the others would not because the signs that would need modifying would only require six additional letters. We were told by an outside reliable source that those support structures, as massive as they are, were capable of supporting any number of signs, not just one.

None of this seemed to matter because the only number quoted by a few of the uninformed was the \$400,000 cost that would never get approved – and we agreed.

The next issue that prevailed among a few councilors was the name, "Pat Garrett."

We chose that name because Pat Garrett is a historically recognized name that was a member of our community and in the state of New Mexico. He also served two terms as the sheriff of Doña Ana County and is recognized worldwide. No other name on those interstate signs will do a better job attracting tourists to stop for gas, food and visit the Sheriff's Museum at the County Government center and bring in additional tax

dollars for the city.

This theme was not accepted by a few city councilors. Those voting against the name were Gabe Vasquez, Yvonne Flores, Gill Sorg and Kasandra Gandara. Supporting the name change were Mayor Ken Miyagishima and councilors Greg Smith and Jack Eakman. Eakman offered an amendment before the final vote that would cap the costs at \$70,000. Four councilors voted in favor of the amendment which would have carried the final vote to approval. However, one councilor changed their mind on the final vote and the proposed resolution was defeated by one vote, 4-3.

The statements below were made by councilors voting against the name change:

- "It would elevate Western folklore above other local and indigenous cultures according to history written by Anglos."

- "In a city where Hispanics and Native Americans and African-Americans have long made significant contributions, we don't really need another street named for a white man,

especially when it's white men generally writing the history."

Frankly, this is undignified and appalling for people in high positions. They were elected to serve the needs of the people, not to pontificate their personal agendas.

None of the councilors who voted against the change are from this area. They don't have a good knowledge of our history and apparently don't understand the passion that we have for it.

I was born in Las Cruces and came from two original families that contributed greatly to this community. My grandfather, Juan B. Lucero, was one of the first chiefs of police. My uncles had one of the most popular busi-

nesses in Las Cruces, the Shamrock Drive-In. Everyone who lived here in the '50s and '60s remembers it because it was a great place for teenagers (and adults) to hang out, eat hamburgers, drink malts and stay out of trouble.

My grandparents and my parents opened one of the first Mexican restaurants in Las Cruces in the mid-1940s – the Central Square Café at Mountain and Church Street, and later Gamboa's Restaurant on Solano. The current City Hall is located on the exact spot where my grandparents' (Lucero) house stood before being consumed by urban renewal. My brother

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themselves, they wait to get
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the way

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Oh, there are days, they'd
all agree that go against the
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The new North American trade agreement, called the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, is a much-needed modernization of NAFTA, which was signed more than 25 years ago.

USMCA will catalyze growth across the economy, especially in sectors that rely on strong intellectual property protections. America's creators and innovators depend on lawmakers' quick approval of USMCA as negotiated by its three signatory nations.

Innovation is the heart of the U.S. economy. Today, America's IP is worth an astonishing \$6.6 trillion and accounts for more than half of all U.S. merchandise exports. These vital industries -- from tech, to manufacturing, and even agriculture -- support more than 40 percent of U.S. economic growth.

When NAFTA was drafted in the early 1990s, the internet was in its infancy. To most Americans, WiFi, smartphones, and high-speed internet weren't even imaginable.



ERIK PAULSON

Guest Column

USMCA modernizes NAFTA to account for several decades of innovation and establishes a fair framework for American inventors.

For starters, it requires Mexico and Canada to extend their copyright protections to match America's. This change is crucial to the health of the arts.

The recording industry adds nearly \$10 billion a year to the economy. And our movie and television industries are the envy of the world, generating \$134 billion in sales in 2016 and supporting two million jobs.

Inadequate copyright protections in Mexico and Canada deprive American artists of well-deserved earnings: local companies are allowed to prematurely create knock-off products and steal sales. This abuse leads to lost revenues, lost jobs and a hobbled economy here at home.

USMCA also cracks

down on piracy. The Chamber of Commerce estimates that piracy costs Hollywood \$71 billion every year. USMCA beefs up border security, empowering agents to more effectively identify counterfeit and pirated goods. This will ensure that American innovators can reap the full benefits of their labor.

USMCA will power decades of American prosperity. Mexico has already ratified it. And Canada has indicated it's waiting for America to move next.

The next step is clear. Congress must ratify USMCA. This deal protects the innovation at the heart of the American economy.

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A New Way to Regain Strength Part 2

I wrote last week about Blood Flow Restriction rehab. As a reminder for readers, BFR is a treatment technique using a FDA approved medically certified pneumatic tourniquet system to temporarily reduce blood flow to a limb.

Why would we want to reduce blood flow? The answer to this question is a bit complicated, but current research is consistently showing that BFR seems to 'trick' the body into thinking that you are working with a high amount of resistance, which results in the body building more muscle and increasing strength.

Blood Flow Restriction rehab is indicated:

- when muscle growth, strength and power is a main priority
- to improve aerobic capacity in deconditioned and healthy people
- in individuals that cannot train with high weight or resistance
- in patients in post-surgical or acute phases of rehabilitation when high resistance is not tolerated, or when non-weight bearing status is ordered
- to alleviate shearing stress on joints
- in patients who have been diagnosed with frailty, sarcopenia, and other muscle wasting/atrophy diseases

When we talk about reducing blood flow to a limb, many people react with "is it safe?", and more specifically, "what about blood clots?" Blood flow restriction training is a new and novel modality and is not common in clinical practice. Exercise is one of the most stressful events placed on the body. It is not surprising that "Consult your Physician before starting an exercise program" is attached to every piece of exercise equipment.



Dennis Prickett
Physical Therapist
and co-owner of
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Fortunately, there is quite a bit of research exploring the safety of BFR specific to the concern about blood clots. Several studies show that there is no increase in the blood markers (proteins, enzymes or hormones in the blood) that indicate clot formation. In fact, studies show that BFR may have a protective effect, meaning that blood markers are present which prevent the formation of clots.

There are, however, a number of reasons why we would not choose to us BFR to assist in strengthening our patients. While we are certain that BFR is safe for use with many patients we also know that it is not an appropriate treatment tool for everyone. Sound clinical judgment is key and it is up to the physical therapist and physician to determine if their patient is an appropriate candidate.

There are many labs and clinics around the world looking at mechanisms, physiologic changes and potential medical applications of BFR. This is a treatment tool with a very large amount of scientific literature to support it and its potential in the clinical setting is tremendous. Over the past 2 years, we have treated many patients using BFR with outstanding results.

Because of the high level of interest in BFR, we holding a workshop on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 10:00 am to tell you more. Contact Atrium Physical Therapy at (575) 323-9601 to reserve your spot in our BFR workshop! Space is limited, so call today!!

The truth about wind turbines

I have to chuckle every time I read a story about "carbon-free" wind turbines. These reports do a disservice to readers because they do not fully



PATRICK LYONS

Guest Column

explain what makes these turbines run (hint: it is something we produce a lot of here in New Mexico) or they are manufactured. These stories also do not explain how much of our power comes from wind (hint: it is not a huge amount) and, very often, they do not explain the strides we have made toward addressing global warming because of the general shift away from coal.

Perhaps I actually should not chuckle. These issues, after all, are serious. They affect families' electricity bills, our national economy and the state budget.

Consumers deserve the full story.

So here it is.

Large wind turbines are not self-sustaining. They need a lot of energy to operate, and that power comes from resources like natural gas. Cole Gustafson, a bio-

fuels economist, has explained that wind turbine blades have built-in heaters that try to prevent icing, and these heaters could consume up to 20 percent

of the electricity produced by the turbine. Turbines also have batteries that must be recharged with power from the electrical grid.

Manufacturers also require energy to build the turbines – again, provided by more common (and affordable) resources like natural gas or more unfortunate resources like coal. Here is how the British journalist Matt Ridley explained the manufacture of wind turbines, which are made mostly of steel and concrete. Ridley noted wind turbines "need about 200 times as much material per unit of capacity as a modern combined cycle gas turbine. Steel is made with coal, not just to provide the heat for smelting ore, but to supply the carbon in the alloy. Cement is also often made using coal. The machinery of 'clean' renewables is the

output of the fossil fuel economy, and largely the coal economy."

Coal and wind – joined at the hip.

The second fact the glowing stories about turbines gloss over is that, while consumers are getting more of energy from renewables than they did, say, five years ago, we would need millions more turbines and thousands more farms to keep up with energy demand. Wind energy provides only 14 percent of electricity here in New Mexico. Natural gas provides about a quarter. Coal, unfortunately, provides most of the rest.

What this means is that, while we should try to build more renewable capacity, it is irresponsible to suggest it can happen overnight, or even in a few years. Natural gas would provide a much more direct avenue away from coal.

What state officials can do – and what they already have done, in fact – is bolster production of clean-burning natural gas. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), New Mexico is one of the top natural gas-producing states in the country and it has more than four percent of the nation's total proven natural gas reserves.

I can see readers shaking their heads now because they have been filled with warnings that natural gas is a fossil fuel – something that is no better than coal.

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Governor stumbles on most pressing issue

With the exception of Tourism, there was not one department during the eight-year term of former Gov. Susana Martinez that could have been described as smooth-running and successful.

The Human Services Department dismantled the state's mental healthcare system based on a faulty audit. The Children Youth and Families Department was unable to prevent horrific child abuse deaths, despite warnings ahead of time. Taxation and Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla left office under the cloud of criminal charges of embezzlement.

But for all of that dysfunction and bad governance, no department was as bogged down in constant controversy



WALT RUBEL

The View
From Here

as the Public Education Department under former Secretary Hannah Skandera. She was determined to impose reforms based on the increased use of

high-stakes tests; high stakes for the teachers and the schools, but not for the students. The Legislature was just as determined to stop those reforms. Education for our kids languished as the adults fought it out.

Caught in the middle of that mess for eight years were the men and women who work for the Public Education Department. The few I met when I covered state government in Santa Fe were incredibly bright and seriously committed to the task of making our schools better.

I am certain that they were more than looking

forward to calmer waters and a little stability under new Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham. Unfortunately, that's not what that they got.

Less than six months after naming Karen Trujillo to lead the department, Lujan Grisham decided to fire her. And I'm not sure why.

It wasn't tied to the lousy test scores that were just announced, her office said. Trujillo could hardly be held responsible for tests taken before she took office.

"Expectations were not met in a number of areas," the governor told the Sun-News. "There were management, communication and organization issues," added spokesman Tripp

Steinciki.

Trujillo said her firing, "definitely came as a surprise to me and the whole leadership team." She said she felt they were "moving in a good direction." She added, however, that she never had direct communications with the governor, only with her staff.

Like everybody else on the outside looking in, I don't know what really happened.

But here's what I do know. Karen Trujillo has been successful in every position she's held before this one.

Her management skills weren't a problem when she was elected chairman of the Doña Ana County Commission. Her communica-

tion skills were just fine when she was interim dean of research for the College of Education at NMSU. There were no issues with organization when she was principal of Las Cruces Catholic Schools.

Nothing is more important for the new administration than education. Not only is it a moral imperative, the state is under a legal court order to bring our schools up to a level of adequacy. In response, Lujan Grisham has called for a "moonshot" on education, and the Legislature has provided the funding to make that happen.

But it's going to take more than money. Bringing New Mexico students

up from the bottom of national rankings where they have languished for decades will also require leadership and vision. And, a level of personal commitment beyond what the governor has demonstrated thus far, if Trujillo's account of their lack of communication is accurate.

This was a bad stumble coming out of the gate on an issue where we can't afford to fall behind any further. We didn't get to the moon by putting a new person in charge every six months. The governor needs to devote her full attention to getting this right.

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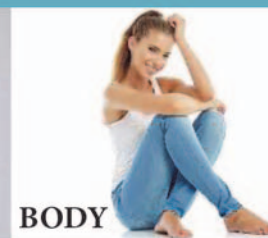
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Tuberías en su Comunidad La Ciudad de Las Cruces está comprometida en la operación segura de sus tuberías en su comunidad. Desde nuestros Centros de Control usamos tecnología de punta para monitorear continuamente la operación de nuestras tuberías, las 24 horas del día, los siete días de la semana. Nuestras tuberías están diseñadas, instaladas, probadas, operadas y mantenidas de acuerdo con todos los requisitos Federales y Estatales aplicables. La Ciudad de Las Cruces mantiene nuestras tuberías seguras, listas y eficientes por medio de inspecciones de rutina, protección contra la corrosión, programas de mantenimiento y de prueba, capacitación de empleados y educación pública. La educación pública incluye reuniones educativas con contratistas en excavaciones, oficiales de respuesta de emergencia y otros oficiales públicos apropiados, y la distribución de estos volantes informativos.

How To Work Around Our Pipeline

We need your help in preventing pipeline emergencies. The number one cause of pipeline leaks is damage from earth-moving and construction equipment and tools owned by parties other than the pipeline company. If you plan to dig or do any type of excavation or construction work, call New Mexico One Call (NMOC) toll free at 811. A City of Las Cruces representative will locate and mark the underground gas lines at no cost to you. Call at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before you dig. Even if you haven't provided advance notification, please contact us immediately if you dig and hit or touch a pipeline – even if you should cause what seems to be only minor damage to the pipeline – contact us immediately. A gouge, dent, crease, or scrape may cause a future safety problem.

Cómo Trabajar Alrededor De Nuestra Tubería

Necesitamos de su ayuda para evitar emergencias en las tuberías. La causa número uno de las fugas en las tuberías es el daño provocado por el movimiento de la tierra y el equipo y herramientas de construcción propiedad de otras partes diferentes a la compañía de la tubería. Si usted tiene planes para cavar o hacer cualquier tipo de excavación o trabajo de construcción, llame al Centro de Una Llamada de Nuevo Mexico gratuitamente al 811. Un representante de la Ciudad de Las Cruces localizará y marcará las líneas de gas subterráneas sin costo para usted. Llame por lo menos 48 horas (excluir los fines de semana y los días de descanso) antes de excavar. Aunque no haya enviado una notificación por adelantado, por favor comuníquese con nosotros inmediatamente si excava y golpea o toca una tubería – aunque cause lo que parezca un daño menor a la tubería – comuníquese con nosotros inmediatamente. Una abolladura, pliegue o rayadura puede causar un futuro problema de seguridad.

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The City of Las Cruces cares about your safety. We design, install, test, operate, and maintain our pipelines to meet or exceed regulatory standards. Our employees are thoroughly trained to operate and maintain the system safely. We want you to be aware of our pipeline. We ask for your help in preventing accidental damage to it.

Su Socio En La Seguridad De Las Tuberías

La Ciudad de Las Cruces se preocupa por su seguridad. Nosotros diseñamos, instalamos, probamos, operamos y mantenemos nuestras tuberías para cumplir o exceder las normas reguladoras. Nuestros empleados están totalmente capacitados para operar y mantener el sistema en forma segura. Deseamos que esté usted consciente de nuestra tubería. Le solicitamos su ayuda para prevenir un daño accidental.

How To Identify Where The Pipeline Is Located

Since pipelines are buried underground, line markers are sometimes used to indicate the approximate – not exact – location of the pipeline. Line markers can be found where the pipeline intersects a street, highway, or railroad. However, they cannot be relied upon to indicate the exact position of the pipeline. The pipeline may not follow a straight course between markers, which provide no information on the depth or number of pipelines in the vicinity. Don't try to guess the pipeline's location or route by the marker's placement. Call New Mexico One Call (NMOC) at 811.

Cómo Identificar Dónde Está Ubicada La Línea De Tubería

Ya que las líneas de tubería se encuentran bajo tierra, a veces se usan marcas para indicar de manera aproximada –no exacta– la localización de la línea. Los marcadores de las líneas pueden ser encontrados en donde la línea de la tubería intersecta a una calle, carretera o vía del ferrocarril. Sin embargo, no son confiables para indicar la posición exacta de la línea de la tubería. La tubería puede no seguir un curso derecho entre dos marcas, lo cual no proporciona información de la profundidad o el número de líneas en la vecindad. No trate de adivinar la localización de la línea o ruta por la ubicación del marcador de las líneas de la tubería, llame al Centro de Una Llamada de Nuevo Mexico 811.

If you are a public safety official...

...you know to take whatever steps you deem necessary to safeguard the public in the event of a pipeline emergency.

The following suggestions are offered as a guide:

- Secure the area around the leak to a safe distance. This could include the evacuation of people from homes, businesses, schools, and other locations, as well as the erection of barricades to control access to the emergency site and similar precautions.
- If the pipeline leak is not burning, take steps to prevent ignition. This includes prohibiting smoking, rerouting traffic, and shutting off the electricity.
- If the pipeline leak is burning, try to prevent the spread of fire but do not attempt to extinguish it. Burning petroleum products will not explode. If the fire is extinguished, gas or vapor will collect and could explode when reignited by secondary fires.
- Contact the pipeline company as quickly as possible. Pipeline marker signs show the pipeline company's name, emergency telephone number, and pipeline contents.

Si Usted Es Un Oficial De Seguridad Publica...

...sabe que debe tomar las medidas necesarias para proteger al público en caso de una emergencia relacionada a una tubería.

Le ofrecemos las siguientes sugerencias como guía.

- Asegure el área alrededor del escape hasta una distancia segura. Esto podría incluir la evacuación de la gente de los hogares, los negocios, las escuelas, y otros lugares, también la instalación de barreras para controlar el acceso a la zona de emergencia y otras precauciones similares.
- Si el escape de la tubería no está ardiendo, tome las medidas necesarias para evitar la combustión. Esto incluye prohibir fumar, desviar el tránsito y cortar las fuentes de electricidad.
- Si el escape de la tubería está ardiendo, trate de prevenir la propagación del fuego pero no trate de extinguirlo. Los productos del petróleo en combustión no explotan. Si se extingue el fuego, puede haber una acumulación de gas o vapor y estos pueden explotar si un fuego secundario causara su combustión.
- Comuníquese con la compañía operadora de la tubería lo antes posible. Los marcadores de las tuberías muestran el nombre de la compañía, el teléfono de emergencia, y el contenido de la tubería.



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What To Do In A Pipeline Emergency

- Immediately leave the area – on foot – in an upwind direction.
- Avoid making contact with escaping vapors.
- Avoid potential ignition sources.
- Turn off and abandon all equipment being used in the area.
- DO NOT light a match, start an engine or automobile, use a telephone, or switch on/off an electric light or appliance, or use a cell phone.
- Warn others to stay away from the area.
- DO NOT try to operate any pipeline valves yourself.
- From a distant phone, call the City of Las Cruces emergency number 526-0500 and call 911 or your local fire, police, or sheriff's office.

Qué Hacer Durante Una Emergencia De Una Línea De Tubería

- Abandonar inmediatamente el área – a pie – en dirección contra el viento.
- Evitar hacer contacto con vapores.
- Evitar potenciales fuentes de ignición.
- Apague y abandone todos los equipos que están siendo usados en el área.
- No encender un cerillo, no arrancar un motor o automóvil, no usar el teléfono o prender o apagar una luz o aparato eléctrico, y no usar un teléfono celular.
- Advertir a los otros que permanezcan fuera del área.
- No tratar de operar alguna válvula.
- Desde un teléfono distante, llamar al número de emergencia de la Ciudad de Las Cruces 526-0500-y llame al 911 ó a los bomberos, policía u oficina del alguacil local.

What Is A Pipeline Emergency?

- A weakened or damaged pipeline
- Fire or explosion near or directly involving a pipeline or pipeline facility
- A natural disaster affecting the pipeline, such as an earthquake, flood or soil erosion
- A leaking pipeline

¿Cuál Es Una Emergencia En La Línea De Tubería?

- Una línea de tubería debilitada o dañada
- Incendio o explosión cerca o que directamente involucre a una línea de tubería o a las instalaciones de la línea
- Un desastre natural que afecte a la tubería, tal como un terremoto, inundación o la erosión del suelo
- Una tubería con una fuga

How To Recognize A Pipeline Leak

LISTEN FOR: Hissing or roaring sound

LOOK FOR:

- A white cloud, fog, or ice
- Dying plants amid healthy ones
- Unusual blowing of dirt or dust
- Persistent bubbles in water

SMELL FOR: An unusual odor

Cómo Reconocer Una Fuga En Una Línea De Tubería

TRATE DE ESCUCHAR: Un sonido sibilante o estruendoso

BUSQUE:

- Una nube blanca, niebla o hielo
- Plantas muertas en medio de otras sanas
- Es poco usual ver tierra o polvo soplado por la fuga
- Burbujas en agua persistentes en el agua

TRATE DE OLER: Un olor poco usual



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political Correctness Boulevard

To the editor:

The price tag [against] changing the name of Motel Boulevard to Pat Garrett Boulevard was well stated by city council, but the other reasons from Councilor Vasquez and Flores were racist and shameful.

Vasquez said frontier history was not preferred by him because it was written by Anglos. Flores said it is offensive to call it the Wild West [because] the white man came and made it important. But it was already important before white men arrived.

Our ancestors and Anglos have been here a long time and founded the Mesilla Valley, intermarried and made it prosper – long before and after Billy Bonney, Pat Garrett, the Fountains, the Luceros and Pancho Villa came and went.

These two councilors with this “political correctness” should apologize or resign. They do more harm by showing contempt toward Anglos.

I’m Hispanic, but if I’m an Anglo looking for a place to relocate, I would take a hard look at Las Cruces and wonder what country it’s in.

*Armando Limon
Mesilla*

Make it simple – and accurate

To the editor:

It seems to me all this to-do over the name of Motel Boulevard started when some of our wise politicians decided

that the name didn’t fit or even represent the street in general. I will admit that the name may mislead the traveler on I-10 that this was the Boulevard of Motels, which it certainly is not. So, the county commissioners and city councilors spent time and energy, not to mention money, to do nothing.

