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Volunteer firefighter numbers surge, critical need remains for more

By Kelly Jameson

Not too 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. Residents worried, while county leaders planned.

"We overhauled the way we recruit volunteers, and we ramped up the frequency of our training academies," explained 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.

It has helped that the number of paid staff 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 opportunities 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 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 in to my training, I can say it's the absolute best thing I've ever done."

"I can say it's the absolute best thing I've ever done."
- Yesenia Castillo,
Doña Ana County volunteer
firefighter

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, who are ages six 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 contin-

uing 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," said Hempel. "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."



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.

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Cannabis: Humans are wired for it, NM could be primed for it

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“We evolved with the plant. We have the receptors for it,” New Mexico State University Doña Ana County (DAC) Cooperative Extension Service Ag Agent for agronomy and horticulture Jeff Anderson said about cannabis.

He referenced the UCLA School of Medicine’s Cannabis Research Initiative, which says scientists in the 1990s “discovered endocannabinoids, the natural cannabis-like molecules produced by the human body (and realized) cannabis exerted



Jeff Anderson

its effects, in part, by mimicking our endocannabinoids.” Their main function apparently “is to maintain ... biological harmony in response to

changes in the environment,” UCLA said. “The endocannabinoid system is incredibly old, having evolved over 500 million years ago (and) is present in all vertebrates.”

Anderson said about 5,000 acres of land in New Mexico is currently in cannabis production, and the state has the potential “to produce some of the best in the country” because of its climate, elevation and abundance of sunlight.

Anderson said he frequently receives calls from people who have bought land in the area with plans

to plant cannabis but know little about growing or harvesting the crop except that it could return a high yield on investment. Most aren’t aware that it likely will cost \$5,000-\$10,000 an acre just for the plants, Anderson said, and that there will be additional costs for permits, water, fertilizer, harvesting, drying, processing, etc.

“You could lose your shirt,” he said.

Anderson’s advice to would-be cannabis growers is to get educated about cannabis and its production. If you decide to become a brain surgeon, he said, you don’t just walk into



Hemp plant bud

an operating room and say, ‘Okay, where’s the first patient?’ Like all NMSU Extension Service personnel, he said, “I’m here to help, “but I’m not your full-time instructor.”

Analysis of cannabis plants is also important, Anderson said. Without

it, growers won’t know what kind of plants they have. Cannabis plants with more than .03 percent delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical compound that gives cannabis its medical and recre-

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Hemp plants in a Nevada warehouse.

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ational value, is currently illegal under state and federal law. And, only female cannabis plants produce THC. Also, he said, cannabis plants are hermaphroditic and, under certain stresses, can change sexes.

Anderson said the DAC Extension Service's first-ever Hemp Workshop, held in May in Las Cruces, had about 250 attendees and could easily have surpassed 300. A second annual conference is already planned for next May, he said, and will be held at the Hotel Encanto.

The topic of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA)'s Aug. 6 meeting is "The Hemp Industry and its Growth Opportunities in the NM Borderplex." The meeting will include a panel of experts discussing "the vertical integration opportunities of the industry in Southern New Mexico," according to MVEDA.

If Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham succeeds with legislation she plans to introduce during the



Las Cruces hemp plant

2020 session of the New Mexico Legislature, it likely would raise that 0.3 percent threshold, and that could have a huge impact on the industry in New Mexico.

One of the presentations at the Extension Hemp Conference was on the success of hemp production in Nevada. When he visited a hemp farm during a cannabis conference in Pahrump, Nevada, in 2017, Anderson said, plants were being grown in pop-up tents. When he returned a year later, the farm had built and filled a huge warehouse and had tripled its crew.

Other presentations at the Extension Hemp Workshop included the history of hemp, the business and growing of hemp, the challenges, its pests and pathogens, legal hemp in New Mexico, hemp products (which include food, a fiber stronger than cotton, fuel and building materials, among many others) and the state's medical cannabis program. Presenters included specialists from the New Mexico and Nevada Cooperative Extension Services, NMSU, the New Mexico Depart-

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Sheriff continues public meetings on legalization

As part of Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's 20-member Cannabis Legalization Working Group studying proposals that could legalize cannabis in New Mexico, Doña Ana County Sheriff Kim Stewart is holding public meetings to gauge the opinions of county residents, a news release from the county said.

The governor's office expects the recommendations to be part of cannabis legislation that will be introduced during the 2020 legislative session, according to the news release.

Meetings have already been held in Organ, Doña Ana, Vado and Chaparral.

Upcoming meetings are:

- 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5: Hatch Community Center, 837 New Mexico Highway 187

- 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6: Radium Springs Community Resource Center (CRC), 12060 Lindbeck Road

- 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12: Butterfield CRC, 9350 Berry Patch Lane, Las Cruces.

Cannabis definitions and history

In modern nomenclature, the biggest difference between hemp and marijuana is that hemp won't get you high.

The two are different names for the same plant: cannabis (genus) sativa (species). The difference comes in its breeding and use. Marijuana, the dried buds, leaves and stems of the female cannabis plant, contains a much higher percentage of delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychotropic chemical compound used medically, recreationally and spiritually around the world. Hemp contains no more than 0.3 percent of THC and has a higher concentration of the chemical compound cannabidiol (CBD), which has no apparent psychotropic impact and may have anti-anxiety and anti-psychotic effects. CBD has not been declared "generally recognized as safe" by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Industrial hemp is cannabis sativa grown for use as fiber, paper, textiles, paint, plastics and other commercial applications.

"Although hemp and marijuana are derivatives of the same plant species, they are two completely different strains," is how the University of North Dakota Law Review (law.und.edu) says it. In simplest terms, cannabis with 0.3 percent or less of THC is hemp and with more than 0.3 percent THC is marijuana.

"For at least 4,000 years, cannabis has been used for its medical properties by civilizations throughout the world, including the ancient Egyptians, Chinese, Indian Hindus, Assyrians, Greeks, Persians, and Romans," according to the UCLA School of Medicine Cannabis Research Initiative (www.uclahealth.org/cannabis). "In the 1800s, Irish physician William O'Shaughnessy

observed the medical use of cannabis while living in India and introduced it to Western medicine. By 1850, cannabis had made it way to the U.S."

Carl Linnaeus classified cannabis (a Latin word that may simply mean "common hemp") as a genus in 1753. The word marijuana is of uncertain origin but was popularized in the 1930s by Harry J. Anslinger, first commissioner of the U.S. Treasury Department's Federal Bureau of Narcotics, in his battle to prohibit the recreational use of cannabis.

Nixon administration Attorney General John Mitchell created a "schedule" of drugs as part of the Controlled Substance Act of 1970 that included marijuana, heroin, LSD, peyote and others as Schedule I drugs "with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse."

California voters passed the Compassionate Use

Act in 1996, making the state one of the first governments in the world to officially legalize cannabis for medical use, according to UCLA. Twenty years later, the website said, California passed the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, making it the largest population of any state or country to legalize adult use of cannabis. Today, polls show as many as 35 million Americans are using cannabis on a regular basis, UCLA said.

Bills passed by the 2019 New Mexico Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham decriminalize the possession of up to one-half ounce of marijuana (the bill was sponsored by state Sen. Joseph Cervantes, D-Doña Ana), assign regulation and licensing authority within state government regarding hemp manufacturing, allow the use of medical marijuana in schools and make it easier for people

with medical conditions to qualify for the use of medical marijuana.

Doña Ana County Sheriff Kim Stewart is part of a Cannabis Legalization Working Group appointed by Lujan Grisham in late June to "study proposals to legalize the sale and consumption of recreational

cannabis," according to the governor's office.

The group will answer questions about how cannabis legalization can work in New Mexico, the governor said, so she can introduce a legalization bill in the 2020 legislative session that will "be the envy of the country."

- Mike Cook

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ment of Health, ag industry professionals and a hemp farmer.

"It's an exciting time," Anderson said. "So many things are happening. It's very dynamic right now. We want New Mexico to have the best."

For more information, visit aces.nmsu.edu/2019hempworkshop.

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Jeff Anderson with a 35-pound hemp plant in Nevada

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Which way will state's votes swing?

You may or may not remember a 2008 movie starring Kevin Costner called "Swing Vote," in which Costner's character, a New Mexican, held the deciding vote in the presidential election.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

They say the best art imitates life, and all of us New Mexicans should hope this old movie does just that. We're a state always a bit on the defensive. We have one of the smallest populations. We finish high on the bad lists and low on the good lists. And too many Americans don't even think we're a state.

It's no surprise many New Mexicans worry whether their votes even matter.

"Voting is a sacred opportunity for all of us," said State Rep. Nathan Small, a Las Cruces Democrat representing District 36.

I certainly agree with that.

In an effort to impact the weight of New Mexico votes, Small and 40 other representatives, and 25 senators, voted to pass a bill to join a pact with other states to award states' presidential electors to the winner of the national vote. That means, regardless of how New Mexico votes as a state, all five of its electoral college votes would go to the popular-vote winner.

So far, 16 states have gotten on board with this plan, but it won't go into effect until there are enough states to total 270 or more electoral college votes. That means this will not be in place for the 2020 election.

"By going to the popular vote, the

idea is to try to disrupt things a little bit and make each individual vote matter significantly, even for the presidential election," Small said. "The presidential election has been determined by a handful of states thousands of miles away from us. We want to go back to where every person's vote counts individually. It's an attempt for votes even in rural New Mexico to count more."

This is not a column about the electoral college. That's a whole other conversation.

Instead, this column is all about me (and voters like me). Contrary to Small's viewpoint, I think this measure further takes away my voting voice.

As an independent, my voting voice is already silenced in the New Mexico primary. Small said that's something he wants to help fix: "We've got to go to open primaries," he said.

However, I don't see the connection between making our vote the popular vote, and making our votes count more.

New Mexico has five of the United States' 538 electoral college votes. That's a little less than 1 percent. We had 804,073 New Mexicans vote in the 2016 general election. Nationwide, about 138 million Americans voted, meaning New Mexico accounted for about half of 1 percent.

It seems to me it makes it more likely states thousands of miles away from us determine the election.

Most states moving to this measure lean Democratic, which makes it seem like a bit of a knee-jerk reaction to Republicans winning two of the last five presidential elections, despite losing the popular vote. However, two primarily Republican

The anti-smoking device

Many years ago, Dr. Erfan called to tell me his story. He'd spent 17 years inventing and testing a device to help people quit smoking.

It involved a small battery-operated unit that clips in your ear like a hearing aid. Whenever the smoker felt the urge to smoke, he pushed a button on the unit. It sent a micro-amp charge which stimulated a nerve in the ear. This nerve caused a release of natural body chemicals which reduced the need for a smoke.

Human trials had shown very positive results. Enough so that the device was already cleared for use in other countries. But not in the U.S. The FDA was not satisfied. They demanded animal testing. Thus, Dr. Erfan's call. His question, "Was I aware of any animals stupid enough to smoke?"

Food for thought. First, we would have to find a species we could teach to smoke. Then once they were addicted, we'd have to teach them to push a button the size of a match head whenever they felt the urge.

Certain species, regardless of their stupidity, are eliminated because of lifestyle. Largemouth bass, for instance, whales or sea



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anemone could never keep one lit.

Others lack suitable anatomical features necessary, like prehensile lips; i.e. crocodiles, ducks or hipopotami.

Or ears in which to insert the unit. Penguins are out, as are frogs, snakes, millipedes and woodpeckers.

Then the selected species would have to be physically capable of pressing the small button. As you could imagine even the most dexterous ungulate would have difficulty manipulating its cloven hoof. And I doubt the smartest rhinoceros in the world could reach his ear with his finger.

So, that narrows it down some. I came up with three suggestions for the good doctor. The anteater, the bird-dog and the cowboy.

Even granting the anteater a modicum of intelligence, none of the three species suggested have been known for their good judgment. In addition, all are creatures of habit, work close to the ground and have a symbiotic relationship with another species which could be helpful in the collusion.

There are some who might question

Las Cruces is the sixth-best run city in U.S.

Have you been to Boise, Idaho? How about Provo, Utah? Or Nampa, Idaho; Durham, North Carolina or Lexington, Kentucky? All wonderful places to visit with educational opportunities, shopping, great health-care services and needed infrastructure in place.

They are also the numbers 1 through 5 of the Best Run Cities in the United States as measured by Wallethub.com through their rigorous data gathering and grading process.

How does the City of Las Cruces, then, qualify as No. 6 in 2019, you ask? Remember, Las Cruces was ranked sixth in 2017 and 11th in 2018 in the very same study!

Let's take a few examples of the measurements they use and see if you agree they determine the quality of life in a community.

- High school graduation rates?
- Low infant mortality rate?
- Low annual violent crime rate?
- Unemployment rate?
- Median Annual Household Income (Cost of living adjusted)?
- Population in Poverty?
- Quality of Roads?
- Air Pollution Levels?
- Long term debt outstanding per capita?

These and many other quality indicators are both measured and then weighted, meaning not every indicator is worth the same value. The editors of Wallethub.com place different values on different indicators based



JACK EAKMAN
Guest Column

on such things as how many citizens are affected by that indicator, what is the criticality level of the indicator, what is the livability level of the indicator?

The areas of measurement are divided into six distinct sections;

- Education.
- Health.
- Safety.
- Economy.
- Infrastructure and Pollution.
- Financial Stability.

Based on the results of the 37 different indicators, most obtained from third-party/independent sources, the city of Las Cruces was determined to be slightly below the top five cities listed above, but ahead of the remaining 144 Cities.

It has been pointed out

that Las Cruces did not score highest in any of the six sections. The unasked question seemed to be, "If Las Cruces is not first in any section, how can it be the sixth-best-run city?"

Well, the study did not award a No. 1 ranking on any indicator to any of the top six cities. Some were close, however. Provo earns a "2" in Economy, Boise an "8" in Economy, Durham a "5" in Financial Stability and Nampa a "20" in Economy. That is great for those cities with more resources to fill many needs of their citizens due to low unemployment rates, minimal pockets of poverty, and vibrant employers with great businesses.

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State's gamble on Gila River diversion was a loser

We've wasted so much time and money on the failed Gila River diversion proposal that we have no choice but to continue wasting more time and money on it.

That seemed to be the argument made to the Albuquerque Journal by Howard Hutchinson, a member of the special entity formed to oversee the project, who said he had been working on the river diversion proposal since 1973.

"Predecessors and mentors of mine have also invested many years and lots of money in this issue," he told the Journal.

"It would be a tragedy for all that time to be



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wasted."

In poker, that's called being pot-committed with a losing hand. No matter how long we stay in the game or how much more

money we throw into the pot, it's still a losing hand.

The good news is that new Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has made the wise decision to fold. She vetoed \$1.7 million that had been requested by the Interstate Stream Commission for the project.

Bills passed by Congress in 1968 and 2004 established the limits and conditions by which New Mexico can divert water from the river. Both the money and the

water diversion have strings attached.

With the diversion, all the water we take has to be replaced downstream.

New Mexico has the most junior water rights on the river, Norm Gaum, a former director of the Interstate Stream Commission and an opponent of the diversion project, explained in an interview I did for KTAL-LP community radio.

That means all other users have to be satisfied first and all of the water we divert has to be paid for ahead of time.

And most years there isn't enough water to divert, Gaum said. That's why all the previous efforts to dam the Gila have also failed.

Leaders of the diversion proposal once envisioned farmers in Catron, Grant, Luna and Hidalgo counties swapping traditional harvests of cotton and alfalfa for more "thirsty" crops like lavender, hemp, potatoes, pecans and grapes, The Journal reported.

But, with no hope for meeting the federal deadline on the required impact statement, the diversion project stands to lose access to \$55 million. And so, project leaders have dramatically scaled back their plans.

They have trimmed \$83 million from the proposal, which they said would make it more "cost effective." But those changes did nothing to generate support

for the proposal.

Lujan Grisham made stopping the project one of the planks of her campaign platform on water policy, and she will soon be appointing new members to the Interstate Stream Commission who share that view. Both U.S. senators from New Mexico and all three House members also stand in opposition.

The state took a gamble in 2014. The entity responsible for the project had 10 years, starting in 2004, to decide on a water diversion plan, or take less money for water conservation projects.

They went for the diversion plan, knowing that there was no consensus outside of their small group for

that decision. Now, they have no support and are already blaming others for the collapse that lies ahead.

Much of the passion over this issue has been driven by the fact that the Gila is the last free-flowing river in New Mexico – a claim that diversion supporters dispute, and one I think misses the point.

The reason the Gila is still free-flowing is not because of a deep and abiding love for the river over the years.

There were three previous proposals to build a dam, and all failed because they weren't feasible. That is still the case.

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that money isn't everything. The Education rankings for Durham is 86th in the study while Nampa comes in at 123rd out of 150.

Graded at No. 1 in each category were:

Education, Huntington Beach, California; ranking 14th overall.

Economy, Fremont, California; 74th overall.

Health, San Francisco, California; 148th overall.

Safety, Nashua, New York; 13th overall.

Infrastructure and Pollution, Rochester, New York; 131st overall.

Financial Stability, Casper, Wyoming; 87th overall.

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the anteater's ears but you gotta admit he has smoker's lips!

On a flyer I had called up Dr. David Kessler, Czar and Mahatma of the FDA at the time, to find out what animals he might suggest that would satisfy their criteria. I had understood him to be a crusading anti-smoker and I thought this might be just what the doctor ordered.

But anyone who has dealt with the FDA knows they move with the speed of a glacier. Their motto, "No decision is a good decision."

I'm still waiting for Dr. Kessler to return my call. I can only hope Phillip Morris is on hold, too.

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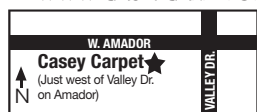
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Soules developed love of outdoors at an early age

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

David Soules is one of two Las Cruces newly appointed to the New Mexico Game Commission. With more than "50 years of experience hiking, camping, canoeing, hunting and fishing on public lands and waters in southern New Mexico," according to his resume, Soules was appointed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham in March to an at-large position on the commission representing conservation interests. Commission Vice Chair Roberta Salazar-Henry is also from Las Cruces.

Soules, whose brother, Bill, is a Las Cruces state senator, and sister, Marilee, is a longtime local political activist, is a native Las Cruces and co-author of "Exploring Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument." He has a BS in physics and a PhD in mechanical engineering, both from New Mexico State University.



David Soules

Soules developed a lifelong interest in the outdoors at an early age. He started hunting with his brother, Bill, often adding rabbit, dove and quail to the family's dinner menu. And he hunted and fished with an older friend, Jim Bates, while Soules was in his teens, he said. (Coincidentally, a fellow member of the Game Commission is named Jimmy Bates, but it's not the same man.)

"You recognize that about every sportsman," Soules said. "We all have a story of

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who got us started.” That relationship with the next generation is an important element of outdoorsmanship, he said.

Soules also remembers working with NMSU wildlife professor Sanford Steinmetz 40-45 years ago on “a few outdoor projects,” including putting fencing around stock tanks so deer wouldn’t jump in and drown. He’s also been a volunteer on conservation projects for the past four decades in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, state Land Office and other local, state and national groups.

Realizing that magazines were the only source of information about hunting, Soules became a founding member of Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen, which encourages hunters

and fishermen to represent their interests in fish, birds, mule deer, elk and other game animals and to provide a “common voice on things we thought mattered,” Soules said. He’s also a founding member of the Las Cruces chapters of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Mule Deer Foundation and is a member of Doña Ana County Associated Sportsmen, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, the National and New Mexico Wildlife Federations, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Ducks Unlimited.

Soules joined the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance (NMWA) board in 2010. Being an NMWA member “really opened my eyes to what you can do with a coalition of interested parties,” he said, including wildlife advocacy groups, sportsmen, outdoor outfitters, private landowners and elected officials.

Wildlife, especially species found in southwest

New Mexico, are unique and precious, Soules said. Understanding it and investing in it (are critical) so we don’t lose it,” he said.

Soules is also a champion of hunters and fisherman. “I’ve come to recognize that sportsmen are one of, if not the first, advocates of sustainability,” he said. “For the past 150 years, hunters and anglers have led the crusade for wildlife conservation.” Sportsmen imposed the 1900 Lacey Act on themselves, Soules said, to prevent the extinction of deer, turkeys, bison and other species.

He is also an outspoken advocate for the North American Model of Wildlife Management, developed in the mid-19th century, whose seven pillars include that wildlife

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State Game Commission almost 100 years old

The New Mexico Legislature created a three-member State Game Commission in 1921. The commission eventually became a seven-member citizens’ body that sets hunting and fishing regulations, hires the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish director, oversees a \$35 million annual budget and sets the department’s overall direction.