The sad part of the deal is that this could have been done at very little cost and effort and we could have saved hours of wasted meeting time.

Change the name to “1 Motel Boulevard.”

Stick number ones onto the existing signs, and it would fairly represent the boulevard. And if need be, just think how easy it would be to change to 2 Motels Boulevard.

*Chuck Gaasland
Las Cruces*

Wildlife Services uses strongarm tactics

To the editor:

Doña Ana County took a big step recently towards coexisting with wildlife by revising its annual contract with Wildlife Services for the first time in decades. Under pressure from the agency, however, the contract will be back on the Doña Ana County Commission’s agenda Aug. 13.

The amendment in question introduced by Commissioner Manuel Sanchez requires the agency to attempt to resolve human-wildlife conflicts non-lethally before resorting to killing the animal. It is expected that an effort will be made at the commis-

sion meeting to strip out this amendment.

Wildlife Services has been using strong-arm tactics with New Mexico counties lately to maintain the status quo. The Grant County Commission voted recently to prohibit the agency from using traps and poisons but came under intense pressure from Wildlife Services and its allies and reversed that decision last week.

If any other company pulled stunts like this, it would be considered extortion. If Wildlife Services doesn’t like the Doña Ana County contract, our commission should look into other companies willing to provide human-wildlife conflict resolution on our terms.

Wildlife Services has faced backlash across the United States for the mass killing of native wildlife, largely to protect the interests of livestock operators. According to its own reports, Wildlife Services killed over 1.5 million native animals last year across the U.S. The agency has also been criticized for their use of M-44 cyanide bombs and cruel leghold traps

on public lands.

*Amanda Munro
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A life for a life

To the editor:

We grieve with our neighbors in El Paso over the mass shooting at the Walmart near Cielo Vista Mall. In the wake of this carnage, everyone wants to put a stop to these horrific massacres. How?

Desperate times require desperate measures. Businesses, malls, schools, stadiums and other public venues should continue developing better security against mass shooters. Essentials include check-in lobbies, metal detectors and armed security guards. Guards could be uniformed and plain-clothed, ideally with combat experience from police or military service.

Picture the typical, cold-blooded, mass shooter. He has the mental capacity to prepare for an attack and execute an attack. He should not be considered mentally incompetent.

Crime scene and other

evidence could be speedily collected for immediate trial and conviction. As a shooter ignores his victims’ pleas and appeals for mercy, the courts should deny appeals for mercy.

A mandatory death penalty for mass shooters should be executed immediately.

Perfect justice would execute a mass shooter by mass shooting. The

number of firing squad members could match the number of the shooter’s victims. Because his victims had to look death in the eye, the shooter should be denied a blindfold. And because a shooter kills his victims in public, he should be executed in a public venue. Media coverage could make it a

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and I were born in that adobe house along with my Lucero aunts, uncles and some of my cousins. My mother and dad were well-respected in the community. Our heritage is Las Cruces. And all of us in the Historical Society were also trying to contribute via this proposal.

I cannot accept the disdain displayed by a

few city councilors at the meeting of July 29. The remarks leveled at a former law enforcement officer of our community was uncalled for.

I am stating my position on this issue as a private citizen and [it] may not reflect the views of the Doña Ana County Historical Society.

Bob Gamboa is the chairman of the Pat Garrett Committee of the Doña Ana County Historical Society.

LETTERS

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very effective deterrent.

What does God say? See Numbers 35:29-31 and Romans 13:1-4 in the Bible.

*Mike Jacoboice
Las Cruces*

Blame the president

To the editor:
“If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of

every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?”

This is a quote from Solzhenitsyn that was in a book by Peter Matthiessen I was reading last night that struck a chord within me. It resonated as I saw the outcomes of two atrocious acts perpetrated on innocent people by hate-filled entities.

We all take responsibility for these hate-filled acts by white supremacists. We continue to elect the kind of people who quiver at an insult by the president and do nothing to stop the hateful rhetoric. His

base is white supremacists and some very ugly people.

If we continue to do nothing but offer prayers, then we can expect more mass shootings. We have the world we asked for, folks. Maybe we can reclaim it, but it won't happen as long as we remain silent.

*Barbara Villemez
Las Cruces*

We've lost our moral compass

To the editor:
The FBI testified to Congress that they have thwarted over 100 terrorist plots [so far] this year. Is this the new

normal?

Evil in the world exists no matter how much we choose to ignore it. Anytime two people or groups are at arms' length to each other evil can easily enter the void.

We need to learn how to communicate civilly so this plot to destroy our great nation does not expand and consume us all.

This is not at all about Trump, even though the media loves its villain. It is all about a nation that has been losing its moral compass for a long time.

*Rob Wood
Las Cruces*



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Committee members advise and assist the City in adopting land use assumptions, which includes a description of the service area and projection of changes and land uses, densities, intensities and population in the service area over at least a five-year period;

They review the capital improvements plan that identifies capital improvements or facility expansion for which impact fees may be assessed, and file written comments, and monitor and evaluate implementation of the capital improvements plan.

The committee also files annual reports with respect to the progress of the capital improvements plan and reports to the City through its city manager any perceived inequities in implementing the plan or imposing impact fees.

It also advises the City of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan and impact fees, and advises the City regarding growth management strategies.

Applications can be picked up at the City Clerk's office, inside City Hall at 700 N. Main Street, or accessed online at: <https://onboard.las-cruces.org/apply/>.

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This point is where most new stories also err, or at least fail to

give sufficient context. According to data from the EIA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, methane emissions intensity declined by 57 percent

in the Permian Basin from 2011 to 2017 despite the fact that natural gas production in that region increased 125 percent during those years. Methane is one of the most harmful greenhouse gases and even though gas production in our state is picking up, emissions rates are falling.

For me, this data changes the lens through which we look at wind power. If it is not as reliable, is not all that renewable and is more expensive than effective alternatives like natural gas, is there really that much to cheer?

I don't think so.

Regulators, scientists, lawmakers and, yes, our newspapers, must do a better job of educating the public about how our energy system works. It is the only way we can have an honest debate about what type of infrastructure we really need.

Patrick Lyons is a former chairman and Commissioner of the 2nd District of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. He previously served as a state senator and New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands.

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NMSU President John Floros congratulates new DACC President Monica Torres at the Aug. 2 reception held in her honor.

DA Community College introduces new president

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

"When it came to the interviews, there was really no question who the new president was going to be," New Mexico State University President John Floros said Friday, Aug. 2, at a welcoming reception for new Doña Ana Community College President Monica F. Torres, Ph.D.

"Education is the way out of poverty," Torres said, reminding the audience that Doña Ana County has a poverty rate of 26 percent compared to a statewide average of 20 percent and a national average of 12 percent. "We have work to do," Torres said. "Fortunately, It's the work we do."

Torres was named DACC's 10th president in May. She served as interim president since former president Renay Scott was named NMSU's vice president for student success in August 2018.

From 2014 until her appointment as interim president, Torres served as DACC's vice president of academic affairs.

Torres also previously served as an assistant pro-



New DACC President Monica Torres, right, talks to attendees at the Aug. 2 reception held in her honor.

fessor, associate professor and department head at NMSU's Department of English. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in English from NMSU and earned a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in American studies with an emphasis in cultural studies.

DACC, which is celebrating its 45th anniversary, is the fourth-largest higher education institution in New Mexico and last fall enrolled more than 7,900 students on six campuses and centers throughout Doña Ana County. The college offers 41 degrees and more than 50 certificates in career and technical

education and general education as part of the NMSU system.

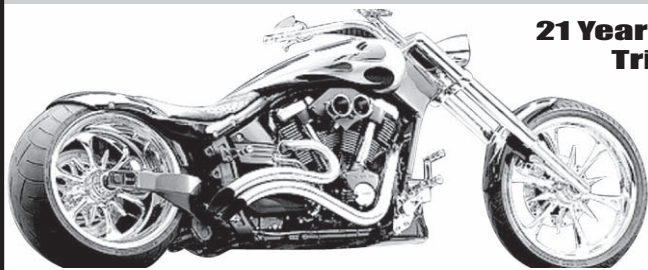
In addition, attendees at the Aug. 2 reception included Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Gill Sorg, City Councilor Greg Smith, Municipal Court Judge Joy Goldbaum, state Sen. Mary Kay Papen (D-Doña Ana), state Rep. Ray Lara (D-Doña Ana) and County Clerk Amanda Lopez-Askin.

Ballet Folklórico Diamantes Del Valle provided live entertainment during the event.

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City cuts ribbon on new water quality lab

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

City officials cut the ribbon and opened Las Cruces' new water quality lab Friday, Aug. 2 at 2845 W. Amador Ave.

"This new Water Quality Laboratory is obviously going to be a tremendous addition to the city's Jacob Hands Wastewater Treatment Facility and to our city as a whole," said interim City Manager William F. "Bill" Studer.

"The size, alone, of the new lab is a major benefit. The new facility is almost 12 times larger than the previous lab, which was built more than 30 years ago."

The nearly 12,000-square-foot building cost almost \$4 million to build, according to city documents. Furniture and equipment in the facility is valued at more than \$500,000. The building includes a lobby, two conference rooms, a wastewater lab room, a water lab, 13 offices, a shared office with six cubicles, a break room and a material receiving room.

"Another significant improvement is the new laboratory will have two lab rooms to separately test water and wastewater quality," Studer said.

"The previous lab did not allow for that because of its limited space of about 1,000 square feet.

The new, separate lab rooms will each be larger than the total square-foot size of the old lab. Also, the new Water Quality Lab will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, which has been a city priority in the construction of new city buildings and facilities for about a decade."

The old Jacob Hands facility was identified as needing an expansion in the 1990s, said Las Cruces Utilities Deputy Director Carl Clark, but the expansion was delayed due to budget constraints.

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



Facilities at the city's new water quality laboratory.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MARTINEZ/CITY OF LAS CRUCES

Attendees at the ribbon cutting for the city's new water quality lab were, left to right, Las Cruces Utilities Director Jorge Garcia, Deputy Utilities Director for Wastewater John T. Mrozek, interim City Manager William F. "Bill" Studer, Las Cruces Utilities Board Vice Chair Ed Archuleta, Jack Eakman (cutting the ribbon), Las Cruces Utilities Board Commissioner Steven Baumgarn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg, City Councilor Greg Smith, Deputy Utilities Director for Environmental and Technical Support Carl Clark and City of Las Cruces Project Manager Waleed Abu-Issa.



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Concert: "Connecting Generations with Music"

Center for Spiritual Living. 7pm. \$5 Advance/\$6 Door

AUG 3

Kids Expo 2019

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 10am-2pm. Free

Movies in the Park: Captain Marvel

Young Park. Free. 575-541-2550

AUG 3-4

Theatre Play: Pirates of Penzance

Black Box Theatre. \$10-15. 575-523-1223

Comic Book Saturdays

Branigan Cultural Center. 10am-12pm. Free. 575-541-2219

Gallery Tours - From the Ground Up

Museum of Art. 1:30pm. Free. 575-541-2217

AUG 4

Concert: "Connecting Generations with Music"

Center for Spiritual Living. 3pm. \$5 Advance/\$6 Door

Music in the Park: Ted Scanlon & Desperado, Double Shot

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

AUG 6

National Night Out

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 6-9pm. Free

Spotted Dog Brewery Trivia Night

Spotted Dog. 7-9pm. Free. spotteddogbrewery.com

AUG 7

Get Artrageous!

Doña Ana Arts Council, 1740 Calle de Mercado, 5:30-7:30pm, \$28 members/\$35 non-members. daarts.org

Swing on the Plaza

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 7pm. Free. 575-525-1955

AUG 8

Music on the Plaza: Mariachi Real de El Paso

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

AUG 9-25

Theatre Play: Biloxi Blues

Las Cruces Community Theatre. lcctnm.org

AUG 10

Men Who Cook

Las Cruces Convention Center. 6-10pm. \$100pp.

AUG 10-31

Exhibit: In the Orchard by Frank Peacock

Doña Ana Arts Council. 10-5pm. Free. daarts.org

AUG 10

Movies in the Park: Bumblebee Young Park

Free. 575-541-2550

Family Game Day

Las Cruces Railroad Museum. 10am. Free. 575-528-3444

Comic Book Saturdays

Branigan Cultural Center. 10am-12pm. Free. 575-541-2219

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Museum of Art. 2:30pm. Free. 575-541-2217

AUG 10-11

Las Cruces Desert Dock Dive

Las Cruces Dock Diving & K9 Event Center. dockdivinglc.com

AUG 11

Music in the Park: BOSS and Roger Ortega

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

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Evening Farmers Market - PopUp Market

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 5-8pm. 575-201-3853

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Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 7pm. Free. 575-525-1955

Reading Art Club

Museum of Art. 2:30pm. Free. 575-541-2217, 575-541-2137

Summer Nights:

Family Stem Night - Dinosaurs

Museum of Nature and Science. 5pm. Free. 575-532-3372

AUG 17

Las Cruces HOPS & HEMP Festival

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum 5-11pm. \$20-40. frhm.org

Comic Book Saturdays

Branigan Cultural Center. 10am-12pm. Free. 575-541-2219

AUG 18

Music in the Park: Misty Boyce and Meri Dean

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

AUG 19

Swing on the Plaza

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 7pm. Free. 575-525-1955

AUG 22

Music on the Plaza:

Zach Heckendorf and Chris Baker

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

AUG 23

Bobby Socks and Lollipops Event

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 7pm. \$20pp or reserved table for 6 for \$250. carelascruces.org

Summer Jam at the Pan Am

NMSU Pan Am Center. 6:30pm-1am. Tickets Vary. summerjampanam.com

New Mexico State Soccer vs. Abilene Christian

NMSU Soccer Field. 4pm. 575-646-1420

AUG 24

Spotted Dog Chile Roast

Spotted Dog. 11:30am-5pm. Free. spotteddogbrewery.com

Comic Book Saturdays

Branigan Cultural Center. 10am-12pm. Free. 575-541-2219

Education Station - Adult

Museum of Art. 2:30pm. Free. 575-541-2217

Luke's Wings 2019 Music Explosion

Las Cruces Convention Center. 4pm. \$25-30. 575-496-9146

AUG 25

New Mexico State Soccer vs. Wyoming

NMSU Soccer Field. 2pm. 575-646-1420

99th Birthday Salute to J. Paul Taylor

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum 3:30-5:30pm. \$10. 575-649-9088

Music in the Park: Cordova and The Ghetto Blaster

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

AUG 28

Get Artrageous!

Doña Ana Arts Council. 5:30-7:30pm. \$28 members/\$35 non-members. daarts.org

Summer Nights:

Rube Goldberg Machines

Museum of Nature and Science. 5-7pm. Free

AUG 31

Southwest Brawl 10

Las Cruces Convention Center. 7pm. \$30-50

Comic Book Saturdays

Branigan Cultural Center. 10am-12pm. Free. 575-541-2219

AUG 31 - SEPT. 1

Hatch Chile Festival

Hatch, NM. hatchchilefest.com

AUG 31 - SEPT 2

Las Cruces Harvest Wine Festival

Southern New State Fairgrounds. 12-6pm. \$5-40

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'Pipe dream' now a reality for those in need

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

"It takes a village when you have a mission like ours to put food on the table of those in need," said Casa de Peregrinos (CDP) emergency food program Executive Director Lorenzo Alba.

The nonprofit, which "started off as a pipe dream of a few locals who had in their hearts to really make a difference in the lives of the poor and immigrants," Alba said, is planning a major 40th-anniversary celebration in August.

"It's a big deal for a nonprofit to reach 40," said Alba. "We have a story to tell."

From humble beginnings in April 1979 in

If you go

WHAT: Casa de Peregrinos 40th anniversary celebration

WHERE: Blue Door Venue, 1750 Calle De Mercado off New Mexico Highway 28

WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16

INCLUDES: Live music from mariachis and Los Latinos; hors d'oeuvres by local caterers, introductions of Casa de Peregrinos pioneers and staff

COST: Tickets \$40; sponsorships \$500-\$2,000

CONTACT: 575-523-5542; cdplascruces@gmail.com; 999 W. Amador Ave.

La Mesa, New Mexico, CDP has evolved into the state's largest food pantry, he said. It distributed more than 3.5 million pounds of food last year.

During the anniversary celebration, CDP will recognize its founders and early pioneers, its staff,

volunteers, board members, directors and the community at large who have built CDP into "a charitable structure that helps a lot more people," Alba said. "They had to come to us. Now we go to them."

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Lorenzo Alba with U.S. Rep Xotchil Torres Small (D-NM) [2] at the 2019 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Banquet.



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Casa de Peregrinos hosted a Business After Hours event in December 2018.

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During an expansion of services that began eight years ago, CDP has added 13 rural pantries and set up student pantries at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College in Las Cruces, Chaparral, Anthony and Sunland Park, Alba said.

CDP's "really incredible partnership with the university and community college ... impacts students with families that struggle

with those kinds of services because they are focused on school," he said. With CDP reaching out to them through on-campus food pantries, he said, students can "work on their educations, not food. We want them to stay in school because education is the best way out of poverty."

NMSU and DACC service programs continue to provide volunteers to CDP that have had "a lasting impact on our mission," he said.

Through its partnership with the City of Las Cruces, he said, CDP has

opened food pantries at senior centers in the city. About 20 percent of CDP's clientele are seniors.

Doña Ana County funds a large part of the nonprofit's rural initiative, and is another important partner, he said.

CDP's partnerships with the city and county have "continued to grow and become better because both government agencies trust us to go out into the community and do something that maybe they can't do,"

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How it all got started

From www.casadepergrinos.org

Casa de Peregrinos (CDP) has a long and respected history of service in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. It was founded in April 1979 by four La Mesa residents: Manuela Moreno, Rosario Rodriguez, Alphonso de los Santos and Lucy Martinez.

They set up in the home of Manuela Moreno and filed their Articles of Incorporation with the State of New Mexico in April of that year. They launched Casa de Peregrinos ("House of Pilgrims") with \$3,000 in the bank and a lofty vision: to provide shelter, a food-and-clothing bank, and cooperative activities for the homeless. As stated in the Incorporation papers, their intent was to provide "shelter, food, etc. to the homeless and transients" and "to operate a cooperative garden and food bank."

Sister Marsha Corrigan of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso was assigned the duty of overseeing CDP in 1982. Under her oversight, an advisory committee was established. The committee recognized that the original scope of their vision might be too broad and decided to emphasize the food distribution program alone.

That same year, Office and Volunteer Manager Isabel Romero became CDP's first paid employee.

In 1984, Sister Rose Kidd was hired by the Diocese of Las Cruces to direct CDP after Sister Corrigan returned to her counseling position. During Sister Rose's administration, the organization moved to its first office on Spruce

Street and began the Food Security Program: our flagship program focusing on the distribution of monthly food baskets for needy families.

CDP was recognized as a nonprofit in 1987 and in 1991 joined the Community of Hope, an alliance with a mission to create a single campus to house agencies whose services provide basic human needs and offer life-changing opportunities such as education, counseling, and job training. Today, the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) consists of five agencies with a long history of serving the poor and homeless.

Here are other important dates in CDP's 40-year timeline:

- 1993: CDP's first benefit, as La Sociedad para las Artes at NMSU holds its first benefit reading for CPD. This has been an annual event ever since.

- 1997: CDP's first Thanksgiving, as it distributes 100 turkeys to needy families.

1999: Rebeca Renteria is hired as CDP's first-ever executive director.

2005: CDP moved into MVCH, 999 W. Amador Ave. The grand opening was held Dec. 1 with U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici as featured speaker. The facility has 4,000 square feet and is owned by the City of Las Cruces.

- 2006: CDP serves 250 families per week with food baskets of rice, flour, cheese, beans and tortillas

- 2009: CDP implements the Summer Program for Children, which is designed to assist families with school-age children during the summer holiday when they don't have

access to free/reduced-cost meals through the school system.

- 2011: CDP begins the Rural Food Initiative, setting up 13 mobile pantries throughout Doña Ana County to serve clients living near the colonias.

- 2012: CDP distributes one million pounds of food in a single year.

- 2014: CDP begins the Food Rescue Program, "safely retrieving edible food that would otherwise go to waste and distributing it to those in need." The recovered food is edible but often not salable. Products that are past their sell-by date, or imperfect in any way (such as a bruised apple or day-old bread) are examples of the food acquired through this initiative.

- 2015: CDP distributes two million pounds of food.

- 2015: Recognizing that the growth in clients served and food distributed has outrun the capacity of the current facility, asks the city and the state legislature to fund a fifth building on the MVCH campus to serve as a warehouse and pantry.

- 2016: In September, CDP implements senior mobile food pantries and student pantries, bringing its total number of mobile pantries to 21. Five pantries are located at city senior centers and two are located at Doña Ana Community College's Cruces locations.

- 2018 statistics: 3,502,980 pounds of food distributed; 2,919,150 meals served to the community; 6,085 volunteer hours; 1,219,250 pounds of food rescued; \$157,639 contributed by individual donors.

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Alba said.

CDP joined forces with Roadrunner Food Bank in 2011, to create the largest agency partnership in New Mexico. Both struggle financially, Alba said, but Roadrunner has “stepped up when we need them the most. They want us to succeed.”

Other important CDP partners include El Paso Electric, Smith & Aguirre Construction Company, RTD Hardware and many other businesses. Families and individuals have volunteered time, donated food and money and “continued through the years to help us,” Alba said.

Local churches have also been a vital part of CDP’s network of support, he said, including the Catholic community, Calvary Baptist Church and St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, among others. Nonprofits, including CDP’s Mesilla Valley Community of Hope neighbor, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, “want us to move forward,” Alba said. “We lean on each other.”