Commission members are appointed to up to four-year terms by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate. Not more than four members can be from the same political party. Five of the members represent dif-



ferent geographical areas of the state; the other two are appointed at large. At least one member represents agricultural interests and one represents conservation interests. The other member from Las Cruces is commission Vice Chair Roberta Salazar-Henry.

Source: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission

Important wildlife legislation

• Public Trust Doctrine of 1842, “with its origin in Roman civil law, is an essential element of North American wildlife law,” according to wildlife.org. “The doctrine establishes a trustee relationship of government to hold and manage wildlife, fish and waterways for the benefit of the resources and the public.”

• Lacey Act of 1900, a conservation law that prohibits trade in wildlife, fish and plants that have been illegally taken, possessed, transported or sold.

• Fur Seal Treaty, 1911, among the United States, Russia, Japan and Great Britain, provided for the preservation and protection of fur seals.

• Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 1918, between the U.S.

and Canada, protected migratory birds, a list that now contains more than 800 species.

• Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, “created a 10 percent (increased to 11 percent) excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition,” according to www.nraaila.org/. “The tens of millions of dollars generated each

year were mandated to go back into state and local organizations to increase game populations, expand habitat and train hunters.”

• Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 authorizes the U.S. Department of the Interior to provide financial assistance for state fish restoration and management.

Source: *New Mexico Game Commissioner David Soules*



— PUBLIC NOTICE —

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Miyagishima joins peers for border tour, update

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, right, joined seven other mayors for a meeting in El Paso "on the continuing situation at the border and its impact on their cities," according to a news release from the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

COURTESY PHOTO



By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima joined seven other mayors, most from cities in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, for a meeting in El Paso July 11 on the crisis caused by the influx of asylum seekers continuing to come to the U.S. Mexican border and the impact it is having on Las Cruces, El Paso and other U.S. border cities.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan attended the meeting along with El Paso Mayor Dee Margo, Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller, Mesa (Arizona) Mayor John Giles, Killeen (Texas) Mayor Jose Segarra, Yuma (Arizona) Mayor Douglas Nicholls and Rochester Hills (Michigan) Mayor Bryan Barnett, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which sponsored the meeting.

The mayors also toured a U.S. Border

Patrol detention facility in El Paso where asylum seekers entering the United States are held "immediately before they come to Las Cruces," Miyagishima said in a telephone interview. Miyagishima said the mayors "couldn't talk to any of the detainees, which was really odd." They were not allowed to take pictures or shoot video at the facility, he said.

The tour was conducted by about a dozen high-ranking Border Patrol officials, Miyagishima said. One was selected as the "point of contact" for the mayors, who were told not to ask questions of any Border Patrol officers.

Miyagishima said McAleenan discussed the border situation with the mayors, including cities' requests for federal reimbursement for expenses incurred providing services to asylum seekers.

The mayor said a DHS assistant secretary attending the meeting with McAleenan told

the mayors the influx of asylum seekers coming to the U.S.-Mexico border is due in part to individuals in Mexico encouraging residents in Central America to come to the U.S. and then abandoning them on the Mexican side of the international border.

McAleenan told the mayors the situation may be improving in at least one Central American country, El Salvador, Miyagishima said. A new president, Nayib Bukele, was inaugurated June 1 and could improve the situation in that country, Miyagishima said, encouraging more of its citizens to remain there instead of seeking asylum in the U.S.

Miyagishima said the other mayors were amazed by the number of asylum seekers Las Cruces has processed since mid-April. That number now stands at more than 13,000.

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

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AUG 1 - AUG 25

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AUG 1-DEC 13

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AUG 1- DEC 12

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AUG 1-SEPT 7

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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

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Education Station - Youth

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

AUG 14

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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

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AUG 31 - SEPT 2

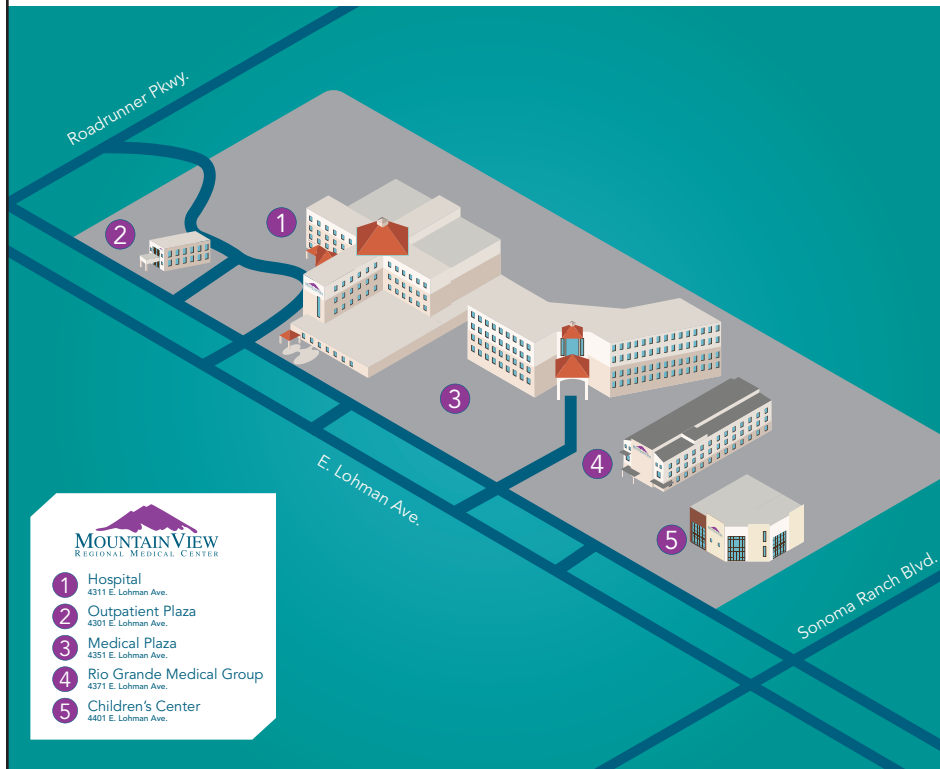
Las Cruces Harvest Wine Festival

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LCPS elementary registration approaches

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As Las Cruces Public Schools prepares for the 2019-2020 academic school year, parents can start registering or updating their child's information for elementary school online. This year, upon registration, parents can meet with their child's classroom teacher.

For returning students, if there have been any changes in address or contact information, parents can update their child's information online using their Parent VUE account and selecting the online registration at the top right corner under Parent VUE on the LCPS website. If you are unaware of what your Parent VUE user name or password is, contact your student's school.

Students living with a guardian are required



to fill out a Student Residency Form. In addition, the district will require a guardian's signature and valid photo ID along with their information provided on the Student Residency Form.

Parents enrolling a new student to the district are required to create a parent account online under Parent VUE at parentvue.lcps.k12.nm.us/PXP2_Login.aspx. Parents will also be required to provide a student birth certificate, immunization records, a valid driver's license

or ID card and proof of residency (in the form of a renters lease agreement, utility bill, electric bill, or mortgage statement).

New student registration and Meet the Teacher for elementary schools take place on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 9-11 a.m. unless specified below.

Aug. 5

- White Sands School will have its 20th annual First Day of School Holiday (FADOSH) on Monday, Aug. 5, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This is when parents can register and meet with their child's teacher.

Aug. 6

- Alameda Elementary registration/Meet the Teacher, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Conlee Elementary registration, 9-11 a.m.; Meet the Teacher, 5:30-7 p.m.

- East Picacho Elementary, registration/Meet the Teacher, 5:30-7 p.m.

- Loma Heights Elementary, registration/Meet the Teacher, 5:30-7 p.m. Students who are new to the school may come in during the day to complete their registration packets.

- Monte Vista Elementary, registration/Meet the Teacher, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Sonoma Elementary, registration/Meet the Teacher, 8:30-11 a.m.

Aug. 7

- Cesar Chavez Elementary registration/Meet the Teacher, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Sunrise Elementary, registration/Meet the Teacher, 5:30-7 p.m.

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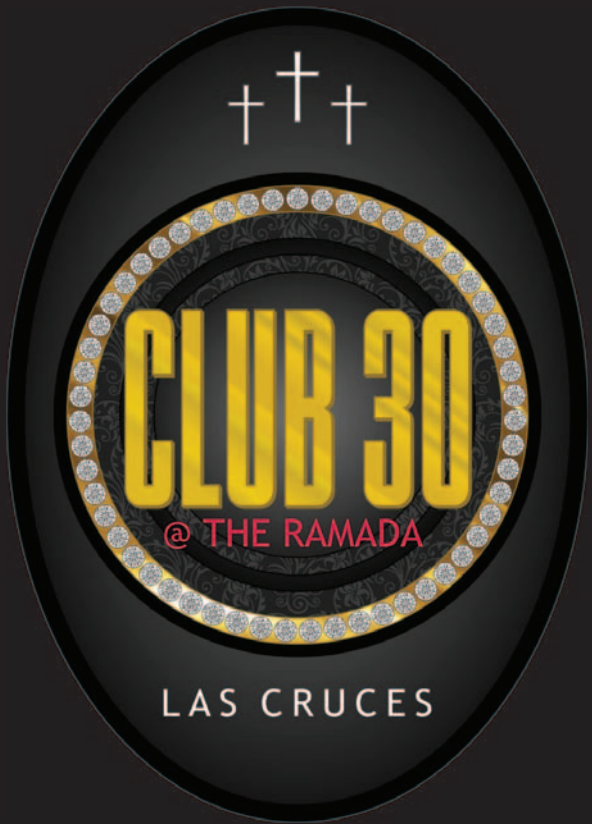
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VanVeen makes second bid for District 2 council seat

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces business owner Philip VanVeen is making his second bid for the District 2 seat on the Las Cruces City Council.

Four years ago, VanVeen, 54, challenged incumbent Councilor Greg Smith for the seat, and received 46 percent of the vote. "I ran a strong campaign," VanVeen said. "I knocked on pretty much every door in my district."

Smith is running for mayor this year instead of for re-election, so District 2 is an open seat. To date, VanVeen and Tessa Stuve are the only two announced candidates for the seat. Filing day for mayor and three seat council races is Tuesday, Aug. 27. VanVeen described Dis-



Philip VanVeen

trict 2 as "basically everything south of Missouri/Boutz.

VanVeen said the theme of his campaign, "Cut the Red Tape," is the same this time as last time "because the problem still exists."

"Getting the city council

back to realizing they are servants of the people is the issue," VanVeen said. City councilors and employees "are there to serve the needs of the people, and not the other way around." Even city council chambers reflect the atti-

tude, he said, with the dais set up so that councilors "look down on residents" during council meetings.

One example, he said, is an effort by the Las Cruces Host Lions Club, of which he is the president to put a bench in Candlelight Knolls Park in east Las Cruces. Working with Lions International, VanVeen said a bench that met city standards was located but had to be installed by city workers. As a result, he said, the process took more than a year and cost \$1,200. The actual cost of the bench, VanVeen said,

was \$300.

"This is what I'm talking about with red tape," he said. The city is unwilling to partner with civic organizations and businesses. "There's no connection," VanVeen said. The city also needs to improve its relationships with New Mexico State University and with the county, he said.

A native of Roswell, VanVeen has lived in Las Cruces for 22 years and has owned Eagle Security since 1998. But in the current business environment, "I would not start a business in Las Cruces," he said, "because I couldn't make it here." When he started the business 21 years ago, Las Cruces "was an ideal place to launch of business," VanVeen said. The city government was business-friendly and taxes were reasonable.

But for anyone starting a business in Las Cruces today, he said, the city will "try to find ways to deny it initially. They will try to find ways to make it difficult. You know that your first attempt is going to be a failure."

VanVeen said he knows

getting the city "back on track" won't be an easy task. It will be a gradual change, he said, but as the council changes, so will the city.

The most important consideration in hiring a new city manager, VanVeen said, is determining "are they are there to rule over people or are they there to serve people?"

"I'm a moderate," VanVeen said. "I'm pretty good at weighing out a good idea from the left or the right. I can support things on both sides if it makes sense."

Currently, the council "lacks balance entirely," he said. "We don't have much perspective," he said, because the council is comprised entirely of progressives. "People feel alienated from the government."

"I'm running because I want to make a difference," VanVeen said. "I love this city, I really do."

For more information, contact VanVeen at 575-323-1477 and philipvanveen@gmail.com.

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National conservation organizations

- American Fisheries Society, founded 1870, 9,000 members dedicated to fisheries and conservation
- Boone and Crockett Club, 1887, founded by Theodore Roosevelt, preserves big-game records
- National Wildlife Federation, 1936, four million members and partners
- Ducks Unlimited, 1937, 770,000 members, has raised about \$2 billion for its Rescue Our Wetlands campaign, 60 million acres conserved/influenced

- Trout Unlimited, 1959, 140,000 members, 10,000 miles of river protected
- National Wild Turkey Federation, 1973, 350,000 members, \$330 million budget, more than 15 million acres conserved; there were about 30,000 wild turkeys in 1930, today there are about 7 million
- Quail Unlimited, 1981, \$23 million in habitat improvement
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 1984, 178,000 members, more than 60

million acres protected/enhanced; the elk population reached an all-time low of about 100,000 in 1900, today there are more than one million.

- Mule Deer Foundation, 1988, 14,000 members, about \$5 million a year in current revenue; from an all-time low of about 13,000 in the early 1930s, there are about 5 million mule deer today.

Source: New Mexico Game Commissioner David Soules

SOULES

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is held in the public trust, that there should be hunting opportunities for all and a reliance on science for wildlife management. The model is “designed to embrace change as science changes,” Soules said. It also mandates “non-frivolous use,” meaning wildlife can be killed for food, fur, in self-defense and for property protection, but not merely for antlers, horns or feathers.

Very few areas of the world “have recognized or emphasized the public’s interest” in wildlife management, Soules said. In Europe, he said, wildlife “became the sole province of rich people and landowners. Landed gentry owned wildlife and enjoyed it.”

In the U.S. people didn’t want to follow that model, Soules said, so the public trust doctrine, founded in Roman law, became an important part of American law and culture, mandating that certain national and cultural resources be preserved for public use, including wildlife and waterways.

The Lacey Act and other

federal legislation, along with hunting licenses, provide revenue to many wildlife organizations, Soules said. As a result, he said, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is the only self-sustaining agency in state government.

Bringing all parties to the table in the management of wildlife has meant a “common, unifying theme across political parties,” said Soules, a registered Independent. “I think that’s a wonderful thing,” he said.

Soules said he and other game commissioners will be “hearing from lots of constituents,” and he is confident “this commission is going to listen. We want to do what’s best. Wildlife is something we all treasure.

If you don’t take care of it now, you can’t get it back.”

Even with a lifetime of participation in hunting and wildlife management, Soules said he has been surprised as a Game Commission member by “how many people have a vested interest in wildlife,” including both game and non-game species.

Major issues coming before the commission include stream access and trapping regulations, he said.

“I’m honored to be on the commission,” Soules said. Contact Soules at David.Soules@state.nm.us. Visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

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Mesilla Valley Stamp Club: Meets 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, Belton Bridge Center, 1215 E. Madrid Ave. Free, open to the public. Info: 575-202-1937.

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. 3: Watermelon suncatchers
- Aug. 10: Bookworm

Saturday Family Science: Solar ovens using the heat of the sun, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

People and Places of China: Slideshow and conversation, 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, Roadrunner Room of the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Info: Susan Ansara, 575-649-8786; ansara@me.com.

'Snakes, our scaly friends': Presented by Jeremy Lane, NM Dept. of Game & Fish, 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, WBU Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman Ave., Suit 130. RSVP at 575-523-5489 or wbulcnature@gmail.com.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Annual Banquet: Annual event, 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, Las Cruces Convention Center, 608 E. University Ave. Tickets: Charles Tharp, 575-644-0080; www.events.rmef.org.

Republican Party of Doña Ana County: Monthly meeting, former County Commissioner Ben Rawson/speaker, 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, La Posta de Mesilla, 2410 Calle de San Albino. Info: Sue Butterfield, 575-523-8683; darpofice@gmail.com.

Acupuncture presentation: With Dr. Ryan Bemis, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Bring your questions about acupuncture. Info: 575-312-6569; crossroadsacupuncture.com.

Game night: "Ticket to Ride," board game challenging players to build a railroad across the United States by traveling through specific cities, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, Las Cruces Railroad Museum 351 N. Mesilla

St. Info: 575-528-3444; las-cruces.org/museums.

Game night: "Loteria," a traditional game of chance similar to bingo using a deck of colorful cards, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154; las-cruces.org/museums.

Culture Series: Tortugas in 1919, with historian Rick Hendricks, PhD, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Info: 575-522-4100; nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

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: 575-546-1979.

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.

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.

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.

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 darpoffice@gmail.com.

Hearing Voices Group: Meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, Quaker Meeting House, 622 N. Mesquite St. For those who've had unusual experiences. Info: Al Galves, 575-571-3105; agalves2003@comcast.net.

Community Appreciation Day: Free admission, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Info: 575-522-4100; nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Celebrando Las Americas Family Fiesta: Book sale, storytelling, arts workshop, Latin-American concert, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Free. Info: Denise Chavez, 575-523-3988; comezon09@comcast.net.

WomenSpirit Retreat: Sept. 6-8, Sacramento



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IN THE NEWS

Specialist sought

The Center for Health Innovation (CHI) is seeking a Program Specialist I to assist in the planning and implementation of the substance use prevention programming in Doña Ana County for the Drug Free Communities and Underage Gambling Prevention programs.

The Program Specialist I will deliver programming and education to youth, adults and communities in a variety of settings including but not limited to schools, community centers and community events.

This position requires a bachelor's degree (relevant experience may substitute for education) and two years of relevant experience in education, prevention, health, human services and/or community development. Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred with the willingness to work some weekends and evenings.

Review the full position description at www.swchi.org. Send resume and letter of interest by Aug. 7 to mdiaz@swchi.org.

Traffic alerts

Las Cruces road projects effective through Sunday, Aug. 4 (source: NM Department of Transportation):

• Arroyo Road

From Red Hawk Golf Road to Sonoma Ranch Boulevard closed to through traffic. Motorists asked to decrease speed and follow detours around the construction zone.

• Brownlee Avenue

From Fifth Street to Sixth Street closed to through traffic. Access to residents is main-

tained. Motorists asked to decrease speed, follow posted detour routes around construction zone and proceed with caution.

• Church Street

From Las Cruces Avenue to the roundabout will have one lane closed to traffic. Access to businesses is maintained. Motorists asked to decrease speed, follow posted detour routes around construction zone and proceed with caution.

• Downtown

From Bowman Avenue to Las Cruces Avenue has a new traffic pattern. Traffic has been converted to two-way traffic and the change is permanent.

• I-10, Mile Marker 133 to 164, Las Cruces to Texas State Line

Valley Fence (contractor) is currently finalizing the guardrail replacement. Traffic will encounter various passing and driving lane closures along I-10 on the eastbound and westbound lanes throughout the project. Construction is expected to be completed by late summer 2019.

• I-10, Mile Marker 138

The New Mexico Department of Transportation will have employees

and equipment on I-10 eastbound at mile post 138 "Rio Grande Bridge" for painting of the barrier wall. Traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane at a time. Traffic can expect a reduced speed of 45 mph during construction hours. Construction is expected to be completed by Aug. 30, 2019.

• I-25, Mile Marker 0 to 7

Bixby Electric (contractor) will begin installation of fiber for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). Lane closures and shoulder work will be in effect on both the northbound and southbound lanes. Hours of operation will be from 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Construction is expected to be completed by November 2019.

• Main Street

From Picacho Avenue to the downtown roundabout has one lane closed to traffic. In addition, the left turn lane at the intersection of Picacho Avenue will be closed. Access to businesses is maintained.

• Sixth Street

From Hadley to McFie closed to through traffic. Access to businesses is maintained. Motorists asked to decrease speed, follow posted detour routes around construc-

Chess winners



PHOTO BY WILLIAM BRADLEY

Joel Montoya, director of operations, and Ashley Echavarría, executive director, flank winners of the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces Summer Chess Tournament. From left, they are Jami Figueroa, Vista Middle School, fourth place; Josiah Palacios, Camino Real Middle School, first place and grand prize winner; and Maya García, La Academia Dolores Huerta, second Place. Not pictured is Nicholas Medina, Lynn Middle School, third place. Josiah's grand prize was the multipurpose chess set shown in the photo. It includes high-quality, engraved chess pieces and a drawer with checkers and other games. The chess set came from an anonymous donor. The tournament was held June 3-July 22.

tion zone and proceed with caution.