“Everything we’ve accomplished is because of this community,” Alba said. “We as a community have done this for 40 years. They’re the ones who should really be applauded for us being around this long.”

Alba became executive director eight years ago. That first day, CDP served 38 individual clients and families, which was “a big, big deal,” he said. “I was excited. By the end of the week, we literally ran out of food. Then, a volunteer showed up with cases of food

bought at Sam’s Club.

Today, 160-190 families a day rely on food from CDP. “That’s quite a difference in eight years,” Alba said. CDP’s average food basket has grown

from 40 pounds in 2011 when the nonprofit provided 750,000 pounds of food to 65-85 pounds today, he said. “And on Fridays, we don’t run out of food.”



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Lorenzo Alba with Barbara Hubbard at the 2019 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Banquet.



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When he became executive director, “I wanted to learn everything,” Alba said. “Once I really understood it, the fear came,” he said, because he knew wrong decisions could mean failure. Staff and volunteers passing Alba’s office would often “catch me in here praying,” he said. Alba said he knew “God will provide for our mission. That’s very much what happens around here. When we least expect it or when we’re struggling, something happens.”

One summer a few years ago, as he drove away from a CDP food drive at the Walton Drive Walmart, Alba was praying that it wouldn’t be too hot for the volunteers in the parking lot. On his way home, Alba got a phone call to return to Walmart because a man had just shown up there and written the nonprofit

a check for \$15,000. When Alba arrived back to greet the man, he made a second donation of \$5,000.

“We struggle with cash flow in the summer,” Alba said. “We’re struggling now. If you don’t have food or money coming in every day, we’re not going to make it.”

Alba remembers one day in particular when CDP had received no food or cash donations. “It was a strange day,” he said. Then, an employee came to him and said, “Boss, here’s \$5. I want to donate this gift.”


The woman was a part-time employee and didn’t earn a big salary, Alba said. She had her own family to feed, but “was emotionally attached to our mission. It was very humbling to me to say the least because she was generous enough to give us possibly her last \$5 for the week.”

“We have great staff,” Alba said. “We have great volunteers. We have stakeholders and donors who believe in our mission.”

“It’s part of the legacy we want to leave. We want to make sure it continues. Hopefully, we will celebrate 50 years, 75 years. Hopefully, one day we can celebrate 100 years.”

For more information, contact CDP at 575-523-5542 and cdplascruces@gmail.com, visit them at 999 W. Amador Ave. Volunteer/donation hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Food assistance hours are 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Visit www.casa-deperegrinos.org, where you can make an online donation.

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U.S. Senate candidate visits Las Cruces

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"This community is incredibly important to me," New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse-Oliver said Thursday morning, Aug. 1 during a visit to Las Cruces as part of her campaign for the Democratic nomination for

the U.S. Senate seat now held by the retiring Tom Udall, D-N.M.

As secretary of state, Toulouse-Oliver said she has been a voice for Las Cruces and southern New Mexico and will continue to "value the entire state" if elected to the U.S. Senate. "That's part of why I'm down here as much as I am,"

she said during a morning campaign stop at The Bean Café on Avenida de Mesilla.

After serving 10 years as Bernalillo county clerk, Toulouse-Oliver was appointed New Mexico secretary of state in 2016 and elected to a full four-year term in 2018. She's had her eye on a seat in the U.S. Senate since volunteering for the campaigns of former U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-NM, Toulouse-Oliver said, because "that's the place I can do the most good and have the most impact on the lives of New Mexicans."

In her travels around New Mexico as secretary of state and in her Senate campaign, Toulouse-Oliver said the issues she hears most about are health care, immigration and economic opportunity. Job creation is a particularly difficult issue in rural parts of the state, Toulouse-Oliver said.

"Congress has totally abdicated its authority by not coming together" on immigration reform, she said.

"It's what the American public wants." They want Congress to find a "common-sense solution" to immigration issues that protects the lives of U.S. citizens, creates a fair system to deal with people coming to the U.S. from other countries and is humanitarian and doesn't separate families at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Immigration reform is possible if "more people like me" are elected to Congress, Toulouse-Oli-

ver said. As an outsider who is not a part of the political establishment in Washington, D.C., Toulouse-Oliver said she would be less encumbered and more willing to "buck the current political environment" that says Republicans and Democrats "can't come together to talk about anything."

Her opponent in the Senate Democratic primary, U.S. Rep. Ben-Ray Lujan, who represents New Mexico's Third Congressional District, is "part of the establishment," Toulouse-Oliver said, and has spent 12 years in the U.S. House of Representatives "building relationships and making deals."

Electing senators and members of Congress who believe in "creative problem solving" and come at issues "with a different perspective" is the only way to change Congress, she said.

To boost job creation in New Mexico and help the state finally recover completely from the Great Recession of 2008, Toulouse-Oliver said the state needs a U.S. senator "making sound economic policy at the federal level" and supporting the investment of federal money in New Mexico and the creation of 21st century infrastructure. Federal support for clean-energy technology could also be "a huge boost for the state's economy," she said. "There's a lot that can be done."

"I really admire Sen. Udall," Toulouse-Oliver said, adding that he has



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

U.S. Senate candidate Maggie Toulouse-Oliver, second from right, held a meet-and-greet event Thursday morning, Aug. 1 at The Bean in Mesilla.



U.S. Senate candidate Maggie Toulouse-Oliver, far left, at The Bean in Mesilla. Attendees included, left to right, Doña Ana County Commissioner Manny Sanchez, Las Cruces City Councilor Yvonne Flores and former County Democratic Party Chair, and co-owner of Salud! de Mesilla Christopher Shaljo. Also attending was County Clerk Amanda Lopez-Askin.

been a leader on issues like election reform and the environment and conservation, and has worked for Native American tribes in New Mexico. "I want to follow in his footsteps," she said.

Toulouse-Oliver said her campaign is not accepting corporate donations, and that she will represent "people, not special interests" in the U.S. Senate.

The campaign is "going really well," Toulouse-Oliver said. "It's exciting. It's gaining momentum every day."

The New Mexico 2020 primary election is Tuesday, June 2. Toulouse-Oliver and Lujan are the only two candidates currently running for the U.S. Senate.

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IN THE NEWS

Immunization clinics

The New Mexico Department of Health, Las Cruces, is offering back-to-school immunization clinics for children 18-years-old and younger through Friday, Aug. 9 at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano.

"Immunizing the population is the single most important measure available to prevent the spread of numerous diseases, many of which are life-threatening," said Director of Health Services, Sandy Peugh. "LCPS follows New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) immunization requirements, so all students must be up-to-date on all immunizations in order to attend school.

The immunization clinics are open to the public and immunizations will be administered at no cost to

children 18-years-old and younger. In order to receive immunizations, a parent or guardian will need to bring a copy of the child's shot record and Medicaid or private health insurance card, if they have one.

NMDOH School Immunization now requires that all kindergarten through 12th-grade students have two doses of the varicella, also known as chickenpox vaccine. Previously, the requirement only applied to kindergarten through 11th grade students. In addition, all students entering 7th grade must have a dose of Meningococcal vaccine, as well as the required Tdap vaccine.

New Mexico school nurses are granted public health authority by the NMDOH Cabinet Secretary for collecting and submitting student

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Frog days of summer



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

It may be the heart of an arid summer, but frogs are still being born and thriving in well-watered flowerbeds and gardens, so be careful when you are mowing, trimming and weeding! As you can tell by comparison with the rings at right, these two frogs are each smaller than a thumbnail. They were found in the backyard of a Las Cruces home.

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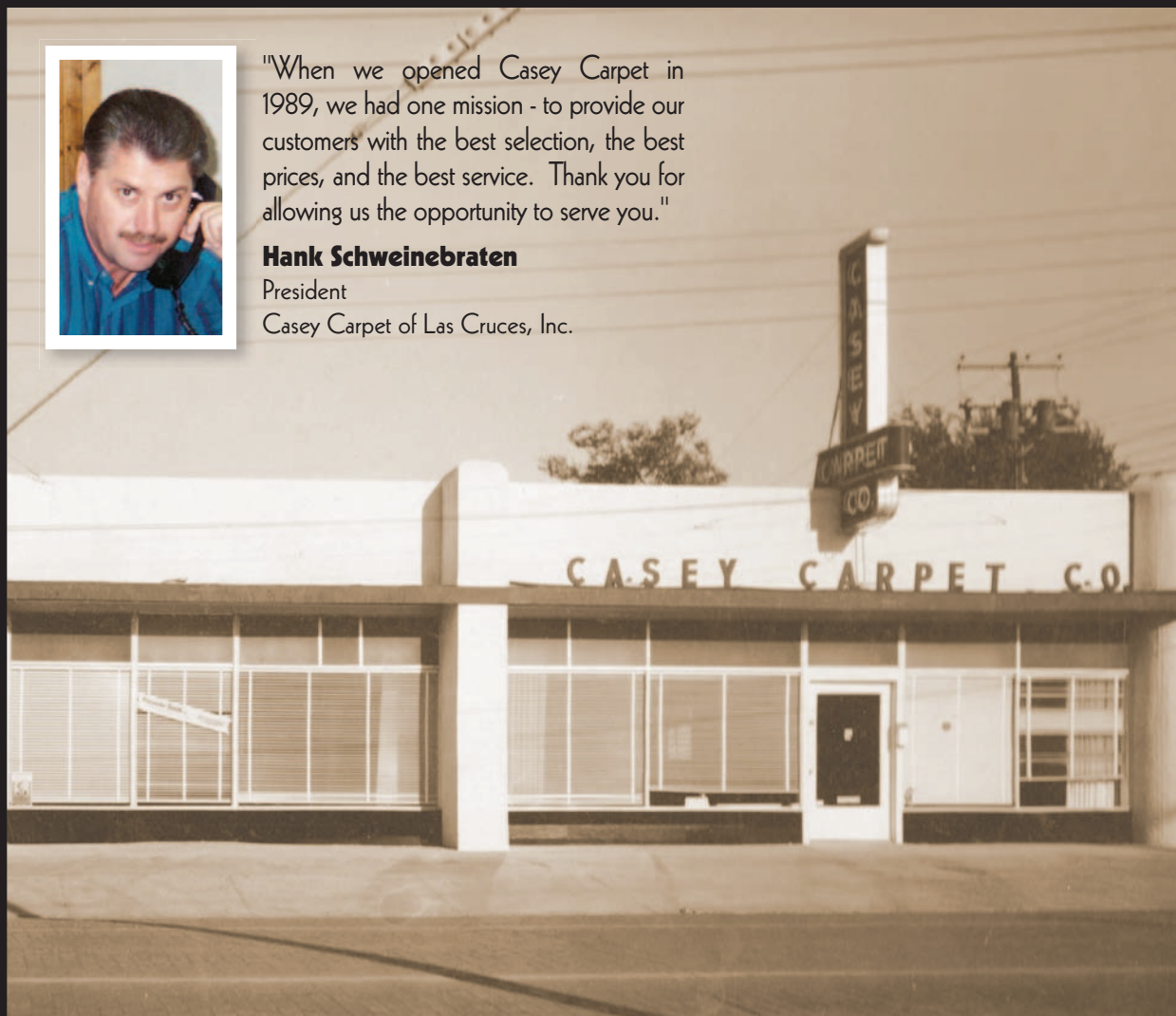


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immunization information.

For more information, contact Sandy Peugh at 575-527-5884 or speugh@lcps.net, or call the NMDOH's Las Cruces Public Health Office at 575-528-5007.

Enforcement increased

Las Cruces police are increasing enforcement of stop-sign and red-light violations and have already issued more than 100 citations to drivers.

The campaign began July 31. Most drivers cited failed to come to a complete stop near the 4-way intersection of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard and Golf Club Road.

By law, drivers approaching a stop sign or red light must come to a complete stop before passing the crosswalk, the white stop line or before entering the intersection. Failing to come to a complete stop is a violation of the law.

Citations for those violations carry a \$162 fine in Municipal Court.

Las Cruces police will enforce the laws at multiple intersections over the next several weeks.

Free services

Local licensed therapists and acupuncturists are offering free services for survivors, first responders and families of those affected by the El Paso Walmart shooting.

Community ear acupuncture has been used in the aftermath of other shootings and terrorist attacks, such as 9/11 in New York City and in Ciudad Juarez. The treatments offered can

be helpful for symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Those interested in receiving support can call 575-312-6569 and receive a referral to the nearest location.

Cannabis hearings

Doña Ana County Sheriff Kim Stewart has scheduled additional public meetings to provide input about cannabis legalization.

New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has tasked a 20-member group, including Stewart, to study proposals that could legalize cannabis. According to the governor's office, the committee will make recommendations based on public input and various other proposals.

The governor's office expects the recommendations to be part of cannabis legislation that will be introduced during the next legislative session.

The additional meetings are:

- 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15: La Mesa Community Center, 744 San Jose

- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20: Our Lord of Mercy Church, Hatch, 117 Harman St.

- 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26: Betty McKnight Community Center, Chaparral, 190 S. County Line Drive

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27: Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, Tortugas, 3600 Paroquia St.

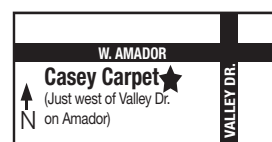
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29: Doña Ana County Government Building, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

- 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4: Snow Complex, Sunland Park, 6400 Mason Farms Road.



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An empty LCU truck is in the shop for regular maintenance, all 20 tons of it. If a truck breaks down with a full load of garbage, it can weigh up to 25-30 tons, but it still needs to be fixed. LCU Solid Waste purchased an in-house digital lift to make quicker, and safer, work for Fleet Services associates to get that truck back in business and on the road for Las Cruces citizens.

New equipment provides a real lift during maintenance

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

For the Bulletin

They say it's the small things, but sometimes for Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) it's the large things, especially when it comes to in-house maintenance and repairs of huge trucks. Using technology, Fleet Services associates not only are able to work more efficiently, but safer.

An example is the use of portable digital lifts that raise up a non-working, fully-loaded 60,000-pound LCU Solid Waste front-load or side-load trash truck (that's 30 tons).

"Before we had the portable lifts, we'd be on our backs going under the trucks to fix hydrau-

lic leaks or suspension components," explains Paul Ramirez, Fleet Services supervisor, assigned to the LCU Solid Waste fleet shop. "It's not only repairs, but all of our preventative maintenance, like oil changes or wheel removals. With the digital lifts we're not straining our backs by trying to reach and work in awkward positions. Now, we can have the room to walk under the trucks and have more light."

The trash trucks that you see come by weekly have their oil changed every six months. The trucks' maintenance schedule is not measured in mileage like your car, but in the hours of operation; for the trucks, they get clean oil every 450 hours. Ramirez says,

"It's not just the travel time from bin to bin, but also the time the truck spends picking up and maneuvering a commercial dumpster or is compacting a load, that's considered being in use."

The LCU portable digital lifts – six lifts working together with a remote control – are able to quickly pick up a massive truck almost five feet into the air ... and then the lifts can be stored away from the work floor. Purchased last fiscal year, the \$64,000 for the six lifts pays for itself in the speed with which the Fleet Services crew working out of the LCU Solid Waste shop can now perform maintenance or make repairs in an emergency breakdown situation – while

a decomposing load of solid waste might still be in the truck.

"We seek out technological innovations to be able to do things that previously would be impossible to do in-house," said Dr. Jorge Garcia, LCU director. "The more we can do ourselves, the less we have to send out to specialized and more expensive mechanics. Over the long run, we can pass those savings on to our customers and the City."

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LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL

Council extends interim city manager's contract

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously at its Monday, Aug. 5 regular meeting to approve a formal contract for Bill Studer as interim city manager. Studer has held the position since April 25, following the April 22 resignation of former City Manager Stuart Ed.

Studer, who began work as Las Cruces assistant city manager April 3, 2017, is also the former assistant city manager of El Paso and Arlington, Texas. Studer's contract as interim city manager is for an indefinite period and calls for a base salary of \$160,000 a year.

The city continues a nationwide search for a new permanent city manager.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said Studer likely will be interim city manager until at least Feb. 1, 2020. Voters will choose the mayor and three members of the seven-member city council in this year's combined city election, and, Miyagishima said, the new council, including any new members elected in November and sworn into office in January should choose the new city manager.

Also, in unanimous votes at the meeting, the council approved an allocation of \$500,000 for emergency humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers being brought to Las Cruces by the U.S. Border Patrol and issu-



Eric Enriquez



William F. "Bill" Studer

ing \$9.8 million in gross receipts tax improvement revenue bonds. In split votes, the council voted not to continue an agreement with Doña Ana County that

would have awarded the Las Cruces Police Department almost \$48,400 for the Operation Stonegarden program and approved a one-time budget transfer of \$100,000 to reduce the cost of the city's Dial-a-Ride service.

• Asylum seekers

The \$500,000 approved by the council to provide humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers will be transferred from the city's Telshor Facility Fund (TFF), which was created by the council in October 2004 with proceeds from the pre-paid lease of Memorial Medical Center to Providence Healthcare Company, according to city documents. TFF currently contains about \$45 million.

A total of \$575,000 in city funds previously allocated for humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers was fully expended by June 30, according to city documents, along with a \$250,000 allocation from



BULLETIN FILE PHOTO

Asylum seekers arrive earlier this year at Meerscheidt Center.

the State of New Mexico.

Las Cruces Fire Chief Eric Enriquez, who is the city's point of contact for the city's humanitarian services to asylum seekers, said the city has processed 16,499 individuals since April 12 and has provided 8,772 shelter nights at the armory the city is leasing at 1300 Brown Road. The city has utilized 98 volunteers and 2,000-plus volunteer hours and city staff providing 10,000 man-hours to provide the services, Enriquez said.

City Grants Administrator Amy Johnson Bassford said the city is seeking \$6 million in federal reimbursement of the funds it has allocated for humanitarian assistance going forward. "There does not seem to be a reduction in the flow

of immigrants seeking asylum being brought to our community," according to city documents.

• Dial-a-Ride

The resolution passed 6-1. Greg Smith voted against it, saying he supported reduced fares but wanted to table to resolution to more fully study its impact on the Dial-a-Ride program before voting on it. The resolution "reduced the fare for ADA riders and senior riders on the Dial-A-Ride service to \$1 and provided a one-time allocation to Transit of \$100,000 to offset the cost that this change will bring to Transit's budget," city Quality of Life Department Director Lynn Gallagher said.

The city Dial-a-Ride service began a man-

datory \$2-per-trip fare charge July 1 for trips provided to senior citizens. Prior to July 1, seniors were not charged a fare. Full implementation of the \$2 senior citizen fare was approved by the city council in May.

Based on city staff reports to Miyagishima, who proposed the fare-reducing resolution, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) had provided approximately \$72,000 per year through (city) Senior Programs to help offset the costs for providing additional senior transportation services within the city," according to a city news release. "This is about nine percent of the cost of providing senior transportation. AAA have not provided funding for transportation to the city since about 2010. The cost

of each Dial-A-Ride trip has been steady over the last several years, ranging from \$18 to \$21 per trip," the release said.

"The Americans With Disabilities Act and the Older Americans Act are critical federal programs designed to protect rights and opportunities for persons living with disabilities and our aging populations," Miyagishima said in the news release. "We owe it to them to consider their needs as a priority."

• Stonegarden grant

Miyagishima and Counselor Jack Eakman voted in favor of the Las Cruces Police Department continuing to receive the grant. Mayor Pro Tem Gill Sorg and Councillors Kasandra Gandara, Greg Smith, Gabe Vasquez and Yvonne Flores voted against it.

Stonegarden is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that "supports enhanced cooperation and coordination" among federal, tribal, state and local law enforcement agencies to secure U.S. borders in states bordering Mexico and Canada and states and territories with international water borders, according to www.fema.gov.

Flores said that, while she has faith in Las Cruces Police Chief Patrick Gallagher and Sheriff Kim Stewart, she does not support accepting the grant because of the

'Legacy Drive' considered for Motel Boulevard

Editor's note: See Opinion pages in this week's edition for more on this topic.

City Councilor Greg Smith said at the Aug. 5 council meeting that he wants to introduce a resolution to change the name of Motel Boulevard in far west Las Cruces to Legacy Drive. At the meeting, Mayor Ken Miyagishima suggested that the issue be discussed in a council work session before being brought to a vote, and Smith said that would be

acceptable to him.

In a 4-3 vote in July, the council defeated a motion to change the name to Pat Garrett Boulevard which had come from the Doña Ana County Historical Society. Smith, fellow councilor Jack Eckman and Miyagishima voted in favor of the name change. Councilors Kasandra Gandara, Gabe Vasquez and Yvonne Flores and Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg voted against it.

Smith's draft resolution says naming Motel Bou-

levard for a local figure of historic prominence has proven divisively controversial and choosing the name Legacy Drive if the change costs the city \$75,000 or less and a majority of property owners on Motel Boulevard support it would be a good compromise.

"Along with planting more trees along the roadway, which connects the historic Township of Mesilla at the south with the Field of Dreams at the north, there are

numerous spaces where small parks, signs, monuments, and benches can be located in phases to commemorate our local legacies and add interest to this wide and prominent boulevard," Smith said in the draft resolution.

The resolution continues: "We have both natural and human legacies to inclusively honor and celebrate in Las Cruces, such as the Prehistoric Trackways, the Organ Mountains and Desert

Peaks, the Rio Grande, and White Sands; the people of the Mogollon, the Piro-Manso-Tiwa, the Chiricahua Warm Spring Apache, the Mescalero Apache, and the Tortugas Pueblo; the cultures from Mexico and from every inhabited continent on our planet; the accomplishments in agriculture, science, the arts, and space; and a number of notable individuals in history and in our present lives.