• Third Street

From Picacho Avenue to Brownlee closed to through traffic. Access to businesses is maintained. Motorists asked to decrease speed, follow posted detour routes around construction zone

and proceed with caution.

• University Avenue

Intermittent lane closures from Triviz to Locust. Access to businesses is maintained. Motorists asked to decrease speed, follow posted detour routes around construction zone and proceed with caution.

• Water Street

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

ONGOING

Back Country Horsemen-Lower Rio Grande Chapter: Trail riding and trail maintenance, meets the first Monday at 6:30 p.m.

at Delicias Café, 1413 E. Amador Ave. Info: Lisa, 724-612-1226

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

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

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

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

Geography Club: Explore culturally significant and historical sites in the

Land of Enchantment, 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154.

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

Las Cruces Civitan Club: Meets noon the second

Tuesday and 6 p.m. fourth Tuesday, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

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

Las Cruces Shriners: Meet the second Monday, 1150

W. Brown. Info: 575-526-8396.

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

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

Raja yoga: Classes with Lisa Taylor, 9-10:15 a.m. every Monday at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Free, donations welcome.

Domenici conference may resume in 2020

By TIFFANY ACOSTA
For the Bulletin

The Domenici Public Policy Conference, held at New Mexico State University since 2008, will not be held in 2019, but the university is working to bring the event back for 2020.

"No one did more for New Mexico than Sen. Pete Domenici," said NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu. "That's why we're so proud of this conference and what it means for our com-

munity. We're working with the Domenici family to create a plan that respects the late senator's interests and aligns with NMSU's new strategic plan."

The Domenici Institute for Public Policy at NMSU is named after Pete V. Domenici, New Mexico's longest-serving U.S. Senator who died in 2017. The institute at NMSU was created to continue Domenici's legacy of service to both the state and the country.

NMSU leaders spoke

with the Domenici family and agreed the conference would go on hiatus for 2019 and return for 2020. NMSU officials intend to meet with stakeholders during the fall semester.

The 11th annual conference, which was held in September 2018, was a salute to Domenici. The two-day event in Las Cruces had grown to a regional conference with more than 1,000 attendees annually and focused on significant issues facing the state, nation and world.

Conference speakers included the country's top experts from a variety of sectors such as government and elected officials, including former United States senators; U.S. representatives; U.S. cabinet members; U.S. ambassadors and governors; military personnel; scholars; journalists; policy directors; business executives; and political consultants.

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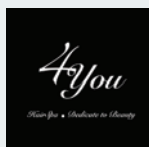
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Ethics Commission to hold first Las Cruces meeting

BULLETIN REPORT

The newly formed New Mexico Ethics Commission will hold its first meeting in Las Cruces 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, 3190 S. Espina St.

The meeting is open to the public.

Here is the agenda, as listed at www.nmdfa.state.nm.us:

- Update on the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration's (DFA) Efforts for Ethics Commission

- Party-Membership Selection Criteria for Final Two Ethics Commission Commissioners

- Determination of Process for Selecting Final Two Commissioners

- Determination of Interview Questions for Finalists

- Actions Relating to Applicant Interviews

- Discussion of Interested Persons Notice List
- Opportunity for Public Comment

DFA General Counsel Jeremy Farris is scheduled to make the presentations at the meetings.

Commission members are William F. Lang, chair; and members Stuart M. Bluestone, Garrey Carruthers, Dr. Judy Villanueva and Francis F. Williams. Carruthers and Williams are from Las Cruces.

As provided for in the constitutional amendment creating the commission that three-quarters of New Mexico voters approved last November, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham; New Mexico State Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen, D-Doña Ana; state

Senate Minority Leader Stuart Ingle, R-Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Lea and Roosevelt; Speaker of the state House of Representatives Brian Egolf, D-Santa Fe; and House Minority Leader James Townsend, R-Chaves, Eddy and Otero, each made one appointment to the commission. Those five will appoint two more commissioners for a total of seven.

Parking for the public should be available across the street from the meeting location, according to the website.

NMSU to receive \$1 million in state scholarships

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University and its three community colleges will receive more than \$1 million in state scholarship funds for teacher education scholarships, the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) Deputy Secretary Carmen Lopez-Wilson said July 10.

More than \$10 million in scholarship funding will be shared among NMSU, the University of New Mexico, Western New Mexico University, Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Tech, New Mexico Highlands University and Northern New Mexico College, 10 branch community colleges, seven independent community colleges and four tribal colleges, according to NMHED.

Lopez-Wilson said NMSU will receive \$70,934 for the Grow Your Own Teachers scholarship program and \$638,584 for

the Teacher Preparation Affordability (TPA) scholarship program. NMSU community colleges received the following additional TPA awards: Doña Ana Community College: \$239,316; NMSU-Alamogordo: \$34,188; NMSU-Carlsbad and NMSU-Grants: \$29,304 each.

With the funds, NMSU and the other universities and colleges will be able to provide up to \$3,000 per semester toward each eligible applicant's tuition, fees, books, course supplies and other costs beginning with the fall 2019 semester, NMHED said in a July 10 news release.

New Mexico House Bill 275, the Teacher Preparation Affordability Act (TPAA), appropriated \$10 million for students studying education and intending to become teachers, NMHED said. Co-sponsors of the bill included Doña Ana County state Reps. Joanne Ferrary and Ray Lara. It was signed into law by Gov.

Michelle Lujan Grisham April 3. Bilingual and Native aspiring educators are given preference by the program, NMHED said.

House Bill 20, the Grow Your Own Teachers Act, was also co-sponsored by Lara. It was signed into law April 4 and allocates more than \$500,000 for educational assistants to complete programs of study and become licensed teachers, the NMHED release said. Scholarship recipients under this program will also receive up to \$3,000 per semester as well as paid time off from their schools to complete degree and licensure requirements.

New Mexico colleges and universities and the Higher Education Department will post points of contacts, timelines for the application process and the criteria for applicants on their websites by the end of the week. Grow Your Own Teachers applicants can visit this

website: hed.state.nm.us/financial-aid/scholarships/grow-your-own-teachers, according to the NMHED news release.

"We need to be reaching out to aspiring educators, and we need to be facilitating their study and increasing access to this essential field," Lujan Grisham said. "When we build the next generation of New Mexico educators, we will have done a tremendous service for the next generation of New Mexico students."

"Now is the time for students to take advantage of these resources to further their dreams of becoming teachers," NMHED Sec. Kate O'Neill said. "We need teachers in all areas of the state and at all grade levels. We need Hispanic, Native, first-generation, returning, veterans, bilingual and alternative licensure applicants for these scholarships."

"We will leverage the new scholarship programs to recruit, prepare and support the next

generation of teachers," said NMHED Deputy Sec. Carmen Lopez-Wilson. "These scholarships will also help address the widespread teacher shortage in New Mexico."

TPAA "prioritizes awards to English-language learners, minority students, and those who want to teach in high-need teaching positions," Lopez-Wilson said.

Contact Lopez-Wilson at 505-795-2302 and Carmen.LopezWilson@state.nm.us.

Scholar selected

Jordyn M. Porter of Las Cruces has been selected to join the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). This recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, said, "I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Jordyn has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence. Jordyn is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future." Porter is a student at Centennial High School and the daughter of Margarita Porter, principal of the New America School.



Jordyn Porter

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LAS CRUCES UTILITIES

Las Cruces Utilities learns from customer survey

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

For the Bulletin

Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) is on a continual journey of improvement in its mission to provide four utilities to the residents and businesses of Las Cruces.

Key to evaluating the performance of this city department means going straight to customers to ask what they do and do not know about LCU. This past year LCU developed a quick 12-question survey offered in English and Spanish at four high-traffic locations: Sprouts, the Farmer's Market, Toucan Market and the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. The bilingual customer survey was also mailed to more than 38,500 utility customers and was available online. For the face-to-face interactions, LCU worked with New Mexico State University's Chi Epsilon, an honors group for civil engineering students.

The results were presented to the LCU Board of Commissioners on July 11. In total, there



Thanks to the help of New Mexico State University's Chi Epsilon students and those customers gracious enough to spare a couple of minutes to answer the LCU survey, the department is able to know more about customer knowledge.

were 1,433 responses – considered a very good response – and generally, customers knew a lot about LCU.

“We were encouraged that our education efforts have made an impact for customers understanding what utility services are available to them,” said Alma Ruiz, LCU office manager senior. “For example, most knew their weekly solid waste pick up also includes a monthly grappler and Green Grappler pick up. The grappler picks

up bulky items and the Green Grappler picks up yard waste for recycling into composted mulch, including bulk branches.

“However, there are still some opportunities to expand on, especially to assure residents that tax dollars do not fund the utilities.”

LCU is one of three city departments that operate as Enterprise Funds – meaning customer billing for gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services pays the cost of providing those utility services to

homes and businesses in and around Las Cruces. Costs include materials, operations, employee salaries, and service-related expenses.

LCU is active in applying for grants to help fund some projects, but tax dollars do not fund day-to-day operations of LCU.

Another misconception: LCU provides four different utilities, but electricity is not one of them. El Paso Electric Company is the power provider to our region.

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Class A+ biosolid compost is available free in 5-gallon buckets during normal business hours at the JHWWTF on Amador Avenue; it's free by the truckload at the West Mesa Industrial Park Wastewater Facility.

Most customers don't yet know that there are now two Customer Service Centers: one in City Hall and the East Mesa Customer Service Office at 5195 Bataan Memorial.

Half of those surveyed did not know about LCU's free soil amendment, Class A+ Biosolid Compost. The high-quality beneficial compost from the Jacob Hands Wastewater Treatment Facility (JHWWTF) is made from the sludge resulting from the wastewater treatment process. The compost

promotes plant growth, enhances soil fertility, helps to conserve water, and is available without charge. You can pick up 5-gallon buckets of compost from the JHWWTF, 2851 W. Amador Ave., during normal business hours.

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Former councilor 'unretires' to run for mayor

Jesúsita Dolores Lucero is the third candidate to enter the 2019 race

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

"We have to focus on our own house before we focus on anyone else's," Dolores Lucero said in a July 30 interview about her race for mayor of Las Cruces.

The Las Cruces native and former two-term city councilor announced last week that she would make her second bid for mayor in the Nov. 5 election that combines on one ballot the mayor, three city council seats and the presiding municipal judge race; two seats on the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education; and three supervisor positions on the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District board.

Already announced candidates for mayor are City Councilor Greg Smith and 2015 mayoral candidate Gina Montoya Ortega. Incumbent Mayor Ken Miyagishima has not formally announced his plans. If he runs, he would be seeking a fourth consecutive four-year term.

Lucero, 65, said 90 percent of the Las Cruces City Council's job is to "take care of our house" – the city's finances, its residents and its buildings. "That should be our priority," she said. The other 10 percent can be devoted "to those that are coming into our house," Lucero said, "no matter where they come from."

"There's a lot to be



2019 mayoral candidate Jesúsita Dolores Lucero

"The city has done a great job [with downtown]. All the rules are in place. Now, it's time to let business do their part."

done," she said, to elevate the city's base "to something that is profitable to everyone."

"Who we really forget about is our farmers," said Lucero, who grew up on a Las Cruces farm. "They provide a lot to our community, to our city." Local farmers are selling much of what they produce to businesses outside of the city, Lucero said, and as mayor, she would visit those businesses and invite them to relocate to Las Cruces.

"You've got to bring jobs to improve the economy," Lucero said. Better jobs would also help address the frustration

that some local residents feel because they can't find good jobs, she said, and that would reduce the local crime rate.

"I think everybody needs help at some time in their lives," Lucero said. "How do we help them so they can take care of themselves?"

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) does a great job of attracting jobs and businesses to Las Cruces in the economic sectors it works in, she said, but "what they're not doing, as a city, we need to go out and find," including retail.

Lucero was a member

of city council when it created the Tax Incremental Development District (TIDD) that has helped to fund the city's downtown renovation. The city "has done a great job" with downtown. "Now, it's time to let business do their part, she said. "All the rules are in place," Lucero said, and the city needs to "stop making more rules" that make it difficult for business.

City departments also need to do a better job of communicating with each other, she said, citing street work as an example, where a residential street being paved is a short time

later torn up again to deal with infrastructure issues. "How do you tear up a street you just resurfaced?" Lucero asked. "Who's not talking to who?"

The city also should have done a better job of communicating with local residents about the Valley Drive reconstruction project that began 13 months ago, she said. The New Mexico Department of Transportation project "didn't just happen," Lucero said. "The planning stages need to be more defined to those affected."

Lucero said the city council also has not been "up front with the public" about the management of the city, including pending lawsuits by former employees for wrongful termination and employees placed on paid leave. "What happened?" Lucero asked, "and why did the public not know?"

If elected, Lucero said her first priorities as mayor will be helping newly elected city council members learn about how the city works and their roles in its government and choosing a new city manager. "You need a city manager that knows the rules," she said.

Lucero described herself as a "moderate conservative" with an interest in and understanding of city finances. "I'm a budget person," she said.

Lucero, who served on the city council as

Dolores Connor, is using her full birth name, Jesúsita Dolores Lucero, in the 2019 mayor's race. A graduate of Mayfield High School, Lucero is a former local banker. She owned C Taylor and Company kitchen-accessories store in Las Cruces for 11 years.

Lucero was elected to the city council representing District 2 in 2003 and re-elected in 2007. She was mayor pro-tem 2005-07. Lucero ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2011 and for Doña Ana County clerk (as a Republican) in 2012.

Lucero was named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce in 2007. She is past president of the New Mexico Municipal League and a former member of the New Mexico First board. She was founding chair of the county Election Advisory Council. For the past four sessions of the New Mexico Legislature, Lucero has served as a legislative assistant to State Reps. Gail Armstrong, R-Catron, Socorro and Valencia, and Catherine Brown, R-Eddy.

"I came out of retirement to [run for mayor]," Lucero said. "I want to do it because it's the right thing to do. I know what I'm doing. I have the experience. I know what has to be done."

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Shawn Lynn explains to Col. Richard Haggarty upgrades made by Survivability, Vulnerability and Assessment Directorate (SVAD) employees to the Linear Electron Accelerator. Lynn is a lead technician for SVAD, and Haggarty is the project manager for PM-ITTS (Project Manager Instrumentation Target and Threat Simulators).



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Signifying new and upgraded capabilities at White Sands Missile Range, Col. David Cheney (left), and Col. Richard Haggarty cut the ribbon at a July 9 ceremony.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony highlights WSMR upgrades

By **CHUCK ROBERTS**

For the Bulletin

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 9 highlighted new and upgraded test capabilities at the Survivability, Vulnerability and Assessment Directorate (SVAD) at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR).

The Survivability, Vulnerability and Assessment Directorate performs nuclear weapon effects testing to evaluate the survivability and vulnerability of military systems when exposed to various capability test environments that simulate the detonation of a nuclear weapon. Other core competencies for SVAD consist of Electromagnetic Effects, Directed Energy (high power microwaves/lasers), and Applied Environment (all-natural environments).

The new and upgraded



Stacey Hooley displays the melting of a fire-proof brick used in chimneys after it received a high-intensity pulse from new equipment displayed after the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Survivability, Vulnerability and Assessment Directorate on July 9. Hooley is an SVAD engineer.

capabilities highlighted at the ribbon cutting ceremony include an upgrade to the Linear Electron Accelerator, and a replacement for the White Sands Solar Furnace.

The Linear Electron Accelerator is designed to simulate the high-intensity gamma spike

associated with a nuclear weapon detonation by producing high-intensity, short-duration pulses of high-energy electron radiation for threat-level exposures.

Employees such as Shawn Lynn and others at the Survivability, Vulnerability and Assess-

ment Directorate took it upon themselves to perform upgrades to the Linear Electron Accelerator rather than outsourcing the needed work, thus saving the government almost a million dollars.

The White Sands Solar Furnace produces intense thermal pulses or steady state thermal radiation exposures to simulate the thermal radiation from detonation of a nuclear weapon.

At full power, the energy generated by the White Sands Solar Furnace can penetrate a half-inch stainless steel plate in 40 seconds.

The White Sands Solar Furnace is powered by a large collection of solar panels able to harness and transforms the sun's energy into thermal pulses. However, the current White Sands Solar Furnace is dependent upon favorable sun and wind conditions.

Its replacement is a notably smaller version powered by 20 xenon lamps providing approximately eight times the power of its predecessor, along with other advantages that include 24/7 availability and able to be housed in a small prefab building.

Before cutting the ribbon, Col. Richard Haggarty, project manager for PM-ITTS (Project Manager Instrumentation Target and Threat Simulators), praised the efforts of everyone involved in the project and noted how their hard work has paid off in improved capabilities for SVAD.

Col. David Cheney, commander for the White Sands Test Center, stressed that improving SVAD capability is a key role in testing defense systems designed to help keep the nation safe.

The improvements

were implemented through the Nuclear Effects Test Capability Modernization program. The Army has a requirement to provide simulated environments for nuclear weapon effects testing. The nuclear requirement criteria are provided by the U.S. Army Nuclear and Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Agency.

Locally, an Integrated Product Team was formed for the requirements definition, design reviews, integration, installation and acceptance testing of the upgrade. The team consisted of representatives from Project Manager Instrumentation Targets and Threat Simulators, Survivability, Vulnerability and Assessment Directorate, and contractors.

Chuck Roberts works in Public Affairs at White Sands Missile Range.



JANET FAYE DAHLSTROM

Janet Faye Dahlstrom, 71, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on July 19, 2019 in Las Cruces, NM. Born to Ed and Hazel Harrison on May 30, 1948, she lived her entire life in Las Cruces and was truly fond of the serene beauty of the desert southwest. In 1967, she married the love of her life, Ken Dahlstrom, and in June they celebrated 52 years of marriage. In her early years, Janet began a career as a composition and graphic artist for the Las Cruces Bulletin, a local newspaper owned by the Dahlstrom family. Janet had the God-given talent of creativity. She was a true arts and crafts guru and loved designing and making things. In 1986, Janet began working at the NASA site for General Dynamics. She fully enjoyed her career as a data analyst as well as participating in the many shuttle missions during her tenure. During her time at NASA, she worked full time and attended school at night and in 1995, she graduated from Troy State University with her Bachelors of Applied Science. This was a huge accomplishment

for Janet. She developed many great friendships and in 2010 retired after 24 years of devoted service. One of Janet's favorite loves was the outdoors. She and Ken spent many moons camping and fishing, boating and water skiing. Janet could slalom ski like a pro! She loved to camp at Lake Roberts, walking the trails, fishing, and taking in the picturesque surroundings. Janet was blessed with a beautiful family and looked forward to spending time with them, especially her granddaughters Abbie and Reagan. Janet was whole heartily devoted to the care and happiness of her beloved dogs, Mia and Zoe, and loved to take them on daily walks. Janet was a kindhearted, gentle soul and her faith and spirituality were strong. She always saw the good in people and wanted them to know that "if she ever crossed your path whether acquaintance or friend, the privilege was all hers". Janet is survived by her husband Ken, her daughter Cacey Lavin (Terry) and her granddaughters Abbie and Reagan Lavin. Other survivors include her three brothers, Eddy Harrison, David Harrison (Debbie) and Dale Harrison (Ann) and a multitude of family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Ed and Hazel Harrison in 1994 & 2013, respectively. At Janet's request, cremation has taken place through Getz Funeral Home and no services will be held. A memorial celebration of her life will be held for friends

and family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School in Thoreau, NM or your local humane society.