"Some legacies are

already highlighted along what is currently Motel Boulevard with the "From Trackways to Space" artwork on the I-10 underpass, the Lush and Lean Garden at the (city) Utilities Building, the Sheriffs' Museum at the Doña Ana County Government Building, the heritage of Amador Road, the historic Highway 70/Picacho Avenue, Coach Bradley Way, and the significance of Tashiro Drive."

- Mike Cook

COUNCIL

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"possibility of abuse" because it provides too much leeway to law enforcement officials in determining how to spend the grant.

"My problem is the federal side. There's really no accountability on how these funds are used other than miles and overtime," Vasquez said. "We're continuing to take this money even though we're not accountable for how it's spent. I don't think that's ethical."

Vasquez said he would support an allocation from the city budget to

make up the funds the police department will not receive because the grant was not approved.

Gallagher said the city has accepted about \$555,000 in Stonegarden grant funds since 2009 (the grant was created in 2002) and the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) has used the funds primarily for proactive law enforcement, including narcotics and human trafficking interdiction, overtime and three vehicle purchases.

Since 2015, he said, the grant has paid for almost 3,000 overtime hours of police patrols and more than 3,000 traffic stops, as well as misdemeanor

and felony arrests. Gallagher said LCPD is very careful in its management of all grants that pay for department overtime.

The vagueness of Stonegarden, which is a federal grant "is a strength," said County Undersheriff Jaime Quezada, because "it can be applied however it's necessary for that area." Locally, the funds can be used "to better fit what is best for our community," said Quezada, a former Las Cruces police officer. The county will receive a total of \$800,000 in Stonegarden funds.

Eakman said he couldn't see how accepting the grant "is causing harm or potentially causing harm."

"We've never had any complaint that it was used inappropriately," Miyagishima said about the grant.

• Revenue bonds

The bonds will be used for "construction, acquisition and improvement of roadways, public infrastructure and drainage

projects for the Metro Verde phase II voluntary assessment district" in

northeast Las Cruces, according to city documents.

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Municipal League annual conference coming to Las Cruces

BULLETIN REPORT

For the first time since 2012, the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML) will hold its annual meeting in Las Cruces.

The 62nd NMML annual conference will be held Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 28-30 at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The event will begin with the individual Caucuses for Mayors and Councilors/Commissioners/Trustees and concurrent subsection meetings, Aug. 28, followed by an informal lunch and opening general session. Exhibits will open 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 8 a.m.-noon Aug. 29.



Dr. Bill Mitchell



Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham

Quality of Life Department of Las Cruces.

This year's NMML community service project, Project Gold Shield, is in partnership with the Code Enforcement Division of the Las Cruces Police Department and the City of Las Cruces' Volunteer Network Center, a subsection of Senior Programs in the Department of

Project Golden Shield provides yard maintenance for low-income seniors with disabilities. It will be 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, in the LCCC parking lot.

Keynote speaker at the Aug. 28 general session will be Bill Mitchell, Ph.D., on the topic "Leading Change Without Authority." NMML's conference program offered this description of Mitchell's presentation: "Today more than ever people are reluctant to change and resistant to new ideas. Learn the skills to inspire people to change ideas and behaviors when it cannot be mandated without creating resistance or animosity."

The keynote speaker Aug. 29 will be Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, who is expected to outline her legislative priorities and the relationship between her office and New Mexico municipalities.

The conference will also include a 5K fun run/3K fun walk 6:30-8:30 a.m. Aug. 29 on the Las Cruces Dam Bike/Walking Trail, and a Western Theme Night, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Aug. 29 at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Workshop topics during the conference will include the 2020 Census, the New Mexico Public Education Retirement Association, 21st century eco-

nomie development, how to leverage and market a community's unique assets, avoiding fraud and deception and cyber security.

The conference is designed for municipal elected officials and employees, although non-members, including exhibitors and sponsors, do attend.

Late registration continues through Aug. 21. Visit nmml.org and click on Events & Training.

NMML "is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing and serving New Mexico's cities, towns and villages," according to the NMML website.

COMING UP

Timebank orientation: Monthly meeting to help you timebank with your neighbors, exchanging expertise and time instead of money, 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, DACU office, 151 S. Walnut St. unit B13. Info: 575-323-0730.

Back to School Bash: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, Hill Baptist church, 7974 Doña Ana Road. Info: 575-524-2105.

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

Bug Fest: Conquer your fears with up-close encounters with bugs from all over the world, 10 a.m.-

noon Saturday, Aug. 10, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley: Monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Guest speakers: Las Cruces City Council candidates Philip Van Veen (Dist. 2) and Robert Palacios (Dist. 4). Info:

Carol Cooper, 575-644-1790; tscooper@qwestoffice.net.

Genealogy for Kids: Exploring family trees, noon-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154; las-cruce.org/museums.

Roller Derby: Crossroads City Derby's Reguladies vs. Spitfire Sallies, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at the rink behind Meerscheidt Rec Center. Gates open at 7. Tickets: \$7 in advance at Nessa's Café, \$10 at the gate. Info: crossroadscityderbydolls.com.

Share the Road Visibility Ride: Sponsored by Velo Cruces, 7:05 a.m. gathering time Monday, Aug. 12, at Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Depart at 7:15, wear helmet and observe all traffic laws.

League of Women Voters: Monthly meeting on the topic of new election laws,

5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, Good Samaritan Social Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. \$15 dinner optional. RSVP by Calling 575-524-VOTE (8683).

Family STEM Night: Dinosaurs, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

'Zine making: Create your own magazine, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154; las-cruces.org/museums.

Doña Ana County Genealogical Society: How to preserve photos and paper items, with NMSU archivist Dennis Daily, 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, Branson Library, 1305 Frenger St.

Weaving workshop: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 16, 17 and 23, NM Farm & Ranch

Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. For adults and children 14 and over accompanied by an adult, first-time weavers welcome. Class fee \$60, pre-registration required. Contact LuAnn Kilday, 575-522-4100 or luannr.kilday@state.nm.us.

Sale of Maya Textiles: Fair trade sale of handmade textiles from Chiapas, Mexico, cooperatives, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 525 E. Lohman, Suite C. Info: weaving-for-justice.org.

Lincoln Reagan Dinner: Sponsored by Republican Party of Doña Ana County, Saturday, Aug. 17, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Speakers: Former Lt. Gov. John Sanchez, Cibola County Sheriff Tony Mace. Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner/program 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call 575-523-8683 or email darpofice@gmail.com.

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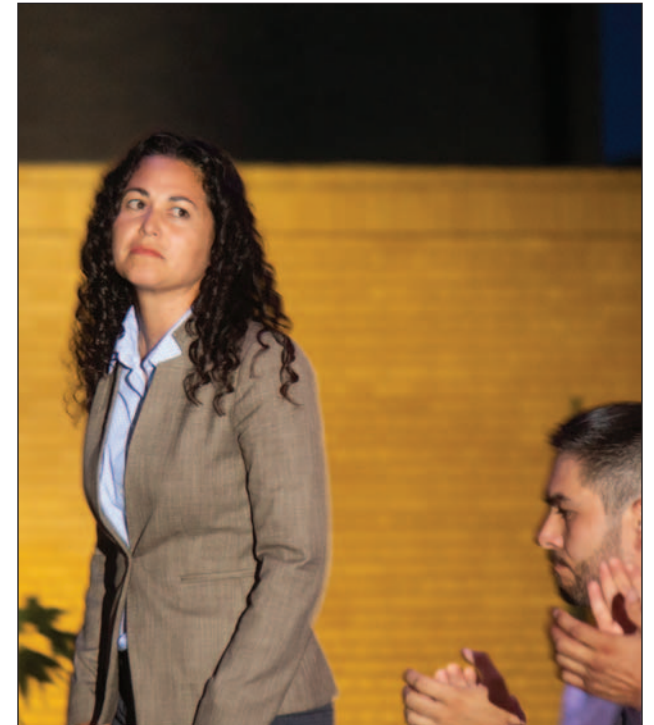
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ABOVE: The somber if uplifting occasion is written on the face of U.S. Representative Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM). LEFT: The sign says it all, as two cities bond as one.

A candlelit night on the plaza

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the Las Cruces City Council asked residents to join them at Plaza de Las Cruces Monday evening, Aug. 5, for an “Expression of Solidarity with the People of El Paso” following a shooting rampage in the border city that claimed at least 22 lives.

“I was in touch with El Paso Mayor Dee Margo immediately after the shooting on Saturday [Aug. 3],” Miyagishima said in a news release, “offering our full support as a city, and as neighbors with deep ties to our friends in El Paso.

“We know that it’s long past time to address the problem of domestic terrorism in our country. It will take all our creativity, commitment and trust in one another to rein in the forces of violence that have been unleashed against our people. For now, at this time of deep pain, the councilors and I are inviting our fellow residents to join us in solidarity with our good friends to the south, and to stand in full support of our beautiful, diverse and welcoming border community.”



Las Cruces resident Raquel Madrigal holds a candle to the victims.

Education activist seeks seat on Las Cruces school board

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

“We need people involved who understand where we’ve been and have a vision for where we need to go,” Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education candidate Teresa Tenorio said in a July 31 interview.

Tenorio, 40, announced she is running for the District 4 seat on the five-member school board that is currently held by Maury Castro.

The board’s District 4 and 5 seats are on the Nov. 5 combined ballot that will also include the mayor, three members of the Las Cruces City Council and presiding municipal judge, three members of the Doña Ana Soil and Water Con-



Teresa Tenorio

servation District board of supervisors, LCPS’ Public School Buildings Act (HB33) three-mill levy and a \$16 million Doña Ana Community College bond question.

Tenorio, 40, said she has been actively involved in public education since her oldest daughter, now 9, began school. Tenorio and her husband, Doña Ana County Commissioner Manny Sanchez, have three daughters, all of whom will attend East Picacho Elementary School later this month. With the youngest entering kindergarten, Tenorio said she wants to become more involved with education at the policy-making level, and that’s why she decided to run for school board. Board members serve four-year terms without term limits. The races are nonpartisan.

District 4 could “benefit from someone like myself who is energized to get out in the community and work with our families and our educators,” Tenorio said.

Tenorio has been a member of the New Mexico Public Education Department’s Student Success Task

Force since it was created by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham in April to gather input from stakeholders around the state, identify priorities and find a statewide student testing protocol to replace the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) now in place.

Tenorio said she is passionate about moving LCPS and the state away from an over-emphasis on student testing and other “misguided reforms” enacted during the administration of former Gov. Susana Martinez.

“I’m not afraid to stand up and speak out as a parent against the former administration,” Tenorio said, but added that her focus as a school board member will be “not so much where we’re coming from as where we’re going.” As a board member, Tenorio said she will support best practices in education that are “what excites kids to learn, unites teachers and builds relationships in the community.”

Tenorio said she is a strong supporter of teachers and hopes to earn the endorsement of NEA-Las Cruces (the largest teachers union in Las Cruces) in her school board campaign.

“Las Cruces is especially fortunate to have the leadership we’ve had with the NEA,” she said, including people “who were willing to stick their neck out and speak up to defend students and teachers. I’m really proud of the work (NEA-LC) has done for

our schools.” Teachers “took the brunt” of Martinez’s failed system of accountability performance measures,” Tenorio said.

Tenorio said she is excited about LCPS’ partnership with the City of Las Cruces to create community schools as well as its collaboration with Engage, ENLACE and other local nonprofits to provide students with “relevant, real-life issues.”

She also wants to work more with “really hard-working parents in our community” who have placed their trust in the school system. Educating students and preparing them for life after graduation “should be a shared accountability among us all,” she said.

“You never let your guard down,” she said. “You always have to push for what’s best for our kids. You have to advocate. Who else is going to do it?”

Tenorio grew up in Santa Rosa, New Mexico. Both her parents were teachers.

I stand on the shoulders of my family,” she said. Her father was the oldest of 12 children and grew up in poverty, doing work as a migrant in Texas before becoming the first high school and college graduate in his family. “I appreciate where we came from and how far we’ve come,” she said.

Tenorio attended Cornell University for three years and graduated from the University of New Mexico with a BA in university studies with an emphasis in

social sciences, Spanish and Latino studies and New Mexico history. “I’m a life learner,” she said.

Tenorio has “worked directly with youth and community ... on various education, health and leadership initiatives,” she said in a campaign news release, including working at the UNM Health Science Center in health promotion and disease prevention, the National Hispanic Youth Initiative and the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps; and the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) program.

Tenorio and Sanchez lived in Houston for three years before settling in Las Cruces’ north valley in 2011 to raise a family. She is a 2018 graduate of the Emerge program, which she described as “an intensive training program empowering women of New Mexico create change in their communities through elected representation.”

Tenorio coaches city league basketball and teaches catechism at Holy Cross Catholic Church. “I’m a parent,” she said, “a stakeholder in our community.”

Tenorio said she plans to go door-to-door in her District 4 campaign and will meet with officials and parent-teacher organization members of schools in the district.

For more information, visit www.teresa4lcp.com.

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



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New Mexico State University is ranked among the top institutions of higher learning worldwide.

NMSU ranked among top 4 percent in survey

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

According to the 2019-2020 Center for World University Rankings, New Mexico State University has been ranked in the top 4 percent of institutions of higher education worldwide. With 20,000 degree-granting institutions of higher education worldwide evaluated, this year NMSU ranked 783rd overall and earned a national rank of 187th.

The Center for World University Rankings distributes the only global university performance tables that gauge both the quality of education and training of students along with prestige of faculty members and the quality

of their research without the use of surveys and university data submissions.

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have won major international awards, prizes and medals; research output (10 percent), measured by the total number of research papers; high-quality publications (10 percent), measured by the number of research papers appearing in top-tier journals; influence (10 percent), measured by the number of research papers appearing in highly influential journals; and citations (10 percent), measured by the number of highly cited research papers.

For a complete list of the rankings, along with the methodology used, visit cwur.org.

Tiffany Acosta: 575-646-3929, tfrank@nmsu.edu



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the Lower Rio Grande
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Dona Ana County by dis-
continuing use of well
LRG-15168-PODI, located
within the NE 1/4 of projec-
ted Section 22, T24S, R02E
(NMPM) on property owned
by Roman and Rose Maese,
and drilling a new well
LRG-15168-POD2 located
within the NE 1/4 of Section
22, T24S, NMPM) at ap-
proximately X=1,491.451,
Y=439,186 (NAD 83, feet)
on land owned by the
applicant for the continued
irrigation of 6.67 acres and a
continued diversion of an
amount of water reserved for
future determination by May
24, 1999 order of the Third
Judicial District Court, Dona
Ana County, State of NM.
The old well
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new well LRG-15168-POD2
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Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 08/09, 2019

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City
of Las Cruces, New Mexico,
Hereby Gives Notice of Its
Adoption of the Following
Ordinance(s) at the Regular
City Council Meeting Held
on August 5, 2019:

**1) Council Bill No. 20-002;
Ordinance No. 2894:** An
Ordinance Authorizing the
Issuance and Sale of up to
\$9,800,000 City of Las
Cruces, New Mexico Taxa-
ble Subordinate Lien State
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trict; Providing for the Sale
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and for the Maturity Dates
and Amounts, Interest Rates,
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and Other Final Terms of the
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Execute the Sale Certificate
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of this Ordinance.

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Las Cruces on this the 6th
day of August 2019.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 08/09, 2019

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE

Notice is hereby given that
the Las Cruces City Council
will hold a Public Hearing to
discuss approval or disap-
proval of the transfer of
ownership and change of
location of Dispenser Liquor
License No. 0583 to Picacho
Golf, LLC d/b/a Picacho
Hills Country Club, to be
located at 6861 Via Campe-
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co.

The Public Hearing will be
held as part of the regularly
scheduled meeting of the
City Council on Tuesday,
September 3, 2019, begin-
ning at 1:00 p.m., in the City
Council Chambers, 700
North Main Street, City
Hall. If passed, the Director

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 08/09,
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LEGAL NOTICES

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of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

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

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 2019

Notice to Public
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Date: 08/09, 08/16, 2019

PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE COMPLAINT

Eddie and Brandy Garcia, whose last known place of residence is in El Paso, TX and or Las Cruces, NM, will hereby take notice that on June 11, 2018, an Amended Complaint was filed in the Third Judicial District Court in the Dona Ana County, in the State of New Mexico, with it being Case No. D-307-CV-2018-1261 on the docket of said court, praying for Breach of Contract, Negligence, Fraud and Un-just Enrichment. Eddie and Brandy Garcia will further take notice that they are required to file a reply to the Amended Complaint, or a default judgment may be entered by the Court therefore granting Plaintiff's request for Breach of Contract, Negligence, Fraud and Un-just Enrichment. Plaintiff's Attorney is Ramon Hernandez, 1127 E. Idaho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 523-0144.

Dates: 08/09, 08/16, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DM-2019-0713
Judge Beyer

NATHANIEL SMITH, Petitioner,

v.

MARIBEL SMITH AND JULIO

CESAR BANDA-CHAVEZ, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, MARIBEL SMITH:

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575-524-1895 (Fax)
Attorney for Petitioner
NM Bar No. 175

WITNESS the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, 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 19 day of July, 2019.

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: /s/ Noemi Ramirez
DEPUTY
Noemi Ramirez

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 08/09, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1905
JUDGE MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DEISI NELSON, FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR CHILD ARELI A. NELSON

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **DEISI NEL-**

SON, has filed a Petition to Change Name of her child from **ARELI A. NELSON** to **ARELI A. LUJAN**. This Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 3rd day of September 2019, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Submitted by:
Deisi Nelson
PO Box 674
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
(505) 350-7283

Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1906
JUDGE MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DEISI NELSON, FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR CHILD STERLING A. NELSON

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **DEISI NELSON**, has filed a Petition to Change Name of her child from **STERLING A. NELSON** to **STERLING A. LUJAN**. This Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 3rd day of September 2019, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1889
MARCI E. BEYER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GINA M. BOUVET FOR CHANGE OF

NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gina M. Bouvet, a resident of Hatch, County of Dona Ana, and State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana county, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Gina M. Bouvet to Gina M. Trujillo, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 9th day of September 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Dona Ana County courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/ Gina M. Bouvet
Gina M. Bouvet
30805 Hwy 85
Hatch, NM 87937
PO Box 11342 Hatch, NM 87937
575-640-2375

Dates: 08/09, 08/16, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1904
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DEISI A. NELSON FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Deisi A. Nelson, a resident of Mesilla Park, County of Dona Ana, and State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana county, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Deisi A. Nelson to Deisi A. Lucero, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 3rd day of September 2019, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., at the Dona Ana County courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Submitted by:

DEISI A. NELSON
PO BOX 674
MESILLA PARK, NM 88047
(505) 350-7283
LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO 88005
(575) 915-9197

Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-2114
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANDREA ESTHER TREJO GONZALES-TANEY FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Andrea Esther Trejo Gonzales-Taney, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, and State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Andrea Esther Trejo Gonzales-Taney to Andrea Esther Taney, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 3rd day of September 2019, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., at the Dona Ana County courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

Respectfully submitted :
/s/ Andrea E.T. Gonzales-Taney
Andrea E.T. Gonzales-Taney
402 Augustus Road
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-386-0892

Dates: 08/09, 08/16, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-2116
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JOSEPH HUGH MESTRES

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joseph Hugh Mestres, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, and State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana county, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Joseph Hugh Mestres to Monica Nicole Mestres, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 3rd day of September 2019, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., at the Dona Ana County courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

Respectfully submitted :
/s/ Joseph H. Mestres
Joseph H. Mestres
622 Cielo Vista Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88054
PO Box 2092 Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-202-6280

Dates: 08/09, 08/16, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00104
Judge Martin, James T.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS R. MURPHY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho,

Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2019.

/s/ Lisa L. Murphy
LISA L. MURPHY, Personal Representative of the Estate of THOMAS R. MURPHY, deceased.

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

Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2019-00999

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN GUTIERREZ; LAS VENTANAS A LOS ORGANOS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, 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 581 La Melodia Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 25, LAS VENTANAS A LOS ORGANOS, PHASE 1, REPLAT 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 19, 2002, IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 83-84 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on September 16, 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 July 11, 2019 in the total amount of \$239,566.86, with interest at the rate of 3.7500% per annum from June 30, 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. Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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 DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-02922

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF MATAWAIN VENTURES TRUST SERIES 2017-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF TERESA B. RUBIO, DECEASED, BETTY CLARK, MARTA GUTIERREZ, MARIE HERMOSILLO, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TERESA B. RUBIO, DECEASED, SALVADOR B. RUBIO, MANUEL RUBIO, MARTIN RUBIO, SANTIAGO RUBIO, LEONEL RUBIO, JOHNNY RUBIO, ELIA RUBIO GONZALEZ, TINA CASARES, NARDA ANDERSON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 13, 2019 at 9:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 13 and 14, Block 2, W.B. Hall Addition to the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 336 thereof filed for record in the Office of the

County Clerk of said county on March 4, 1947, and recorded in Book 6, Page 54, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1203 Hall Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005. 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 March 20, 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 \$97,641.29 plus interest from July 31, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 2.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all

patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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

Dates: 07/19, 07/26, 08/02,
08/09, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2018-00130

**BOKF, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**VANESSA LACOME,
AND CLARENCE J. LACOME,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 13, 2019 at 9:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT NUMBERED 40 OF RILLITO ACRES PHASE 1B SUBDIVISION, LAS

CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID RILLITO ACRES PHASE 1B SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 3, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 394-395.