RYAN SHANE RODRIGUEZ

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved son, brother, grandson, nephew and special friend, RYAN SHANE RODRIGUEZ, age 23, lifelong resident of Las Cruces on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at his home. Those left to mourn his passing include his loving parents, Carlos and Carol Rodriguez; a brother, Nathaniel Rodriguez; sister, Melanie Cortez; the love of his life, Shelby Thomas; paternal grandmother, Felicitas Rodriguez; maternal grandparents, Barbara Tellez (Raymond) and George R. Biel (Debbie). A Rosary was held Friday, July 26, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Memorial Service followed immediately thereafter. Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been 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.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

ROSE ISELA RAMIREZ DE MARTINEZ

ROSE ISELA RAMIREZ DE MARTINEZ, age 64, of Westmin-

ster, Colorado entered eternal life on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at St. Anthony North Health Campus in Colorado surrounded by her loving family. Survivors include her loving husband, Rogelio Martinez Sr.; two sons, Rogelio and Gilbert Martinez; three daughters, Rosa Isela Martinez, Yvonne Infante and Yuridia Martinez; three brothers, Javier, Eduardo and Sergio Ramirez; five sisters, Olivia Lechuga, Leticia, Yolanda, and Patricia Ramirez and Alicia Meraz. A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel with the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in St. Joseph Cemetery where she will be laid to rest in the family plot. The Martinez Family has entrusted their love one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

RAMON L. CHAVEZ

RAMON L. CHAVEZ, age 84, lifelong resident of La Mesa entered the gates of heaven to be with his heavenly Father on Friday, July 19, 2019 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Survivors include his loving wife of sixty-seven years, Lillian Saenz Chavez; two sons, Fred and Joe

Albert Chavez; three step-brothers, Nemecio, Alfredo Chavez and Ruben Chavez. Other survivors include seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A Prayer Vigil was held Friday, July 26, 2019 at San Jose Catholic Church, 353 E. Josephine Street in La Mesa where the e Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, July 27, 2019. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at San Jose Cemetery where he will be laid to rest in the family plot. The Chavez Family has entrusted their loved to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

LORRAINE MARTINEZ ELLIS

LORRAINE MARTINEZ ELLIS, age 61, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Casa Del Sol Nursing Center. Those left to mourn her passing include two sons, Richard Ellis and Daniel Collins; daughter, Marlene Nevarez; a brother, Ernie Ramirez. Other survivors include five grandchildren, one great-grandchild as well as numerous nieces and nephews. An Evening Service was held Monday, July 29, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of

cremains will take place at a later date. Service arrangements have been 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.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

JESUS EDUARDO SILVA

JESUS EDUARDO SILVA, age 66, 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 wife, Guadalupe Ceja Silva; his mother, Margarita Silva; a son, Jesus Eduardo Silva Jr.; two daughters, Maria and Cynthia Silva; three brothers, Mario, Adrian and Luis Silva; four sisters, Isabel, Dolores, Teresa and Fabiola Silva. A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rite of Committal and Interment following at St. Joseph Cemetery, where he was laid to rest in the family plot. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

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Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 06, 2019, Roman and Rose Maese, P.O. Box 668 Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-15168-POD 2, OSE File No. LRG-15168, with the State Engineer for Permit to drill a Supplemental well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing use of well LRG-15168-POD1, located within the NE 1/4 of projected 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 approximately 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 LRG-15168-POD1 will be retained for other rights. The new well LRG-15168-POD2 can be generally described as being located approx., 350 ft., and southeast from the end of Harvestmoon CT.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005

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Address:
Lakeside Storage,
2525 Lakeside Dr.,
Las Cruces NM, 88005
Contact:(575) 527-2525,
Natalie Perea; (310) 383-7880,
Stacy Aguirre

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on August 19, 2019:

(1) **Council Bill No. 20-003; Ordinance No. 2895:** An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) 1997, as Amended, Chapter 15, Section 15-7, Labor Management Relations Board - Created Terms.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 29th day of July 2019.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 08/02, 2019

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the 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 Campestre, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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

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Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

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

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 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
C E S A R B A N D A -
CHAVEZ,
Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**TO THE ABOVE-
NAMED RESPONDENT,
MARIBEL SMITH:**

You are hereby notified Nathaniel Smith, Petitioner file a Petition for Kinship Guardianship for J. B., born in 2006 and J. B., born in 2011 against you in the above entitled Court and cause.

Unless you enter your appearance and written response in said cause within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice, a judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Bates Law Firm
P.O. Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
575-524-8585
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 DIS-
TRICT 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-2018-1929
JUDGE BEYER

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
GIANINA WEISS,
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME OF
ENRIQUE MARCELO
HERNANDEZ**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that **GIANNA
WEISS**, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child from **ENRIQUE MARCELO HERNANDEZ** to **AARON JACKSON ROBERTS**. This Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 15th day of August, 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Dona Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Submitted by:
Gianina Weiss
1820 Corbett Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 635-8404

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1110

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
MARGARITA MUELA
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that **MARGARITA
MUELA** a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New

Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District court, Dona Ana, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Margarita Muela to Margie Muela, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 9th day of September 2019, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Margie (Muela) Butler
Margie (Muela) Butler
2140 Wagonmound Trial
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-644-3720

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 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. NEL-
SON**

**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

Best of Summer

**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 NEL-
SON**, 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.

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-2019-1970
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
MARIA GUADALUPE
QUESADA
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that Maria Guadalupe Quesada a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Maria Guadalupe Quesada to Guadalupe Quezada, and that this

Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 9th day of September 2019, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ G. Garcia
Guadalupe Garcia
2400 Bugatti Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-571-0940

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1989
Marci E. Beyer

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
JOOHEE SOHN
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that **JOOHEE
SOHN** a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District court, Dona Ana, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Joohee Sohn to Christine Joohee Sohn, 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, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Joohee Sohn
Joohee Sohn
5246 Melanite Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-993-3512

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-2091
MARCI E. BEYER

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
JUAN TOMA TIRRE
FOR CHANGE OF**

NAME

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that Juan Toma Tirre, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, wherein he seeks to change his name from Juan Toma Tirre to Juan Baldonado Tirre, 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, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Juan B. Tirre
Juan B. Tirre
1350 Pines
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-635-9820

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-2101
MARCI E. BEYER

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
JOHN GALLEGOS
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that John Gallegos, a resident of the city 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 John Gallegos to John Lucero, 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/ John Gallegos
John Gallegos
3761 Lucky Lindy Ln.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-649-4912

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-1882

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
BRIANNA DANIELLE
LOPEZ
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that **BRIANNA
DANIELLE LOPEZ** a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District court, Dona Ana, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Brianna Danielle Lopez to Jacob Daniel Lopez, 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, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brianna Danielle Lopez
Brianna Danielle Lopez
5393 Mesa Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-288-5248

Dates: 07/26, 08/02, 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 MEX-
ICO 88005
(575) 915-9197

Dates: 08/02, 08/09, 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. MUR-
PHY
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

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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.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF 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,

v.

THE ESTATE OF TERESA B. RUBIO, DECEASED, BETTY CLARK, MARTA GUTIERREZ, MARIE HERMOSILLO, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVICES, 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. Pícacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 13 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,

v.

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

LOT 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 COURT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-01390

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT AS TRUSTEE OF SECURITIZED MORTGAGE ASSET LOAN TRUST 2015-1 REO, Plaintiff,

v.

GABRIEL MAESTAS AND AMANDA L. MAESTAS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Gabriel Maestas, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on

property located as 8005 Primos Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

A 1.08 acre tract of land situate in Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, being a portion of the subdivision of Lots 4 & 5 of the Brazito Tract in the Hugh Stephensen Grant, south of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the south line of East Organ Road for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod, WHENCE a found highway right-of-way rail Station 400+00 bears N 87 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds, W, 2407.70 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning and leaving the south line of said road S 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds W, 210.41 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE S 89 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds W, 224.45 feet to a point on the centerline of the road and utility easement known as Primos Court for the southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE along the centerline of said road and utility easement N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds E, 210.41 feet to a point on the south line of East Organ Road for the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE along the south line of said road N 89 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds E, 224.45 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 1.08 acres of land, more or less, and subject to a 20 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the east line of the above described tract, also subject to the following road and utility easement:

BEGINNING at a point on the south line of East Organ Road for the northeast corner of the easement herein described, WHENCE a found highway right-of-

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way rail Station 400+00 bears N 89 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds E, 179.45 feet, and N 87 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds W, 2407.70 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning and leaving the south line of said road along a curve to the left, having a radius of 25.00 feet, an arc length of 39.27 feet, a tangent of 25.00 feet, a central angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, and whose long chord bears S 44 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds W, 35.36 feet to a point of tangency of the easement herein described;

THENCE S 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds W, 125.41 feet to a point of curve for the easement herein described;

THENCE along a curve to the left, having a radius of 25.00 feet, an arc length of 23.18 feet, a tangent of 12.50 feet, a central angle of 53 degrees 07 minutes 48 seconds, and whose long chord bears S 26 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds E, 22.36 feet to a point of reverse curve of the easement herein described;

THENCE along a curve to the right, having a radius of 50.00 feet, an arc length of 46.36 feet, a tangent of 25.00 feet, a central angle of 53 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds, and whose long chord bears S 26 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds E, 44.72 feet to a point of tangency for the easement herein described;

THENCE S 89 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds W, 50.00 feet to the southwest corner of the easement herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds E, 210.41 feet to a point on the south line of East Organ Road for the northwest corner of the easement herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE along the south line of said road N 89 degrees 59 minutes 58 seconds W, 45.00 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 0.12 acre of land, more or less;

And subject to any other easements of record and such as may exist on the

ground.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

/s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein

Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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

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

No.: D-307-PB-2019-00092

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERNARDA F. PINO, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BERNARDA F. PINO, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Verified Petition for Formal Probate of Will, for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative, and to Approve Private Agreement ("Petition") filed by the Petitioner, Gerald Pino, will be held at the Third Judicial District Court in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, on the 12th day of August, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Manuel L. Arrieta, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the Petitioner that:

1. The Court formally probate the Decedent's Last Will and Testament dated March 9, 2006;
2. The Court formally appoint the Petitioner as the

Personal Representative of the Estate; and,
3. The Court approve the Private Agreement among Successors to the Estate of Bernarda F. Pino and Gilbert Pino effective June 3, 2019.

A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 S 45-1401, notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

DATED: July 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:
HURLEY TOEVS STYLES
HAMBLIN & PANTER,
P.A.

By: /s/ Vincent M. Haslam
VINCENT M. HASLAM
4155 Montgomery Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 888-1188
Attorneys for Petitioner

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

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

D-307-DM-2019-00697
JUDGE MARY ROSNER

Mary L. Crouch
Petitioner,

IN THE MATTER OF THE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OF J. S. and concerning Rosa Santos & Jasper Montano

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: JASPER MONTANO, RESPONDENT:
Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you. The subject of this lawsuit is: Kinship Guardianship.

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the second publication of this Notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Petitioner's Name: Mary Crouch
Mailing Address: 603 E. Texas
City/State/Zip: Las Cruces, NM 88001

Telephone H:575-640-8112

WITNESS the Honorable Mary Rosner, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 2nd day of July, 2019.