The address of the real property is 2970 Rillito Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 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 \$119,709.80 plus interest from November 30, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.680% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice

shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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

Dates: 07/19, 07/26, 08/02,
08/09, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00771

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ, Defendant .

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana Coun-

ty, New Mexico, commonly known as 4160 Windridge CIR, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 8 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF SUNSET HEIGHTS, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNSET HEIGHTS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 4, 1992 IN PLAT BOOK 17, FOLIO 259.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 on August 22, 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 June 17, 2019, in the total amount of \$220,351.54, with interest at the rate of 3.375% per annum from April 27, 2019 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, 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 DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-03772

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CARMEN A. GOMEZ;
and MESILLA VALLEY
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY,
Defendants.**

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 14, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Dona Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 625 Acosta Rd #3, Anthony, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 23, of VILLA SERENO SUBDIVISION, located in the County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on October 17, 2002 in Plat Book 20, at Page(s) 159-160 as Plat No. 3659, records of Dona Ana County.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above

entitled and numbered cause on August 8, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. After accounting for the amounts paid by the Defendant Carmen A. Gomez while protected under the bankruptcy action with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Mexico, Case No. 19-11027-t13, entitled "Carmen Angelica Gomez", in which bankruptcy action a Default Order Dismissing Bankruptcy Case was entered, and additional advances made by Plaintiff after the Judgment, the amount due on the Judgment including interest is \$72,655.05 plus interest thereon at the rate of 3.750% per annum from June 29, 2019, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees 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. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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 a one month right of redemption.

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Pamela A. Carmody, Special
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-01790

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plain- tiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND LEGA- TEES OF DENNIS JOHN- SON, DECEASED, De- fendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLO- SURE 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 1765 PALO VERDE AVE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 10 IN BLOCK NUMBERED O OF COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 6, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION PLAT NO.6, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1965 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 79.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on September 5, 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 June 26, 2019, in the total amount of \$123,937.62, with interest at the rate of 3.625% per annum from March 27, 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 herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DONA ANA COUNTY

No. 19-0162

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALLAS EMERY MEAD, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: 7-23, 2019

/s/ Gary A. Mead
Signature of personal representative
Gary A. Mead
201 Golf View Dr. #2-3
Branson, MO 65616

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-01114

PIONEER BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

**APRIL IRIS LOPEZ; AU-
GUSTINE ANTONIO
PAZ; MALOOLY'S
FLOORING COMPANY,
INC.; UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA ACTING
ON BEHALF OF THE
SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DE-
VELOPMENT; OCCU-
PANTS OF THE PROP-
ERTY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY

OF ACTION

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO:
APRIL IRIS LOPEZ, De-
fendants:**

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed an action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 2910 SAN LORRENZO CT, LAS CRUCES, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 425, LEGENDS WEST NORTH PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4509 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 22, PAGES 83 - 91, PLAT RECORDS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication of this Notice of Pendency, judgment by default will be entered against you. Name and address of Plaintiff's attorneys:

GREENSPOON MARDER LLP
D'Marcos P. Devine, Esq.
500 Marquette Ave. NW,
12th Floor
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (888)491.1120

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Court Judge of Dona Ana County on this 19 day of July, 2019.

(court seal)

By: /s/ Gloria S. Lerma
District Court
Gloria S. Lerma

Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 08/16,
2019

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM (BILL) BLACK

WILLIAM (BILL) BLACK, age 83 went to meet his Heavenly Father Saturday. Bill has lived in Las Cruces for 28 years. He was formerly from Clovis, NM where he taught and coached for 25 years. Bill is survived by the love of his life, Fran Black, seven children, and fifteen grandchildren. He will be deeply missed all. Services will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church 518 Alameda Blvd., Saturday, August 17th at 10:30.

EDMUNDO "THE WORLD" LUCERO JR

EDMUNDO "THE WORLD" LUCERO JR., age 60, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Friday, July 19, 2019 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loved ones. Those left to mourn his passing include his loving companion of thirty-five years and mother of his children, Eva Betancourt; a son, Jude "Nito" Betancourt; two daughters, Trisha Orona and Cassandra Betancourt; two brothers, Richard and Ralph Lucero; two sisters, Alice Tapia and Carol Jacquez. A Prayer Vigil was held Thursday, July 25, 2019 at the Basilica of San Albino, 2070 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla where the Funeral Mass followed

immediately thereafter. Cremation will take place and inurnment of cremains will be held at a later date. The Lucero Family has entrusted their love one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com

ADALBERTO ROMERO ADALBERTO

ADALBERTO ROMERO, age 98, of Las Cruces passed away peacefully at home on Friday, July 19, 2019 where he was surrounded by family after a short illness. Survivors include his loving wife of seventy-one years, Petra Romero Medrano; his children, Santiago Romero, Adeline Muñoz, Armando Lobo Romero, Laura Romero, Jesus Romero, Anita Romero, Elizabeth Haymans, Martha Romero, and Pablo Romero. The Funeral Discourse was held Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Home, 300 E. Boutz Road. A Graveside Service was held Thursday, July 25, 2019 at the Anthony Cemetery. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Home of Las Cruces.

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SARITA BACA BARRIOS

SARITA BACA BARRIOS, age 87, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Monday, July 22, 2019 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. Those left to mourn her passing include four sons, Rodolfo and Lorenzo Medina, Louie and Anthony Baca; four daughters, Clara Robles, Anita De La O, Corine Romero and Cindy Peña; a brother, Misais Baca; four sisters, Celia Jaurequi, Nemie Pacheco, Terry Padilla and Evelyn Archunde. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held Friday, August 2, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Iglesia Misionera, 330 N. San Pedro. Inurnment of Cremains will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, 100 N. Espina. A Celebration of Life will follow at 12 PM (Noon) in the Fraternal Order of Eagle Aerie #4038, 980 N. 17th Street. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com.



The Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts Beer and Wine Garden.



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Finely crafted jewelry is a mainstay of the Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts.

Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts: a mission fulfilled

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: See "Take a walk through the gardens of faith" in this week's SW Living section.

The much-anticipated Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts will be held Labor Day weekend, Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1 at Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Road in Mesilla Park.

The event will feature about 90 artists – producing paintings, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, glass art and fabric art – live music on two stages, a silent auction, a beer and wine garden, an enchilada dinner and food vendors and is expected to attract more than 4,500



Woodworking by talented local artisans is a popular feature of the festival.

visitors from Las Cruces and the surrounding area.

Hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

There is no charge to attend.

The Holy Cross Retreat Center welcomed people for the first

events in 1957, according to the center. In the early years there were barbecues with a festive atmosphere. The Franciscan Friars and their friends started a craft festival in about 1960. By 1980 the event had grown larger and was

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A wide range of items is for sale during the festival's silent auction.

'Biloxi Blues'



Top, Sgt. Toomey (Scott Brocato) threatens Epstein (Gus Sanchez); right, Eugene (Nick Check) meets Daisy (Brianna Horvath) at a USO dance in scenes from "Biloxi Blues," Neil Simon's Tony-winning coming-of-age story opening at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 11, 18 and 25. The play is directed by Michael Wise. The cast includes Nick Check, Nico Holguin, Calvin Chervinko, Shane Caballero, Gus Sanchez, Scott Brocato, Mario Nuñez, Veronica Bissell and Brianna Horvath. For tickets and more information, call LCCT at 575-523-1200. Purchase tickets online at lcctnm.org.



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'Last Black Man in San Francisco': almost home

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

Joe Talbot, first-time director, and Jimmie Falls, actor, have been friends for many years and residents of San Francisco (median rent for a one-bedroom apartment, \$3,400) for life.

This amazing film is filled with remarkable camera work including a lot on the wonderful Victorian house where most of the film takes place.

The story is one of transience, gentrification, mistaken beliefs and broad friendship.

It is based somewhat on Falls' life, who is the lead character in this colorful and occasionally quirky tale, in which Falls tries to reclaim a house that he thinks was built by his grandfather.

Jimmie's best friend is Montgomery, who, at the start of the film, has Jimmie as a roommate, sleeping on the floor of Montgomery's tiny apartment.

Did I mention that the median price in San Fran is \$3,400 for a one bedroom?

The opening of the film has these two friends skateboarding along the city waterfront, passing by things that are changing their neighborhood and other things that will never change. It is a slightly whimsical view of part of the city, allowing for a moment of circumpection.

In general, the title is

GRADE: A+

Screenings begin tonight, Aug. 9, for a week, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Don't miss it! Note: The theatre will be closed Aug. 23 for several weeks for maintenance and upgrades.

a bit misleading, since this is not a story about racism or of African Americans being forced out of the city (although the cost of living is unreal for everyone) but rather it is about the changes that they see and a longing for home.

Montgomery's real job is that of a fishmonger, but he also writes plays and draws constantly in his accompanying sketchbook. They don't really fit in with the other young men of the neighborhood, especially a small group of guys who hang out nearby.

Jimmie works as nurse for the elderly, but what he really wants to do is live in and fix up the old family house, the beautiful Victorian.

In his spare time, Montgomery watches old movies on TV, describing same to his blind grandfather, played to the best by Danny Glover. Jimmie also visits with his angry and somewhat repellant father whose behavior caused the family to "lose" the old house. And in other spare time, Jimmie tends the garden and

the house, much to the annoyance of the current couple living there.

However, the couple loses the house and Jimmy and Montgomery move in, so to speak, as squatters. They strive to fix up the place (as stunning inside as outside), which is still filled with belongings of the previous tenants.

Jimmy has been told that his grandfather built the house in the 1940s, a time when African Americans steadily moved to the city to work in the shipyards during World War II.

They are also dealing with a jerk of a real estate agent, who hinders their every move, as does a banker who doesn't get the fact that Jimmie wants to buy the house, even though the price is well over a million dollars.

The film is blend of emotion, memory and feeling, presented in a sort of collage. But it works on every level, including the ending, which becomes a force of reality for Jimmie. And all the extra characters from the residents of the house to the street preacher fit very well.

And it will also be on my "best of" list at the end of the year.

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



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Best friends Jimmie and Montgomery can't afford to live in their lifelong hometown, but who can?

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Las Cruces musician Randy Granger performs at a recent festival, which features numerous local performers every year.



Paintings and drawings at the festival.

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taken over by the Doña Ana Arts Council. It morphed into the Renaissance Arts-Faire at Young Park.

Holy Cross next created a fiesta as a public event. Fr. Marcos Reyna and Bobbie Provencio changed the fiesta to become an art festival which continued until about 1997. In 2005, Fr. Miguel Briseño developed the current Franciscan Festival of Fine Art.

Holy Cross Retreat Center's original adobe house is more than 100 years old. The Holy Cross Chapel completed in 1915 provides mission-style architecture and has been filled by local artists with exquisite furniture, Stations of the Cross, stained glass and statues. A rosary garden and labyrinth are part of the Chapel's landscaping.

To reach Holy Cross Retreat Center from Las Cruces, take South Main Street two miles south of University Avenue and turn left at 600 Holy Cross Road. The center is one-half mile off the highway.

To learn more, call Rev. Thomas A. Smith at 575-524-3688 or 575-649-8202.



Beautiful local pottery is featured at the festival.



Luis Cardona makes tacos at a recent festival.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Young actors and actresses from A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley rehearse their parts from an earlier production.

A Children's Theatre schedules classes in August

BULLETIN REPORT

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) is offering 2019 theatre and film classes, ACT program coordinator Pinky Kingsley said.

All classes will be held at the ACT Workshop, 1206 E. Idaho Ave., and begin Monday, Aug. 19. Tuition is \$150.

Here is the schedule:

- Theatre classes (two

sections), featuring "The Phantom Tollbooth," will be held 4-5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesday or Tuesdays and Thursdays. The eight-week course culminates with performances in October at Rio Grande Theatre. Enrollment is limited and is open to ages 5-18.

- Film language classes will be held 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and are open to middle

and high school students.

ACT is a nonprofit based in Las Cruces and been providing theatre and film experiences for young people since 1993. ACT is funded in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the state Department of Cultural Affairs; the National Endowment for the Arts; and donations from local businesses.

For more information,

contact ACT at 575-571-1413 and act@zianet.com. Visit www.achildrenstheatre.org.



Quilt auction



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The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) will again sell raffle tickets for a quilt donated to ASTC by Las Colcheras Quilt Guild, which has donated quilts to ASTC to help raise funds for the past several years. This year's quilt is 5-foot-by-7-foot and has a Southwest pattern. Raffle tickets will go on sale before each performance of New Mexico State University's first show of the 2019-20 season, "The Wolves," written by Sarah DeLappe and directed by NMSU Assistant Theatre Professor Nichole Hamilton, which runs Sept. 26-Oct. 6 at the ASNMUSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. Tickets will be \$2 each or three for \$5. For more information on NMSU Theatre Department's upcoming season, visit www.nmsutheatre.com.

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'Cultivating Color'

Jeri Desrochers exhibits at NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

BULLETIN REPORT

Colorful farm scenes will decorate the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's Arts Corridor from Aug. 16 through Dec. 1.

An opening celebration of Las Cruces artist Jeri Desrochers exhibit, "Cultivating Color," is set for Sunday, Aug. 18, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The reception, which includes refreshments, is free.

Jeri Desrochers' vibrant oil paintings capture the people and the landscapes of the Southwest's farm valleys. The artist grew up on a

small family farm in the Midwest. She treasures her memories of the hardworking people who lived close to the land and portrays the dignity and strength of these people.

"I watched my father struggle through some tough years trying to keep a small farm running and able to support a family" says Desrochers. "I know how hard he had to work and hope to express my deep appreciation for that level of dedication in my paintings."

There are 29 paintings in the show. The landscape of the farm valleys

provides inspiration with its mix of mountain, valley, and river. Manmade elements dot the landscape with geometric counterpoints.

Desrochers has received numerous awards including Best of Show at the Sun Bowl Art Exhibit and the El Paso Arts International. Her work is included in the State of New Mexico Public Art Collection and the El Paso Public Art Collection as well as numerous other public and private collections.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100



COURTESY PHOTO

Jeri Desrochers, "Enchanted Lavender"

Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for

adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children ages 4 to 17, and \$2 for active U.S. military members and veterans. Children 3 and under, and members

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Salsa Saturday

Las Cruces residents Miguel Pizarro and Teri Howard enjoy Salsa Night at Amaro Winery Saturday night, July 27. Salsa Saturday at Amaro Winery at 402 S. Melendres St. happens every second and fourth Saturday of the month and is open to all skill levels of dancers.

BULLETIN PHOTO
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ART CLASSES



Las Cruces art teacher Wayne Huber with student Maria Lopez.



Artist David Cervantes adds color to his drawing of a plant.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Wayne's World: Getting quiet and finding the groove

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

In Wayne Huber's art classes at Cruces Creatives, beginning, intermediate and advanced students are learning about contour line, form, value and color; experimenting with acrylics and watercolors, pastels and colored pencils; and learning to express themselves through painting and drawing or improving the skills and techniques they've already developed.

Maria Lopez said she been painting most of her life, but since retiring from her career as a classroom teacher, "now, it's just a passion," she said. "It's something I have to do, because I love it."

Juliette Acker works

in marketing, but she's moving more into graphic design and her work as an artist is helping her do more design work.

"A lot of people have art-teacher trauma," Acker said. She was nervous coming to her first art classes at Cruces Creatives, but Huber "was so welcoming and so kind and so encouraging. It really increased my skill level. I really love drawing now. He's a really supportive teacher."

"I did some art in college and probably got very discouraged," said artist Jean Long, who is also retired. She learned about Huber's art class from her sister and decided to give it a try. "I've learned a lot," she said.

"We can learn a lot

of things and do really beautiful art," said Long, who is also a member of a local calligraphy club. "Everything is better with practice. Being an artist means life-long learning," she said. "You get quiet and find that groove. You practice it. Do art every day. Some keep. Some throw away."

"It's more about finding your style," Acker said. "Picasso leaned into his style."

"It's a maturity of your ego," Long said. "I can do this and it's my style and it's art and I don't care what other people think."

"His sense of composition is so exceptional," Huber said of beginning art student David Cervantes, a 2018 graduate of Oñate High School who will study cyber

security this fall at New Mexico State University.

Cervantes took art from Huber while a student at Highland Elementary School and later as a high school sophomore. At 19, he's still finding the style and technique he likes best but already appreciates that "you're never going to make the same thing twice." Art, Cervantes said, is "original to the person that drew it."

Huber has an MFA from the University of Arizona and has taught art for 55 years, including community colleges in Illinois and Missouri, and Washington University in St. Louis. He has taught locally at Las Cruces Museum of Art, El Paso Museum of Art, Doña Ana Community College and privately.

Here are the art classes Huber teaches at Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman Ave.:

- Youth art: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:20 p.m. (ages 8-12) and 4:30-5:20 p.m. (ages 13-18). \$40 for four classes and the first class is free.

- Beginning art for adults: Tuesdays, 1-3:30 p.m.

- Intermediate and advanced art for adults: Thursdays, 1-3:30 p.m. Classes are \$60 for four classes with the first class free.

Contact Huber at 575-647-5684. Visit www.waynecarlhuber.com.

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



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The Last Black Man in San Francisco

A young man dreams of reclaiming the Victorian home his grandfather built in the heart of San Francisco. Starring **Jimmie Fails, Jonathan Majors & Danny Glover**. (OC)

August 16-22

Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am

This artful and intimate meditation on the legendary storyteller examines her life, her works and the powerful themes she has confronted throughout her literary career.

The Fountain Theatre will be closed Friday, Aug. 23 thru Thursday, Sept. 12.

Nightly 7:30, Saturday matinee 1:30, Sunday matinee 2:30.
No one will be admitted after the film has begun.

'Once Upon a Time in ... Hollywood': new clues, long threads

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

This movie stressed me all at once somewhere near the end, when I “got it.” My own fault. I was so lost in the threads and convolutions, I failed to connect the year and the many hints, some not so subtle, to the result.

This film is so full of threads of all sorts that it is impossible to see them all, but it is fun to try.

Taking us into a detailed, exquisite and gritty 1969 Los Angeles, Quentin Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time in ... Hollywood” interweaves actual and made-up details, presenting a believable and nostalgic backdrop to this film which becomes its own character.

Leonardo DiCaprio’s character, Rick Dalton, is an actor in the process of fading into the background. His Western television series, “Bounty Law” (from black-and-white days), led to an action flick



COURTESY PHOTOS

Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio in “Once Upon a Time ...”

film career, and now to a series of guest spots as a bad guy.

Dalton’s stunt double, Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt), has been with him since his Western star days and now spends most of his time working for Dalton as a driver and general handyman. Both are trying to adapt to and work in a Hollywood that has grown past them into a new glittery age.

Next door to Dalton’s Hollywood digs on Cielo Drive lives the sweet, up-and-coming actress,

Sharon Tate (Margot Robbie).

Despite the fact that I am old enough to remember, I didn’t connect the Aug. 9, 1969, “Helter Skelter,” events to this movie until it was far too late, when I sat up in my seat, startling my son sitting next to me.

Thread A: The music

Just as 1969 Hollywood is a character in this movie, so is the soundtrack, weaving iconic well-known and little-known songs by artists of the time into a patchwork of supporting sound.

Tarantino himself wrote (in a booklet that accompanied a 1997 album collection) “If you do it right, if you use the right song in the right scene ... really when you take songs and put them in a movie right, it’s about as cinematic a thing as you can do.”

A smattering of classics in this movie include the Rolling Stones’ “Out of Time”; Deep Purple’s “Hush”; Joe Cocker’s “The Letter”; and the Box Tops “Choo Choo Train.” Paul Re-



Margo Robbie as Sharon Tate.

vere & the Raiders have several songs here too, creating a signature vibe for the film.

Thread B: Reflections

Just as many details of 1969 Hollywood are accurate to a T, many are subtly shifted into Tarantino’s alternate reality and sometimes it is difficult to tell the difference. Characters, who are actors, are either real or conglomerated.

Dalton certainly reflects Hollywood cowboy types all wrapped up

into one, from Steve McQueen to Pete Duel. When he is sent to Italy to shoot several spaghetti Westerns, Dalton reflects Clint Eastwood, as well. When he returns from Italy, he is married to a stranger, reflecting, in a twisted way, Roman Polanski’s marriage to Sharon Tate.

Dalton gets a part on the ‘70s television show “Lancer,” and the scenes he plays are eerie reflections of lines we have heard before – some-

where, sometime – in a movie perhaps.

An actor, who might be Bruce Lee, appears in the movie to fight Booth. A poster on the walls of Hollywood we have seen before but can’t have because it’s Dalton. The hippies we remember from the corner of the world are and are not the people we once knew.

Watch, too, for multiple reflections of Tarantino’s own movies, both subtle and not so subtle.

Thread C: Building

This movie builds slowly, carefully and deeply. A relationship builds between the main characters as Booth provides not only a stunt man support to Dalton, but moral support, as well. Sharon Tate is introduced and explained in a short scene, but her character builds as she attends one of her own movies by herself.

The indulgent, lovely, slow-building quality of “Once Upon a Time in ... Hollywood,” at 2 hours and 45 minutes, is never boring. In fact, it’s never slow at all, as one is trying to keep up with the twists and references and memories that flood over the mind, bringing everything together in one loud, violent, exclamation point.

There are many more threads to this tale, and more details to delve into. I know I will be watching it again and again through the years, finding new clues every time.

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CELEBRATE AUTHORS

The writing life: Distill it into something beautiful later

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: Sixth in a series.

The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library are expecting 30 published local published authors at their sixth annual Celebrate Authors event, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Roadrunner Room on the second floor of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. The Friends of the Library puts on the event, and Citizens Bank of Las Cruces is a major sponsor.

There is no charge to attend, and refreshments will be provided.

July 31 was the last day for authors to sign up to participate in this year's event.

Participating authors are residents of southern New Mexico with books published in 2014 or later in a wide range of genres.

For more information, contact Sue Fletcher at sjfletch1940@yahoo.com or call 575-521-8507 and leave a message with your name and phone number and say that you're calling about Celebrate Authors. Visit libraryfriend-slc.org/celebrate-authors.

Here are three more of this year's participating authors:

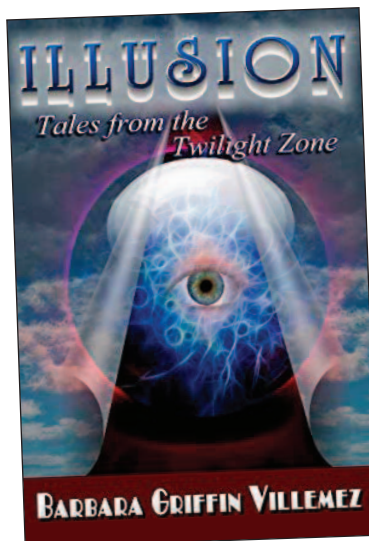
Barbara Griffin Villemez, "Illusion – Tales from the Twilight Zone"



Barbara Griffin Villemez

• Barbara Griffin Villemez has lived in Las Cruces since 2003. She began writing short stories in 2000 and has won several awards from their publication in literary magazines.

Villemez began writing novels in 2010 and has written and self-published 10 to date, she said. She has completed an 11th book and plans to send it to agents. Villemez said most of her books would fall under the genre of fiction, mystery/thriller. They include "Dreaming Dark," "The Dead Cry for Justice," "Dark Night of the Navajo," "Illusions," "Earth Cleansing," "Zara: Warrior of Light," "Caves of Creda," "Dead Sugar Daddies Don't Lie" and "Angel



Eric Norway

and the Rabbi" (to be published this winter).

Villemez also has one self-help book, and "Fifty, Female and Fabulous: A Holistic Guide to Love, Sex and Relationships," written originally for her psychotherapy patients when she was in practice.

"I decided to self-publish and now consider it a mistake," Villemez said. "It is difficult to market self-published books, as there are millions out there. I spent two years working on this last book, 'In the Land of Broken Dreams,' and had it professionally edited and will continue to send it to agents until I find one." Villemez is part of a writ-



Garland D. Bills, "Sadie Orchard – Madam of New Mexico's Black Range"



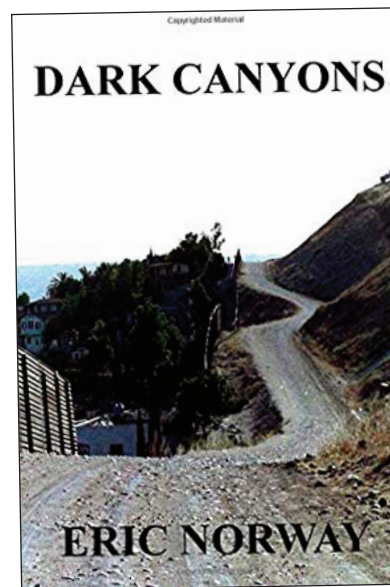
Garland D. Bills

er's group that meets every other month in her home. "We critique each other and share information," she said. The group has openings for new members. Contact Villemez at bgvillemez@msn.com or 575-522-5734.

• Eric Norway (the pen name of Mike Epp) lives in El Paso and is the author of "Dark Canyons," published in 2017, which is a work of crime fiction about two young U.S. Border Patrol agents who are best friends; and "A Warrior's Betrayal," which is true crime. Norway is a former Border Patrol agent, a retired DEA special agent and pilot, and is currently employed in private investigation according to his amazon.com biography. He has lived in El Paso for 22 years and said he has worked "all around the state of New Mexico" during that time.

"Writing to me is about structuring thoughts and documenting events," Norway said. "It's therapeutic exercise, but more so [it's] important to make a record of this ever-changing world and its inhabitants. My advice to other writers is to write, write, write; on good days and bad, it doesn't matter. It's all a valuable record that will be distilled into something beautiful later."

• Garland D. Bills of Hillsboro is the author of "Sadie Orchard: Madam of New Mexico's Black Range," a nonfic-



Eric Norway, "Dark Canyons"

arrived in Kingston, New Mexico, in the 1880s as a prostitute, Bills said, "and soon ascended to management. Bills also wrote books as "an academic linguist," Bills calls it, including "The Spanish Language of New Mexico and Southern Colorado: A Linguistic Atlas," published in 2008. Bills has lived in New Mexico for 50 years.

Bills' advice to writers is, "Write with affection – for your topic and for readers."

tion biography of one of southern New Mexico's most colorful residents and characters. Orchard (1859-1943) apparently

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Community theatre schedules auditions, workshop

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) will hold a mid-August audition workshop, followed by auditions for its upcoming production of "God of Carnage." Both will be held at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. downtown.

Here is the schedule:

- Audition workshop: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, conducted by actor/

director Greg Thompson, who will direct "God of Carnage" for LCCT. There is no charge to attend the workshop, which is open to the public.

- "God of Carnage" auditions: 7-10 p.m., Monday, Aug. 19; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, with callbacks to follow at 8:30 p.m.

Audition workshop

The pre-audition work-

shop is called "How to Heat Up Your Cold Read!" It will take the actor through a complete breakdown of each piece with each actor presenting his or her unmemorized audition piece (cold reading).

"We focus on cold-read techniques as well as ways to 'own your space' and 'earn the life' rather than auditioning," Thompson said. "Then we dig deep into creating history, envi-

ronment and relationships – how to recognize them, trust them, build them and deepen them."

No prepared monologues are required for the workshop.

Cast members needed for "God of Carnage" are two men and two women in the late 30s. Prepared monologues are required for all auditions.

Rehearsals for "God of Carnage" are tentatively

to be held 6-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday at LCCT. The show will open Friday, Sept. 27, at LCCT and continue for nine performances through Sunday, Oct. 13.

Thompson is an award-winning film and theatre artist and has been a member of the Actor's Equity Association, Society of Directors and Choreographers and the Screen Actors Guild – American

Federation of Television and Radio Actors, according to LCCT. "God of Carnage" marks his Las Cruces community theatre directorial debut.

Thompson made his El Paso directorial debut with El Paso Community College's (EPCC) production of "Children of Eden" in April and staged EPCC's production

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A&E EVENTS

Remote broadcast:

KTAL-FM's Cosmic Troubadours show with co-hosts Rob McCorkle and Marty Racine, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, from the Spotted Dog, 2920 Avenida de Mesilla. Musical guests: CW Ayon, Alister M. Info: lccommunityradio.org.

Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery: Live music Friday-Sunday, 119 N. Main St.; 575-556-9934.

- Aug. 8: Lindsey White Duo, 7:30 p.m.

- Aug. 9: Colours of Monochrome, 8 p.m.

- Aug. 10: Chris Dracup Band, 8 p.m.

- Aug. 11: Dave Dersham, 2 p.m.

NM Vintage Wines: Live music, 2461 Calle de Principal. Info: 575-635-8480; nmvintagewines.com.

- Aug. 9: Cooper, 8-10 p.m.

- Aug. 10: Chris Baker, 8-10 p.m.

- Aug. 11: Catfishfry, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Michele's Dance Academy:

Celebrates their 42nd year with an open house and fall registration, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at 1195 E. Madrid Ave. Free food, fun and dance and bounce houses. Info: 575-527-1893; michelesdanceacademy.biz.

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

COAS bookstore downtown: 317 N. Main St.

- Aug. 10: Douglas Jackson

COAS bookstore Solano: 1101 S. Solano Drive

- Aug. 10: Mary Ellen Floyd

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Arts & Cultural Center: 1740 Calle de Mercado; 575-523-6403; www.daarts.org.

- 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10: Opening reception for the art show "Orchards of Doña Ana County," a solo exhibit of acrylic paintings and pastel drawings by Las Cruces artist Frank Peacock.

- 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14: Get ArtRageous! with Penny Duncklee: "Sky's the Limit – Painting Clouds in Watercolor." The class is \$35 and includes all materials and light refreshments.

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 17-18: Film Business Workshop with Ben Yennie of Guerrilla Rep Media in San Francisco. The two-day workshop is designed to give individual assistance to New Mexico filmmakers who

want to learn how to make a sustainable career in independent film, including where and how to approach investors. Cost is \$299. Sponsored by the New Mexico Film Foundation. Register at daarts.org or Holdmyticket.com.

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

- Aug. 11: The 2 of Us

- Aug. 18: Chris Baker

- Aug. 25: Guy Nix

Book Sale: Friends of the Branigan Library sponsors a sale from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, for members; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, open to all.

Contra Dance: With Little Table Contraband, sponsored by Southern New Mexico Music and Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Beginners welcome. \$6 adults, \$4 youths, \$15 family. Info: 575-522-1691; www.snmmds.org.

Plan A: Featured August band of the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, First

Barnes & Noble

August events, Barnes & Noble, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. All events are free. For more information, contact Cheryl Graves at 575-522-4499 and CRM2144@bn.com. Visit bn.com.

- Back-to-School Educator Appreciation shopping weekends: 9 a.m. Saturdays, Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31; and 11 a.m. Sundays, Aug. 11, 18 and 25. Pre-K-12th grade educators receive a 25 percent discount on books and other products.

- Storytime and Activities: All events are on Saturday and begin at 11 a.m.; Aug. 10: "Dear Girl" and "Dear Boy" books by Paris Rosenthal, Jason Rosenthal; Aug. 17: "The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions"; Aug. 24: "Dog Breath" and "Where's Waldo?"; Aug. 31: "A Tale of Two Tribes: A Wetmore Forest Story."

- Kids' Book Hangout: 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, including games, activities and giveaways.

- Baby & Me Storytime: For caregivers and children ages 0-24 months. All events are on Sunday and begin at 11 a.m. Aug. 11: "ABCs of Engineering"; Aug. 18: "ABCs of Space"; Aug. 25: "ABCs of Biology."

- Barnes & Noble Book Club: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13: "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Underground Railroad."

- History Bee Event: 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17: Explore the popular "Who Was?" series with games and activities for young readers who love history and want to learn about imaginative presidents, scientists, writers and more.

Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo, across from LCHS.


Alan Kaplan, trombone; Shaun Mahoney, guitar; Erik Unsworth, double bass; Eddie Provincio, drums/percussion. \$5 members, \$10 non-members, \$1 students with valid ID. Info: mvjazzblues.net.

Doña Ana Photography Club: Kristi Dixon presents on pet photography, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman

Ave. Note new location. Free, public invited. Info: daphotoclub.org.

Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts:

Art, live music and food, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Road, Mesilla Park. Artists and vendors may still register. Info: 575-524-3688; www.holycrossretreat.org. (See story this edition.)



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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'Orchards of Doña Ana County'

Through Aug. 30
Doña Ana Arts Council Gallery
1740 Calle de Mercado; 575-523-6403

Solo exhibit of acrylic paintings by Frank Peacock. Opening reception 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

New Mexico Watercolor Society

Through Sept. 1
Salud! de Mesilla
1800 Avenida de Mesilla; 575-323-3548
Third annual exhibit by 11 Society artists: Patricia Bonneau-White, Sahyly Martinez, Richard Harris, Nancy Tipton, Debra Vance, Elaine Weber, Mary Diesel, Paul A. Vakselis,

Beverly Pirtle, Cindy Lane and Penny Duncklee.

'Entomomania: Insects in Art and Culture'

Through early September
University Museum's Kent Hall
1280 E. University Ave.
New Mexico State University anthropology master's student Rachel Cover's photographic

exhibition of insects, bees, butterflies, ants and other tiny creatures, and how they influence culture and interact with the natural world.

'Originales'

Through Sept. 7
Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.; 575-541-2154
An exhibit by regional artist Lidia Avina, exploring memory and Latino culture through

paintings and ceramics.

'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.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Agave Artists Gallery, 2250 Calle San Albino next to Josephina's in Mesilla, seeks artists for a new co-op gallery. There is space for 13 wall artists and 20 artists total, including jewelers. \$100 per month membership, with 90 percent of commissions paid to the artist. One day a month will be set aside for working in the gallery. Interested artists should contact Vickie Morrow, 602-615-1146 or vickiemorrow@msn.com; or Wendy Weir, 575 650-7543 or wendy-weir8@gmail.com

Barbershop singers wanted for new quartet forming. Prior experience preferred but not necessary. Must be able to read music. Practices and performances mostly during

the daytime. Male and female singers invited. Contact Chuck Riggs, 575-521-1729; chuck.riggs@mac.com.

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

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, miner-

als, 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 48th annual event scheduled for Nov. 2-3. Artists apply at www.Zapplication.org. Vendors, nonprofits and Children's Realm participants apply at www.daarts.org. Info: 575-523-6403.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church Arts & Crafts Fair seeks artists and crafters to participate in its Christmas fair, 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. For more details, contact Trish at 575-993-4928.

WORKSHOP

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of "Closer Than Ever" in June. Thompson also helped launch the annual El Paso Summer Musical Theatre Intensive for which he served as theatre instructor and director/choreographer for their production of "Little Women: The Broadway

Musical."

Thompson performed as Joseph Pulitzer in "Newsies" and as Captain Brackett in "South Pacific," both for UTEP Dinner Theatre in El Paso, and as Professor Callahan in "Legally Blonde" for LCCT. His stage roles include Don Lockwood in "Singin' In the Rain," Joe/Josephine in "Some Like It Hot," Judas in "Jesus Christ

Superstar," the Emcee in "Cabaret," Billy Crocker in "Anything Goes" and Curly in "Oklahoma."

Thompson has taught theatre at performing arts high schools, colleges and universities on the East Coast, according to LCCT. He also has developed courses of study for therapeutic dance and drama for the Kennedy Center's VSA Emerging

Young Artists program, including the New Visions Ballet Curriculum for the blind. Thompson recently launched ACTORSPEACE El Paso, a new studio for the performing arts. He will join the theatre faculty at UTEP this fall.

For more information on the workshop or auditions, contact Thompson at 4gregthompson@gmail.com.

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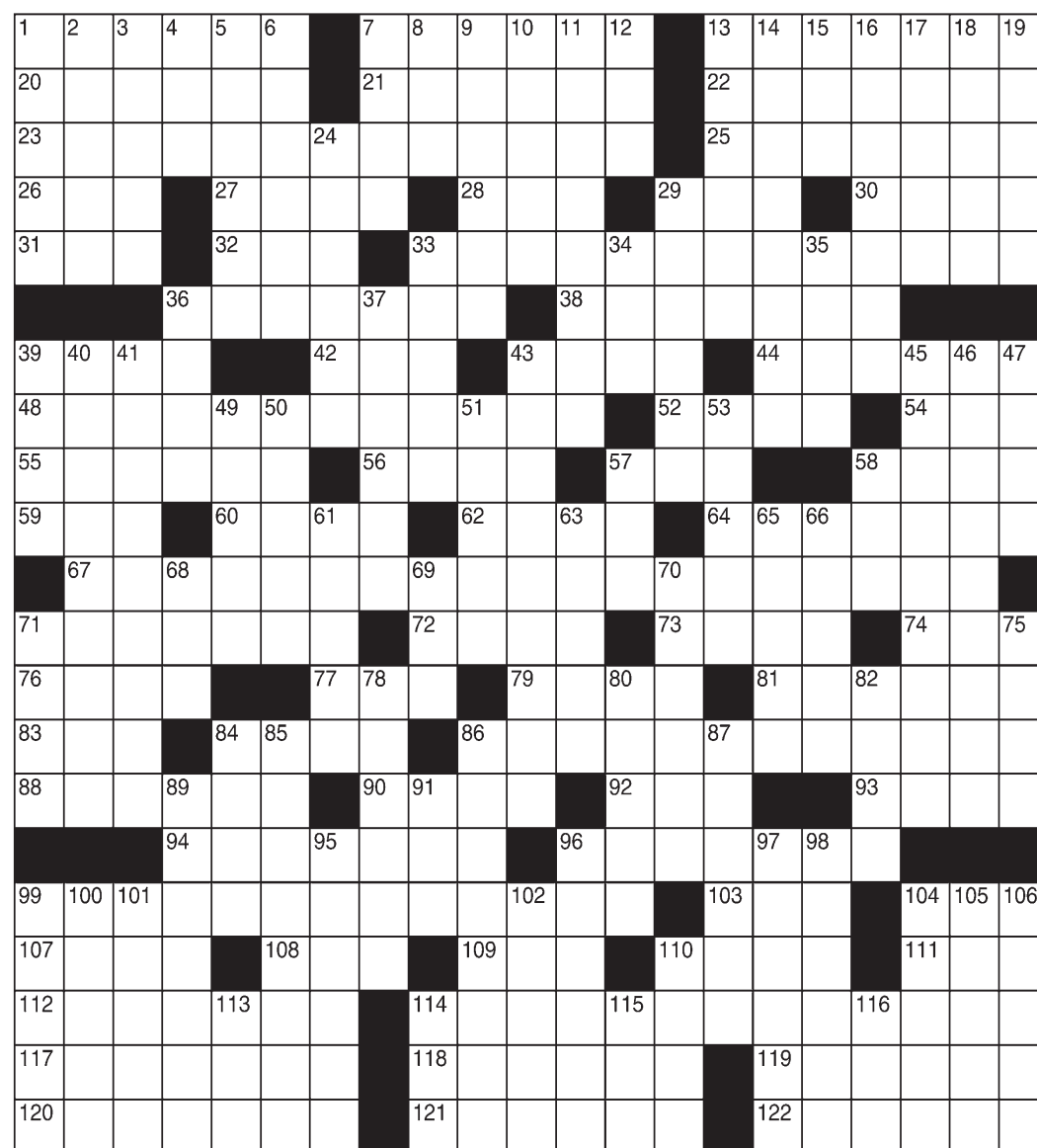
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13 Mark with surface ridges
20 Wise goddess
21 Baby sock
22 Garden State capital
23 Money made by the poet who wrote "In a Station of the Metro"?
25 Lessees
26 Port on the Danube
27 "Just playin' with ya"
28 Singer DiFranco
29 Bad-mouth
30 Fuel brand in Canada
31 Tirana is its cap.
32 Hound doc
33 Switchboard worker reached by the poet who wrote "The Bridge"?
36 Grid of fine lines in an optical instrument's focus
38 Boxer Johansson
39 Aged, once
42 According to
43 Concerning
44 High-priority task
48 Holiday tree decoration hung by the poet who wrote "The Song of the Shirt"?
52 German car make
54 Cool, 1940s-style

55 Mix up
56 "No it --!"
57 450, in old Rome
58 Co. division
59 Caesar of old TV
60 Horror film lab helper
62 Puente of mambo
64 Promises
67 Business run by the poet who wrote "The Shooting of Dan McGrew"?
71 Most ventilated
72 Lovett of country rock
73 Give a title to
74 Pindar verse
76 FBI action
77 Koko, e.g.
79 Vigoda and Fortas
81 Having a bill
83 Novelist Packer
84 Soccer star
86 Caution given by the poet who wrote "The Road Not Taken"?
88 Amount of groceries, say
90 Busy as --
92 Adriatic, e.g.
93 Henri's head
94 Off the mark
96 Compound with two or more amino acids
99 Food energy used by the poet who wrote "To a Mouse"?
103 Toronto-to-D.C. dir.
104 -- Cruces

107 Irish Rose's lover
108 Pats' goals
109 Drink suffix
110 Enter
111 Noah's boat
112 Tennis hitting technique
114 Marinara cooked by the poet who wrote "Aurora Leigh"?
117 Shifty
118 Fisher of fashion
119 Israel's language
120 One of the 12 apostles
121 See 115-Down
122 Tromps (on)

DOWN

1 -- New Guinea
2 Reef ring
3 Any point of the compass
4 D.C. figure
5 Curly-leaved salad green
6 Funeral box
7 Sacked out
8 Hide-hair link
9 Old Plymouth
10 1986 memoir by singer Turner
11 Bolshevik, e.g.
12 Line div.
13 Skunk mark
14 Hair-care brand
15 Kylo -- ("Star Wars" villain)
16 Weeping
17 Trial blast
18 Bodily trunk



19 Painter James
24 Venetian painter
29 Carry out kind acts
33 Simoleons
34 M.D. type
35 Cuba's Castro
36 Actor Foxx
37 Eau --
39 Resistance units
40 Mardi Gras locale
41 Moving shakily
43 Like sun visors
45 2002 baseball-themed film
46 Reliant (on)

47 Decides
49 Drab shade
50 Denver university
51 Contest form
53 Town square
57 Bamboozle
58 Hwy. felony
61 In base eight
63 1990s cardio fad
65 Conga's kin
66 Guide
68 Purge
69 Jai-alai cry
70 Shoe part
71 UAR part
75 Threshold

78 June gems
80 Twisty paths
82 Cards' cost
84 Witty bits
85 Optional course
86 Alternatives to Maseratis
87 Sherlock Holmes' pal
89 Tactfulness
91 Scarer's cry
95 Comedian Gilda
96 Runt
97 Apple computer webcam
98 More obtuse
99 Norman in "Psy-

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100 Curved fastening bar
101 Rend
102 Pop heroes
104 Singer Branigan
105 Curved
106 Distorts
110 Cotton seed removers
113 Fruit seed
114 TV's Arthur
115 With 121-Across, company's worth after liabilities
116 Japanese prime minister Shinzo

PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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SCRAMBLERS



"All right, let's
where we left off last week."

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!

Guarded
RECUSE

Retail
TARMEK

Certify
CLEARED

Creep
KANES

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: L equals D

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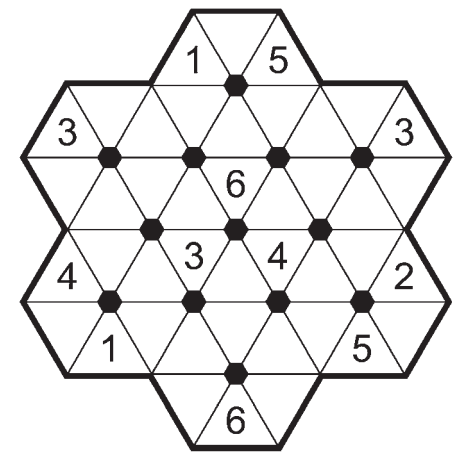
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

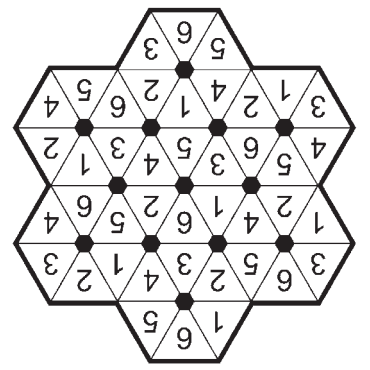
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Western Mercantile: Where they shape your hats and know your name

By CASSIE MCCLURE
and SUZANNE MICHAELS
For the Bulletin

Editor's note: 24th in a series on businesses impacted by ongoing Valley Drive road reconstruction.

It's been a long, hard year living through the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) road reconstruction of Valley Drive. But the road is now open in front of Western Mercantile at 848 N. Valley and traffic is starting to flow past again.

Manager Jason Yarbrough says he still misses the tourist traffic – folks who want a taste of the classic Wild West offered by the name “Western Mercantile.” But he knows they will be back, and thank goodness for local, loyal, repeat customers who value the selection of hats, boots, and rodeo gear offered by the store.

On this morning Yarbrough knows the customers walking in the door – in quick order it's two sets of grandfathers with their grandchildren. One grandfather is in search of large-sized boots for his teenager.

“We can special order anything we have in stock in a larger size,” he assures them. The second grandfather is scouting the store, perhaps for the first cowboy hat for his pint-sized companion.

“That's our specialty, shaping hats,” said Yar-



COURTESY PHOTO

Western Mercantile Manager Jason Yarbrough and Assistant Manager Daniel Castro stand in front of the hats yet to be shaped for their owners.

brough. “There isn’t another place in town that’ll shape a hat just so.” He points out three posters showing at least 30 to 40 versions of hat shapes with names like the El Paso or the Teardrop.

“Plus, if you buy it from us, we’ll shape it for free and reshape it if needed – like if your grandkid sits on it.”

Western Mercantile is

proud to be part of the community, especially with hat donations to local rodeo queens who need a special hat to match their outfit. “When the smallest ones come in, they’ve never worn a hat before in their lives and we can make it just the way that fits their outfit and personality,” he said.

Straw hats range

from \$39 to \$150 and felt hats range from \$79 to \$400. “It depends on the amount of beaver-ing it has,” explained Yarbrough. He says the Western Mercantile boot selection is big – big enough to even attract repeat customers from El Paso. It’s a one-stop shop for many people, buying boots, a hat, and “everything you could possibly

need for your horse.”

But if you want to make sure what you need is in stock, give Western Mercantile a call at 575-523-9351.

“Ours is a hometown location, we get to know you, your family, your horses, and just chit-chat with you,” he said. “A good deal for us is getting to know the people who walk through that door.”

The NMDOT Valley Drive road reconstruction project is scheduled for completion in early 2020. In the meantime, the City of Las Cruces encourages residents to continue supporting local businesses and stores on Valley Drive. For more information on monthly update meetings, visit www.valley-drive.net.

Co-ops can succumb to a conflict of interest

The co-op has often been touted as an alternative to the traditional for-profit corporation that allows for softer capitalism. Rather than simply maximizing profits, the co-op works to maximize the benefit that accrue to members, who are often customers or employees, but also other stakeholders. But in setting up a co-op, care needs to be taken to create the correct incentives.

While co-ops are established to provide benefits beyond simply making a profit, any enterprise that pursues goals ignoring profits is asking for



CHRIS ERICKSON

State of the Economy

trouble. This is especially true in a competitive industry, like groceries, where margins are thin. Failure to focus on the bottom line will result in losses as highly efficient for-profit competitors use their cost advantage to underprice the co-op to gain market share. Persistent losses mean a deteriorating financial position and a lack of access to resources.

The problem is that the co-op corporate form can create conflicts of interest. The interests of the members are not necessarily consistent with

profit maximization.

I worked while in college at a plywood mill run as a co-op; the permanent employees were also the owners. One of the summers I worked there, a major controversy arose. The plant manager urged the adoption of new technology to reduce costs and keep the plant competitive. Without the investment, the mill would likely close in five years, the manager warned. The shareholders, who, remember, were employees, weren't as interested in cutting costs as in saving jobs. They voted against the new technology.

The plywood mill's

problem was that the shareholders/workers had a fundamental conflict of interest. They personally benefited from maintaining their jobs, but at the cost of the long-run sustainability of the business. Ignoring profits to maximize jobs is not a business model for success. The co-op went bust after a few years.

Other co-ops have been more successful. The more than 100-year-old Tillamook County Creamery Association is an example. The co-op is owned by approximately 100 farmers located primarily in Tillamook County, Oregon. The farmers are hardcore businessmen, meaning

that profit maximization is their goal. And the co-op has prospered for many years.

Historically, many American financial companies have been organized as co-ops, although the term used is "mutual." Mutual of Omaha, for example, is owned by its policyholders. However, the mutual form of organization has become less popular in recent years, with former mutuals reorganizing as for-profit corporations.

For example, subsequent to the S&L crisis of the late 1980s and early 1990s, many S&Ls reorganized as for-profits. The idea being that a for-profit could pursue

business opportunities more nimbly than a mutual, which, by definition, must account for the interest of the owner/customer in making decisions.

In a cutthroat competitive market like banking, a mutual could not compete with a for-profit when margins are as thin as they were.

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Manufacturers sought for Manufacturing Day 2019

Manufacturing is a key contributor to New Mexico's economy, producing state-of-the-art electronics, industrial and residential building products, food and beverages, and a variety



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of everyday and seldom-seen components.

Economic developers are keen to attract manufacturers to the state because of the well-paying jobs that

are created. Local leaders anticipate increased tax revenue, especially when local products are exported beyond city limits and bring new money into the community to enhance public services.

"Manufacturing and jobs created by manufacturing are vitally impor-

tant to the Rio Rancho economy," said Mayor Gregg Hull. "Rio Rancho is home to many manufacturing companies, such as Intel, Insight Lighting, Lectrosonics, and U.S. Cotton. The jobs created by these manufacturing companies fuel both the local and state economy."

Once a year, mayors, city councilors and commissioners get a chance to show their support of local businesses by participating in Manufacturing Day activities.

Manufacturing Day is a national initiative that aims to enhance public knowledge about the economic impact of manufacturing and introduce students to careers in manufacturing. Companies open their doors by hosting facility tours. The public attends, business associates and clients attend. Students see materials transformed. Elected officials champion their local businesses.

Insight Lighting of Rio Rancho has been a participant since 2014. The

maker of exterior and interior lighting products for high-end architectural projects has conducted tours of its facility for students, prospective buyers and community groups. Glenn Wright, vice president of operations, said the tours have been beneficial.

"The majority of our products are for out-of-state projects, but we have actually had several local contacts as a result of the tours we have conducted in the past," Wright said. Insight Lighting also participates in job fairs as part of Manufacturing Day activities.

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events in New Mexico. The nonprofit organization empowers companies and workers by helping them become more competitive.

"We work with MEP coordinating tours and presentations for Manufacturing Day," said Wright. NM MEP provides logistical support to participating companies willing to open their facilities to students, elected officials and the public.

And it doesn't stop there. "Our mayor usually introduces a resolution to the governing body to support Manufacturing Day," said Annmarie Garcia, public information officer for

the City of Rio Rancho. "We participate in events that have been organized by MEP and help coordinate tours and presentations."

While the national initiative is slated for the first Friday in October, New Mexico celebrates the entire month of October. Last year, 31 events took place around the state, including 25 facility tours and presentations hosted by manufacturers and resource organizations. About 150 students participated in tours and 3,700 attended career fairs. Eleven proclamations were issued by the governor and mayors. Hosts included architectural woodworking factories, food and beverage producers, solar component manufacturers,

medical device makers and more.

NM MEP event organizers are encouraging participation by more companies and cities to ensure that students in every part of the state are introduced to clean, well-paying jobs at home. Businesses interested in participating can email mfgday@newmexicomep.org.

To learn more about the national initiative, visit www.mfgday.com. For events in New Mexico, visit newmexicomep.org/mfgday.

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BUSINESS BRIEF

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Additional facts from

the study:

- In 2018, New Mexico had 794,140 employees across all industries;
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percent in transportation, 3.2 percent in services, 2.0 percent in IT, 1.4 percent in science, .08 percent in arts, .07 percent in legal and .03 percent in farming.

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Father Tom Smith at his 40th anniversary mass.



Father Tom Smith with his sister and four cousins at his 40th anniversary mass.

Holy Cross Retreat Center

Taking a walk through the gardens of faith

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: See "Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts returns to Holy Cross Retreat Center" this issue in Arts & Entertainment.

Father Tom Smith remembers a woman who came to Holy Cross Retreat Center some years ago to deal with an alcohol addiction that had begun at the age of 4 or 5. After the retreat, she stopped drinking, and two years later, returned to Holy Cross to tell Smith, "I want to thank you for changing my life."



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Holy Cross Retreat

"It's not me. It's God working through me," Smith told her.

He remembers another woman who came to Holy

Cross nine months after her husband had been there. He had returned home from the retreat "loving, kind and gener-

ous," the woman told Smith, and even started voluntarily going to church. "I had to come and see what he experienced that made such a difference in his life," she said.

"That's what this retreat does for people. It's wonderful to see how people can make a change in their lives."

A commitment to service and care for others has guided Smith throughout his 45 years as a member of the Franciscan religious order of the Catholic Church. He celebrated 40 years as a priest in June and

has been guardian of the friary and director of retreats at Holy Cross for nine years.

Smith grew up on a small farm in Indiana with an abundance of trees and plants and a lot of rain. And while he had visited southern New Mexico before, he had never lived in the desert. It came as a bit of shock when he arrived in August 2010. "It was very different," Smith said, but he has "really adapted. I really enjoy being here very much. I love it."

Coming to the area from Boston for his health, Frank Monahan

bought 90 acres from the Escarate land grant in 1912 and built a private home at what is now the retreat center, with the Rio Grande visible from his front door, Smith said.

The river eventually changed course, and so did the property.

Monahan died in 1927 and his home and land eventually were owned by members of the historic Fountain family, who sold it to the Franciscans in 1954. A "building crew" of friars arrived at the site in February 1956 to convert it into a retreat,

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and Holy Cross hosted its first retreat Sept. 27, 1957, according to the Holy Cross website.

For the past 60 years, Holy Cross has hosted retreats for Catholics other religious groups, a Buddhist meditation group, medical patients, students and staff from New Mexico State University, community groups, and families and individuals from across the country and around the world seeking spiritual renewal, Smith said. It also was the first home of the Renaissance ArtsFaire nearly 50

years ago and has worked with Annunciation House in El Paso since 2016 to provide care to 750-1,000 asylum seekers, he said.

People come together at the retreat center to “look at their faith in a way that doesn’t happen when they just sit at home,” Smith said. Others “just come out and sit or take a walk on the property.” They might walk the center’s labyrinth, take the Rosary walk, visit the stations of the cross that line the final drive into the center or stop in at the new chapel that was built in 2015 and includes retablos by Las Cruces artist Virginia Romero, bultos crafted by Margarito

Mondragon, enormous vigas and breath-taking stained glass by Jeff Smith.

Located on 40 acres and surrounded by farmland, Holy Cross “creates a very welcoming and peaceful space,” Smith said. “What can happen to people – it’s really amazing. They build community, talk to each other, share testimony about their lives. Faith becomes significant to

them.”

Holy Cross has 11 staff members, including five Franciscans, Smith said. There are also “a lot of really fine volunteers,” he said, some of whom can “make or fix anything.”

Today, Holy Cross Retreat Center has 50 rooms and 125 beds, along with conference and meeting rooms, a kitchen and dining hall, a library, an atrium and even a small gift shop. The original

house has a century-old piano from Boston, and a table that came from Japan in 1875. The grounds include apple, Asian pear, mulberry and pecan trees; Afghan pines, trumpet vines, lantana and many other flowering bushes and shrubs, including native plants.

Smith is the second of 10 children and, counting nieces and nephews, part of a 65-member family. Many family members joined him for the June 2 celebration at Holy Cross of his four decades in the priesthood. Smith enjoys camping, plays the guitar and writes worship and folk songs, makes pottery and gardens. He also takes one day a month to spend in solitude, “just to be quiet,” Smith said.

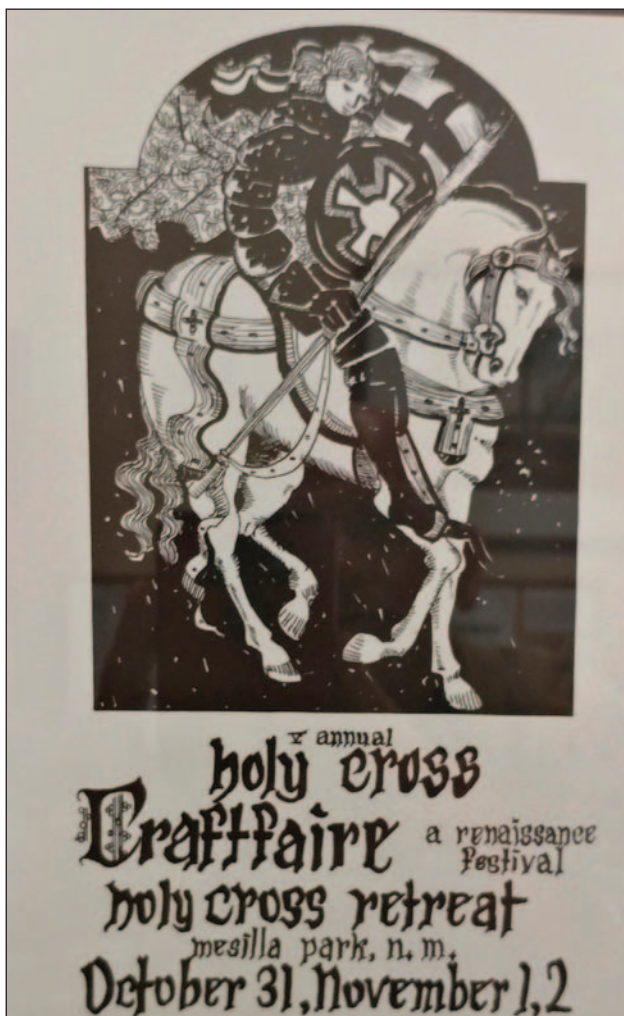
St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan Orders in 1209, “wanted

to live and care for the people completely,” Smith said. Rather than stay in a monastery, he chose to “be among the people. That fits me very well,” said Smith.

“Father Tom has the rare gift of bringing people together of diverse backgrounds, always emphasizing the positive and radiating much grace and love,” said Paul Miller of Las Cruces. “He has been a great blessing to our larger Las Cruces community.”

For more information, visit Holy Cross Retreat Center at 600 Holy Cross Road in Mesilla Park (two miles south of Las Cruces via south Main Street), call 575-524-3688 and visit holycrossretreat.org.

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Posters from early Renaissance ArtsFaires when the annual event was held at Holy Cross Retreat.

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Continental Divide

Iconic trail shares its stories and connects communities

This summer, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) is partnering with recreation, conservation, and community organizations and the diverse communities along the Continental Divide to invite people to connect with their public lands through a series of events and storytelling called “Faces of the Continental Divide: Sharing Stories, Connecting Communities.”

Ending on National Public Lands Day Saturday, Sept. 28, Faces of the Continental Divide is highlighting the diverse communities along the Continental Divide engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation and to celebrate their relationships with public lands.

“Too often we only see one image of who participates in out-

door recreation,” said Teresa Martinez, executive director of the Continental Divide Trail Coalition. “That image simply doesn’t reflect the diverse communities who value the landscapes of the Rocky Mountain West. It’s time to share a more complete picture of who cares for and loves our natural places.”

Throughout the summer, the CDTC is engaging with local groups along the length of the Continental Divide from New Mexico to Montana to underscore the importance of providing access to the outdoors for all people. Joining forces with organizations already working to change the face of public lands, such as Denver Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), Big City Mountaineers, Hispanic Access Foun-

dation and Latino Outdoors, CDTC aims to inspire new people to explore the Continental Divide, as well as to amplify the often-untold stories of communities that value and steward its lands.

From day hikes and overnight backpacking trips to an outdoor poetry workshop, “Faces of the Continental Divide” events are as varied as the landscapes they span.

“Faces of the Continental Divide” events are open to the public and free of charge. CDTC is offering resources to help plan and publicize events for groups interested in organizing an event and providing financial assistance to support transportation and meals.

As part of these efforts, the Continental

Divide Trail Coalition will also spend the summer collecting and sharing stories of participants’ connections to the landscapes of the Rocky Mountain West. The stories will be catalogued and showcased on the CDTC’s website and communications and will provide a more comprehensive perception of how people in the Rocky Mountain West connect to landscapes, the Trail and conservation in general.

In Las Cruces the Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project, Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Latino Outdoors, and Hispanic Access Foundation teamed up to raft the Rio Bravo (another name for the Rio Grande) as part of this effort.

“The history of the Rio Bravo in southern



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The CDTC works with community organizations like the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance to engage diverse groups of people in conservation efforts.

New Mexico is deeply tied to our cultural and traditional uses of the river, from Indigenous to Mexican American communities today,” said Gabe Vasquez, founder of the Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project. “Floating the Rio Bravo allows us to explore that culture, history, and tradition, and to encourage new stewards of our water and natural resources here in the Chihuahuan

Desert.”

By encouraging communities to connect with their own story of conservation, “Faces of the Continental Divide” will show that, although some communities are absent from the current narrative, they are conservationists nonetheless.

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Parkinson's disease meets a tough challenger

By ALEXIA SEVERSON

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces living with Parkinson's disease are making strides in their mental and physical health through a local boxing class taught by former super welter-weight world champion Austin "No Doubt" Trout.

Rock Steady Boxing No Doubt Training Academy in Las Cruces is an affiliate of Rock Steady Boxing, a nonprofit focused on helping people with Parkinson's disease nationwide through non-contact boxing-based fitness curricula.

"[Boxing] builds different neurological pathways and it also rebuilds some damage there ... there are some things that aren't connecting [in Parkinson's patients]," Trout said. "We help bridge the gap to make it connect, and it helps with their coordination, their cognitive skills, their motor skills, their agility and their overall fitness."

Trout, who got certified as a Rock Steady Boxing instructor in Miami earlier this year, became interested in helping people with Parkinson's when he learned that boxing could help improve symptoms of the disease, which include slowed movement, rigid muscles, involuntary shaking, speech and writing changes, poor balance and problems with coordination.

"I heard that boxing helps with Parkinson's patients back in like

If you go

WHAT: Rock Steady Boxing No Doubt Training Academy

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

WHERE: Las Cruces PAL Boxing, 700 N. Solano Drive

COST: \$8 per class, \$70 per month or \$60 per month for members who pay for classes three months in advance.

INFO: 575-650-0351, nodoubt@rsbaffiliate.com, nodoubt.rsbaffiliate.com

2005," Trout said. "It was a Floyd Mayweather Jr., [(Oscar) De La Hoya fight and De La Hoya's coach, Freddie Roach, he has Parkinson's and they were showing a documentary and he was saying the only reason he was able to function is because of the boxing workouts he does."

Several years later, fellow world champion fighter Steve Cunningham posted about a Parkinson's Boxing class he held on social media. Trout reached out to him and began taking the steps to get certified.

Coincidentally, the Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico had been searching for someone to teach Rock Steady Boxing in Las Cruces. The classes were taught in El Paso, but it was too far for many of the support group members to drive.

"We tried for over two years to get Rock Steady



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALEXIA SEVERSON

Austin Trout leads Bob Skolnick, right, and Jon Roberts, left, through various punching combinations during a Rock Steady Boxing class on Friday, Aug. 2.

Boxing here and we finally did," said Jon Roberts, co-leader of the local Parkinson's disease support group. "...The fact that you're working with a professional boxer, such as Austin Trout, I think we have a leg up on our other Parkinson's counterparts elsewhere. Also, Austin is still active in the profession and he can let slip out some of his finer points."

According to the Parkinson's Foundation, about 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's each year. While there is no cure

for the disease, studies have shown that rigorous exercise can improve symptoms and may even slow the progression of the disease, according to rocksteadyboxing.org.

Roberts, 66, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2003, has been attending Trout's Rock Steady Boxing class since it began in March. Roberts said not only has the class helped improve his symptoms, getting him to work specific muscles, but it is also a fun challenge.

"There's competition, but it's within yourself," he said.

Bob Skolnick, 73, also a member of the support group, said he started doing Rock Steady Boxing several years ago in El Paso. He made the switch to Las Cruces when Trout began teaching classes locally.

"Austin is a professional fighter, so he automatically knows how to exercise his body and use the hand and brain coordination," Skolnick said. "It's been a very positive experience for me."

"It's just good physical exercise and it's not a routine thing," he added. "...Every day is a differ-

ent day. Austin varies the course."

Many of the activities in Trout's Rock Steady Boxing class address specific symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

"In the beginning [of class] we do a get-to-know-you, or a joke or a tongue twister," Trout said. "One of the symptoms [of Parkinson's disease] is their diaphragm gets weak and they are hard to hear; they don't project as well, so we do things to kind of strengthen the dia-

Kids still say the darnedest things

Those of us of a certain age remember when Art Linkletter would interview panels of children on his show to hilarious results. This summer, Las Cruces volunteers found that reading books to groups of children can produce similar responses.

Twenty-four Children's Reading Alliance (CRA) Summer Book Buddies have just finished up four weeks of reading to kindergarteners through third graders during LCPS K3+ program.

Here's what happened when Marcus Crawford read "Diary of a Wombat" at Booker T. Washington Elementary. At the end of the story, the troublesome wombat decides to burrow under the home of a family he's adopted as pets. One first grader was deeply disturbed: "There's no con-



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crete under that house! Without a good foundation that whole house could collapse at any second!"

Reading stories aloud is only part of the gift that Summer Book

Buddies bring. Each week the children select from an array of children's literature to choose a book to take as their very own.

Jean Berlowitz relates what happened when she brought Roberto the jackrabbit, a large hand puppet, to Jornada Elementary. One first grader was immediately smitten and couldn't stop petting or talking to the puppet during story time. Afterward, when the students chose books, the boy looked for "bunny books" but couldn't find one. He was so upset that he almost didn't pick any book. The next week Roberto read "Marshmal-

low," a true story about a bunny and a cat. When the children chose their books, the puppet tried to give the boy the copy of "Marshmallow." The child shook his head very seriously, and said, "No, I can't take Roberto's favorite book." After much convincing, he finally agreed to borrow the book and bring it back next week.

CRA volunteers scrambled to find another copy of "Marshmallow." A week later, true to his word the child returned the borrowed book and Roberto was able to surprise him with another copy of "Marshmallow" to keep.

Ten-thousand books are being distributed in Las Cruces and surrounding communities because of the generosity of readers like you. We do this because reading during the summer and books in the home are strong indicators of

school success. For eight years, CRA volunteers have been providing children with books to read during the summer. For many, these are the first books in their homes.

In addition, volunteers work on this project year-round, raising money for books as well as preparing and packing them for distribution.

Processing, packing and deliveries are done by Michael Allen, Jim Billings, James Cottier, Chub Forman, Guy Floyd, Larry Gioannini, Cheryl Howard, Peter Krebs, Andrew Martinez, Terry Miller, Ann Rohovec, Andy Reed, Anthony Zuniga, Amy Peterson, Makaila, members of the NMSU chapter of National Speech Language Hearing Association, members of Rio Grande Rotary, Pat Dimmie and the front desk staff at CAA.

Story time readers

are Kelly Alexander, Joan Dyer, Jackee Chibarro, Guy Floyd, Kathi Barit, Jean Berlowitz, Claudia Billings, Alison Bills, Marcus Crawford, Cheryl Howard, Thomas Edmonds, Di Maddox, Rorie Measure, Laura Gordon, Ruth Rubin, Marianne Salas, LaJune Smith, Cindi Shonk, Ursula Straus, Loni Todoroki, Brenda Van Dyke, Cathy Boeker, Diane Lilley and Margie Herberger.

Book drives and donations were sponsored by Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary Club and Albuquerque del Sol Rotary Club, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Salud! de Mesilla Restaurant, Oñate High School Band, Sofi Carreon, Mary Martha Circle at First Presbyterian Church and Three Rivers Education Foundation.

Local funders who provide the financial backbone to our efforts each

year include the Devasthali Family Foundation, El Paso Electric Co. Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation, and the Stocker Foundation.

As always, we are grateful to Richard Coltharp and Claire Frohs at the Las Cruces Bulletin for their uninterrupted support from the very beginning, and to Dawn Hommer and the Community Action Agency for the space to do our work. I'm sure there are a few more people and organizations to thank. If I have left anyone out, please let me know so I can thank you in the next Reading Solution column.

Rorie Measure is the president of Children's Reading Alliance, a grassroots citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Doña Ana County. She can be reached at rmeasure@gmail.com.

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phragm – breathing exercises and techniques to expand the lungs."

The class also focuses on boxing technique, hitting the mitts and bags and cardio activities like jumping rope.

"We're constantly using our brain and body movement," said Sarah Stegall, Rock Steady Boxing member and co-leader of the Parkinson's support group. "And for me, to use my brain, my hands and then to get my feet involved, it's a challenge to do it all at once. So, that's what we're doing – we're making the

brain communicate with the rest of our body."

Along with physical exercise, the classes also provide an opportunity to meet others with Parkinson's disease, Trout said.

"This is kind of a community – they have a comradere," he said. "What I've learned is that Parkinson's can be a very isolating disease. You don't have the control of your face, your voice, you have the shakes, you don't want people looking at you, and [here] they come and deal with other people that are in the same boat."

Prices for the Rock Steady Boxing classes are \$8 per session, \$70 per month or \$60 per month for members who pay for

classes three months in advance. Sponsor programs are available to those who need it.

"We don't turn anybody away," Trout said.

Rock Steady Boxing classes are held at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Las Cruces PAL Boxing, 700 N. Solano Drive. For information, call 575-650-0351 or visit nodoubt.rsbaaffiliate.com.

To learn more about the Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico, call Stegall at 575-496-2550 or visit pdsgsnm.org or facebook.com/PDSGSNM.

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Austin Trout helps guide and encourage Jon Roberts, left, as he hits the bag in a Rock Steady Boxing class held at Las Cruces PAL Boxing, 700 N. Solano Drive.

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Legal CBD: It's the Wild West out there

When most cannabis users were focused on THC, NMMCP Consulting was extolling the other beneficial cannabinoids in the cannabis plant, including CBD. We have been a trusted, reliable source of legal Kentucky and Colorado CBD products since 2013 when no one even knew what CBD was.

For about a year, I have been bombarded with emails and calls with questions about CBD. And I personally get offers of free CBD oil, gummy bears or cream, all claiming to cure anything that ails you.

Buyer beware: Not all CBD is created equal and the FDA is not regulating it – yet. Keep in mind, hemp was just legalized in the U. S. in December 2018 when the Farm Bill was passed. That's why everyone is selling hemp CBD openly.

New Mexico regulates hemp growers and the processing, manufacturing, extraction and transportation of hemp products. The FDA is about to enforce all the new laws. But in the meantime, the CBD market is operating in the Wild West, meaning anything goes. This is also creating havoc for law enforcement. Hemp after all is in the cannabis family and looks just like marijuana. Unless you can test it on the spot, you cannot tell the difference. If it is hemp it will contain less than the legal limit of THC, 0.3 percent.



HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ

The Good Herb

Anything more falls into the federal illegal limit.

CBD does not get you high, but it may relax you. So, why should you beware?

You may not know what you are purchasing.

Labels are not in regulation yet, so you may not know what percentage of CBD the product contains or whether it is full spectrum or isolate. Some are counterfeit, with no CBD whatsoever.

Look for third-party-tested results and full-spectrum products, meaning all naturally occurring plant ingredients are in the product.

For years, China, the country that exploits every market, has been growing industrial hemp and exporting to the rest of the world. We have no idea under what conditions Chinese products are grown.

It was brought to my attention in 2013 by ethical Kentucky hemp farmers that China and others were processing industrial Hemp and producing an isolate, a white powder derived from the plant. This powder has had all the natural medicinal ingredients removed, such as terpenes, phytocannabinoids including some THC, cannflavins, etc. The isolate powder will only contain CBD. You'd think that would be a good thing, right?

Not necessarily. Isolates are marketed in CBD

products because they are cheaper to produce and, with the THC removed, they are legal under federal law.

However, this white powder can be diluted with a carrier oil and sold as CBD oil. Many unscrupulous vendors are also selling hemp seed oil as CBD oil. Totally different oils. Hemp seed oil comes from hemp seed and can be purchased at any health food store as a supplement, much like olive oil or grapeseed oil, and contains no CBD.

True hemp CBD oil is extracted from the whole plant and contains high levels of CBD and may contain small amounts of THC, less than 0.3 percent.

The bottom line is that many buyers are falling prey to the mass marketing efforts and purchasing CBD products online and locally that may or may not contain medicinal levels of CBD.

NMMCP Consulting tests Kentucky, Colorado (and soon New Mexico) CBD oils locally by Rio Grande Analytics.

Be careful out there. Educate yourself regarding the proper use of CBD. It's an herbal product that may interact with some medications.

Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a traditional naturopath, healer and medical cannabis expert, with over 40 years' experience in the field. She may be reached at 915-204-5440 or chavezhl@aol.com. Visit www.nmmcpconsulting.com.



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Photos from previous Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination/microchip clinics.

Signup underway for low-cost clinic

BULLETIN REPORT

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAS) of Las Cruces is sponsoring a low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination/microchip "Snip Snip Hooray!" clinic Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14 at its Las Cruces shelter.

The deadline to sign up is Monday, Sept. 9 and early registration is recommended while spots remain open, said SHAS Volunteer Coordinator Trisha Quillen. Pet owners must register and pay in advance at www.shaspets.com.

Here are the costs:

- Spay or neuter only: \$55
- Rabies vaccination (only available with purchase of spay/neuter): \$15
- Vaccines-DAPP (dog)/PRC (cat) (only available with purchase of spay/



neuter): \$20

- Microchip (only available with purchase of spay/neuter): \$15
- The works: \$100 for all services.

SHAS is required to pay for veterinarian services at the clinic for all available slots, even if a registered pet owner is unable to keep his or her appointment, so no refunds will be provided.

"SHAS has always been

an advocate for spay/neuter," Quillen said. "All of our pets are spayed or neutered prior to being available for adoption. We realize that our community has a significant problem with pet overpopulation, one that is too overwhelming to adopt our way out of. Too many animals are euthanized each year in our area, so we realize we need to do more to help.

In 2016, SHAS sponsored a three-day spay/neuter clinic in which 167 dogs and cats were spayed or neutered, SHAS said. A two-day clinic in 2018 provided spaying/neutering for 87 pets. In February of this year, SHAS's two-day clinic resulted in 110 spays and neuters.

"While these numbers may not seem impressive, they are actually

significant when you consider the exponential numbers of litters that have been prevented from entering our already overpopulated animal community," Quillen said. "But we still have a long way to go."

SHAS is a no-kill non-profit cat and dog rescue and adoption center founded in 1996. It is the largest and longest-running no-kill facility of its kind in the Las Cruces area. SHAS provides medical care, food and shelter to up to 90 homeless cats and dogs while seeking caring, responsible homes for them. As a private organization, it receives no local, state or federal funding, relying on donors, proceeds from fundraising events, bequests and grants.

Call 575-805-5338 or email info@shaspets.com.





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ABOVE: Left to right are Kate Creusere, Ellie Kirzek, Lizzie Briske and Savannah Skow. FAR LEFT: Nye Hanan CENTER: Durango Ayala

Las Cruces Aquatic Team makes waves at Los Alamos

BULLETIN REPORT

Eight members of the Las Cruces Aquatic Team (LCAT) competed in the 2019 New Mexico Swimming Long Course State Championships at the Larry Walkup Aquatic Center in Los Alamos from July 25-28. All eight LCAT swimmers achieved one or more personal best times, either in individual or relay events, or in both.

In the 10&U girls division, 10-year old Dara Ayala took the gold in the 50-meter free (32.42 seconds), 100-meter free (1:12.21) and 100-meter breaststroke (1:40.39). She received the bronze medal in the 200-meter individual medley (IM) (3:16.65) and the 200-meter free (2:46.20). She rounded out the meet with per-



Dara Ayala

sonal bests in all seven of her individual events and earned 2nd place in points for all 10&U girls competing in the meet.

Meanwhile, 10-year-old Maggi Martinez posted personal best

times in the 50-meter backstroke (43.43) and the 50-meter butterfly (42.06) and posted five top-8 finishes in her individual events.

In the 11-12 girls' division, 12-year-old Ellie



Maggi Martinez

Krizek earned gold in the 50-meter breaststroke with a personal best (40.68) and took the bronze in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:29.63). In the same division, 12-year-old Savannah Skow took

home two bronze medals by posting personal best times in both the 50-meter butterfly (33.55) and the 50-meter breaststroke (40.78). She had a total of three top-8 finishes.

In the 13-14 girls' division, 13-year-old Kate Creusere achieved personal best times in the 50-meter free (33.55), 100-meter free (1:11.92), and 50-meter butterfly (34.68), and posted two top-8 finishes in her individual events.

The LCAT girls made waves in the relay events, as well, scoring in the top 8 in all five 14&U relay events. Most notably, the foursome of Krizek, Lizzie Briske (age 13), Creusere and Skow crushed their entry time in the 400-meter medley relay by more than 41 seconds, finishing in

6th place with a time of 5:43.32.

LCAT had two boys in the 13-14 division. 13-year-old Nye Hanan achieved personal best times in the 100-meter free (1:03.47), 800-meter free (10:38.40), 100-meter backstroke (1:14.06) and 200-meter IM (2:39.57) and posted five top-8 finishes. 14-year-old Durango Ayala raced to personal best times in the 50-meter butterfly (34.66) and 100-meter free (1:06.98).

With only eight swimmers competing in the meet, it was an impressive feat for LCAT to score 9th of 16 teams (the girls scored 6th overall). Also notable was the challenging altitude, as the competition was held at the highest elevation Olympic-sized pool in the world at nearly 8,000 feet.

Minnesota-bound



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2019 Mayfield High School graduate Dominic Corpus has signed to play baseball at Minnesota West Community & Technical College in Worthington, Minnesota. Corpus played baseball for four years for the Mayfield Trojans and, among his highlights, was selected as "Player of the Game" in March 2019 for his pitching performance against Doherty, Colorado. In college, he will be suiting up for Coach T.D. Hostikka's Blue Jays members of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference. Dominic is the son of Mónica Quiñones and Justin Corpus of Las Cruces.

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Huntley named to Hornung watch list

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State football running back Jason Huntley was named to the 2019 Paul Hornung Award watch list the Louisville Sports Commission announced. The award, which is presented by Texas Roadhouse, is in its 10th season and is given annually to the most versatile player in major college football by the Louisville Sports Commission and football legend and Louisville native Paul Hornung.

The winner and his family will be honored at the annual Paul Hornung Award dinner to be held at the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville on March 4, 2020. This will be The Paul Hornung Award's third year as an associate member of the National College Football Awards Association.

A 2018 Phil Steele Fourth-Team All-American, Huntley is just one



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Jason Huntley is one of only three running backs in NMSU program history to earn All-America honors.

of three running backs in program history to earn All-America honors.

The Arlington, Texas, native led the nation with three kickoff return touchdowns in 2018, taking it

to the house at Louisiana, versus Alcorn State and at Liberty.

Huntley had 505 yards on the ground for seven touchdowns while recording 529 receiving yards for three scores and finishing with 1,632 all-purpose yards to go with 13 TDs.

His 373 all-purpose yards at Louisiana were also the second-highest total in program history and the most by any player in the NCAA last season.

The 2019 Watch List was compiled by a panel of college football experts based on a combination of 2018 statistics, career performance, SID recommendations, and expectations heading into the 2019 season.

Information about the Award can be found at www.paulhornungaward.com. Players will be added to the Watch List during the 2019 regular season based on performance.

Adkins named to Wuerffel watch list

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State redshirt sophomore Josh Adkins has been named to the Wuerffel Trophy watch list, the Chik-Fil-A Foundation announced.

The Wuerffel Trophy, known as "College Football's Premier Award for Community Service," is presented each February in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Named after 1996 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Danny Wuerffel from the University of Florida, the trophy is awarded to the FBS player that best combines exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement.

Adkins made his debut with the

Aggies in 2018 at Utah State and saw action against New Mexico at home before making his first start at UTEP. The Spring Branch, Texas, native finished the year with 13 passing touchdowns for 2,563 yards.

His 222 pass completions were good for ninth-best in a single season at NMSU while his 2,563 passing yards were the 10th-most in a single-season. In addition, his 256.3 yards per game were good for seventh on the single-season records list.

His three games of 300-plus passing yards already tie him for fifth-most in the career category while his seven games of 200-plus passing yards tie him for 14th on the all-time list.



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Though his college career is just getting started, Josh Adkins is making a name for himself in the NMSU program record book.

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Players have their issues with golf's ruling bodies

Of the 156 players who teed it up at the 148th Open Championship (aka British Open) July 18-21) at Royal Portrush Golf Club in Northern Ireland, there was not a single negative comment about the golf course or the setup. They know what they are getting: gorse, gnarly fescue, mounds, pot bunkers, wind, cold and rain.

In contrast, many, many (perhaps even the majority) of the players who compete in the U.S. Open complain bitterly about how the USGA sets up the courses for our national championship. One of the most memorable episodes happened last year when Phil Mickelson, a six-time runner-up in the event, stroked his putt on the 13th green at



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Shinnecock and proceeded to run after his ball and whacked it back toward the hole while it was still moving, thereby preventing it from rolling off the green. With a 2-stroke penalty he made a 10 on his way to 81. Perhaps it was 27 years of frustration in failing to win a U.S. Open, and disputes with the USGA, which prompted that act of defiance making a statement for all to see.

The R&A ("Royal and Ancient" as Europe golf's ruling body that manages the Open Championship) has had relatively few issues and complaints about course setups. Still, The R&A is not without blame for messing up what could have been a coronation of the town's favorite son, Rory McIlroy.

Remember, McIlroy came to the golfing world's attention after shooting a 61 at Royal Portrush when he was only 15. McIlroy recognized that the hopes and dreams of an entire Irish nation were resting on his shoulders, of course feeling the immense responsibility and even greater pressure. After being announced by the starter on the first tee, amid raucous cheers, Rory snapped a long iron left which ended up out-of-bounds. He took an 8 on the par 4 first. It was as if a birthday balloon got deflated.

Rory battled for two days, but fell one shot short of making the cut. Others hit it OB on the first as well. Despite the reluctance of the players to complain, the blame rests squarely on the shoulders of Martin Slumbers and the

R&A. Bringing the Open Championship to Northern Ireland after 68 years, the R&A decided to have architect Martin Ebert put in two new holes, the par 5 seventh at 572 yards and the par 4 eighth at 435 yards, while creating new longer tees on eight more holes. That changed the course length from 7,187 to 7,337 yards.

Slumbers' explanation of why there was an "internal" OB along both the left and the right sides of the first hole, mentioning that the 18th fairway was just across a roadway along the left side, was that he wanted the course to remain "true to how the course is played" by its members. That claim struck me and others as at best inaccurate and at worst deceptive.

Back to the USGA and the U.S. Open: Many tour pros have a jaun-

diced view of the USGA, feeling that the know-it-all blue coats are overpaid and arrogant. Few people know that, as recently as late in 2016, there was nearly a boycott of the U.S. Open by more than a handful of PGA pros after what happened with the video penalty ruling to Dustin Johnson at Oakmont that year, as well as the stonewalling on the part of the USGA as to where the money from the \$1.1 billion 12-year television deal with Fox was going.

In Golf Digest (June 2019) one PGA Tour winner stated: "We had about 10-15 guys who were willing to sit out after 2016. Some of them were big names – Dustin was one, Rory was another."

PGA Tour pros have had a longstanding dispute with the USGA, mostly because of the way they set up the

courses, with the obvious USGA goal of keeping the winning score at par or above. They do that by cutting, rolling and drying the greens to as much as 15 on the Stimpmeter. (Normal for the Tour is 11 to 12.) In terms of the U.S. Open are the professional golfers simply whiny, spoiled, talented babies? You decide.

But as it turns out, the world is right in the Emerald Isle, as a less well-known Irishman, Shane Lowry, became the Champion Golfer of the Year. Let the Guinness flow!

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. Contact him at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

Injury ends Taylor Lytle's soccer season

The Las Cruces High School graduate is a forward/midfielder for the Utah Royals FC of the National Women's Soccer League. She has not played after being placed on the season-ending injury list in May. She suffered a foot injury before the season started.

The 30-year-old is in her second season with Utah. She had two assists in 10 appearances last year.

Lytle played for Sky Blue,



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Keeping Up

also in the league, from 2013-17. She competed for Texas Tech University, where she was a two-time captain.

Women's volleyball

- Out of Centennial High School, senior Addie Pedraza is in her third year of

playing for College of Coastal Georgia. The senior transferred there after one year at New Mexico State University. The outside hitter and defen-

sive specialist had 121 kills, 22 digs and 10 blocks in 14 matches last year.

- Also from Centennial, Marin Smith is no longer playing for Adams State University. Last year she had 198 digs and 15 set assists as a freshman defensive specialist.

Baseball

- Karl Koerper helped the St. Joseph Mustangs win the M.I.N.K. summer collegiate title. The former Hawk homered and singled in six at-bats and drove in two runs during

the championship finale. He played a team-high 43 games and finished with team highs of 12 home runs and 50 runs batted in.

Football

- Payton Ball has transferred to New Mexico State from Abilene Christian University, where he redshirted last year as a freshman. The defensive back played for the Bulldawgs.

- Previously at Mesilla Valley Christian, Brock Maddox is no longer on the Western New Mexico roster. He played

in one game as a freshman last year.

- Past Bulldawg David Melendez is a sophomore defensive lineman for Western New Mexico.

Men's golf

- Isaac Merry shot 272 shot 205 (70-67-68-67) to finish eighth at the CoBank Colorado Open in late July. The Oñate High alumnus earned \$5,000.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.

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