(seal)

DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: /s/ Jodie Delgado
DEPUTY

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

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

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 County, 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 DOÑA 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 on the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

By: Robert Doyle
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA 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.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DENNIS JOHN-

SON, DECEASED, 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 1765 PALO VERDE AVE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 10 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 0 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 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 purchas-

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er at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-01922

SELENE FINANCE LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

LEE KING AKA LEE E. KING; ALTHEA KING; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, 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 2080 Bugatti Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 6, COUNTRY CLUB HEIGHTS UNIT NO. 2, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 2492 ON 02/14/1994 IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 17-18 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 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 11, 2019, in the total amount of \$169,102.68, with interest at the rate of 4.6250% per annum from December 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. **SELENE FINANCE LP**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

D-307-PB-2019-00097
Judge Martin, James T.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY F. BIRD, a/k/a

MARY FRANCES BIRD, a/k/a MARY FRANCES ALEXANDER BIRD 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 27th day of June, 2019.

/s/ Keith Alexander Bird
KEITH ALEXANDER BIRD,

Personal Representative of the Estate of
MARY F. BIRD, a/k/a
MARY FRANCES BIRD, a/k/a
MARY FRANCES ALEXANDER BIRD, deceased.

Prepared by:

The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A.
/s/ Dana M. Kyle
Dana M. Kyle
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(575) 525-0020
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Attorney for Personal Representative

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

NO. 19-0108

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SIEGFRIED H. MATUSCHEWSKI 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 tile claims will be forever barred. must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007

/s/ Kathleen A. Pollock
Kathleen A. Pollock
PO Box 2644
Mesilla Park, NM 88047

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

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.

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

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

Dated: 7-23, 2019

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DONA ANA COUNTY

No. 19-0128
Judge Diana A. Bustamante, PhD

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL GUILLEN, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIA S. GUILLEN 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 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 personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2019.

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC
/s/ Shane A. English

SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Maria S. Guillen,
Personal Representative
N.M. State Bar No. 4854
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Dates: 07/19, 07/26, 08/02, 2019

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; AUGUSTINE ANTONIO PAZ; MALOOLY'S FLOORING COMPANY, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO: APRIL IRIS LOPEZ, Defendants:

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 LORENZO 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:

GREENSPON 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

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New Las Cruces theatre group schedules major musicals

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

There's a new theatre group in town.

Junk Drawer Productions (JDP) formed in June in Las Cruces and already has a cast, director and live orchestra in place for its first production: "Cabaret," which begins rehearsals in September and will open in October. And, the non-profit's founders are already making plans for a production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in late March 2020, during the 50th anniversary of that rock opera.

"We've gotten a lot of support already," said Las Cruces musical theatre performer Diane Thomas, the owner of JDP. A performing arts teacher for more than 30 years, Thomas started a K-12 musical theatre training studio and a light opera company in Tucson. In Las Cruces, she has directed and starred in musicals at Black Box Theatre and Las Cruces Community Theatre, including "Sweeney Todd," "Pippin," "Into the Woods" and "The World Goes 'Round."

"Cabaret" will be her 18th musical production. Her "advisory council" includes daughter Nora Thomas Medina, who has also directed and performed in musicals on Las Cruces stages and will direct and choreograph "Cabaret"; and musical theatre veterans Matthew Esqueda and Juli Stevenson, both of whom are in the



PHOTO BY PETER HERMAN, BLACK BOX THEATRE

Nora Thomas Medina and Tommy Medina in Black Box Theatre's production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

"Cabaret" cast.

"Cabaret" cast members are a mix of well-known Las Cruces musical performers and several newcomers to the local stage, including New Mexico State University students and staff, Thomas said.

"If you're a theatregoer in town, you're going to know many of these people," she said, "but I like that you'll also see some new faces."

"Cabaret" is the "perfect fall show," Thomas said. "It's very timely," Esqueda said, noting that the story includes abortion, the rise of fascism and gay rights. The show is a combination of "really important topics and really great music," said Nora Thomas Medina.

"Cabaret" performers will arrive at their first rehearsal in September with all their lines and songs memorized, Medina said. That way, it can be ready to open with four weeks of rehearsal and one of tech rehearsal.

Esqueda, who is learning to speak some German, a little French and English with a German accent for his part as the master of ceremonies in "Cabaret," said he and other cast members are already learning their parts. "We may not be in rehearsal, but we are rehearsing," he said.

Thomas said one of her goals with JDP is to create another musical theatre opportunity for Las Cruces

performers and audiences. She said she picked performance dates in October and late March of 2020 that won't conflict with musicals at other Las Cruces theatres.

Thomas said she's hopeful next spring's JDP production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" can "take advantage of the musicians in this town," which she said is "filled with amazing contemporary musicians."

"We need to make opportunities for people," Thomas said. "We have people here who are quite skilled and quite experienced in what they're doing."

Thomas said Junk Drawer was chosen as the name for the new production company because it is a mix of performers with different backgrounds and experiences, musical styles, venues and large-scale and smaller shows.

"Everything is up for grabs," Thomas said. "Anything will go."

JDP welcomes volunteers, ideas for upcoming productions and actors, singers and musicians who want to audition for "Jesus Christ Superstar" and other shows the company will produce.

Find Junk Drawer Productions on Facebook, where you can message Diane Thomas. Or reach her at mamarose64@gmail.com.

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

Junk Drawer's first production will be 'Cabaret'

The newly formed Junk Drawer Productions will begin its introduction into Las Cruces theatre with a bang. Its first show will be the 1998 version of the "Cabaret," which has

won three Tony Awards since it premiered on Broadway in 1966. It also spawned a 1972 movie that won eight Academy Awards.



There will be six performances of the show during two weekends: at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 4-5 and 11-12 and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 5-6 and 12-13 at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. Ticket prices are still to be determined.

The cast includes Matt Esqueda as the master of ceremonies, Meghan Lang as Sally Bowles, Mark Whitney as Clifford Bradshaw, Scott Brocato as Ernst Ludwig, Susie Ouder Kirk as Fraulein Schneider, Quincey Burkhalter as Herr Schultz and Juli Stephenson as Fraulein Kost. Destiny Hunt, Zeta Shearill, Kerrigan Sivills, Susanna Odegaard and Melissa Loman will perform as the Kit Kat Girls; and Isaac Morales, Joseluis Solorzano, Mike Cruz and Ben Muckenthaler as the Kit Kat Boys.

The show's four-piece live orchestra will include Mary Lynn Brown on piano, Diane Thomas on accordion, Tommy Medina on drums and Robert Garcia playing the banjo.

The show will be directed and choreographed by Nora Thomas Medina and produced by Diane Thomas.

The production is the updated 1998 version of "Cabaret," incorporating some of the show's best numbers introduced in the film version, including "Maybe This Time" and "The Money Song."

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'Animals of the Southwest'

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 Doña Ana Arts Council Gal-
 lery
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Solo exhibit of acrylic paintings by Frank Peacock. Opening reception 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

New Mexico Watercolor Society

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 1800 Avenida de Mesilla; 575-
 323-3548

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'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.

'From the Ground Up'

Through Oct. 19
 Las Cruces Museum of Art
 491 N. Main St.; 575-541-2137
 Biennial juried ceramics show co-hosted by the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces, featuring 38 regional artists, including Jan Archey, Vincent Burke and Suzanne Kane. Opening reception, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, with juror Naomi Clement in the Shannon Gallery of the Branigan Cultural Center.

'Grist for the Mill'

Through Dec. 2

*NM Farm & Ranch Museum
 4100 Dripping Springs Road;
 575-522-4100*

A portable gristmill from the museum's collection, a stone set from Mora, NM, and stones used in the Las Cruces area; one from the Lemon Mill in Mesilla, and the Schaublin Stone, which was on display for years in downtown Las Cruces.

'Living in Sacred Continuum'

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Another year, a new name

Ex-Borderlands Film Festival is back on the scene

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

The Borderlands Film Festival has changed its name and is returning as the Borderscene Film Festival in the fall of 2019.

“Every time we turned around somebody had the name Borderlands and we were trying to create something unique,” said Chief Operating Officer Michael Evans. “We are creating a scene, films are scene, we’ve got these scenic mountains. So, the board decided to change to a name that was more integral and represented film.”

This year’s event takes place Sept. 4-9 at the Allen Theatres’ Cineport 10 and Video 4 in Las Cruces.

With 450 films submitted from 48 countries, the top 15 percent will be screened at the festival,

or about 70.

This year’s theme is “Overcoming Challenges.”

Almost every film has some challenge, Evans said, whether it’s personal growth or financial resources.

“To fulfill this year’s theme, the Borderscene Film Festival will have dedicated programming and workshops celebrating filmmakers who have overcome great challenges in order to get their film completed,” Evans said.

To maximize the exposure an independent filmmaker receives, this year the festival will have online access for those who cannot attend the festival in person.

“It’s a challenge because we want a bigger audience at the theater,” Evans said. “But, if you only want it at home, you

can’t come to the workshop, the parties.”

Online passes will be available at www.BordersceneFilmFestival.org beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4.

“We totally dropped our ticket prices,” Evans said. “It would be better to have 100 people in there for 5 bucks than three people for \$25, we really cut the tickets back.”

Prices include a single movie for \$2.50, a day movie pass for \$7.50, a three-day movie pass for \$15, and an all access (VIP) \$50 pass good for all movies and parties, including the opening night film on Sept. 7.

Call 575-646-2737 or email info@Borderscene-FilmFestival.org.

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NMSU alum receives scholarship to attend American Film Institute

BULLETIN REPORT

The art of storytelling is a subject that has always resonated with Matthew Legarreta. Whether it's through newswriting or screenwriting, his desire to share stories is a predominant part of who he is. The New Mexico State University alumnus is moving to Los Angeles, California, to attend the American Film Institute this fall.

Legarreta will be attending the screenwriting program at the AFI Conservatory, which only accepts 28 students every

year from a worldwide pool of hundreds of applicants. AFI is the third-ranked film school in the world according to *The Hollywood Reporter*, with approximately 81 percent of its students working in the film industry after graduation.

Legarreta is a recipient of a scholarship from the conservatory that will cover the full cost of tuition for both years of the program.

"Considering the program costs approximately \$60,000 a year to attend, the combined total of \$120,000 in funding was

quite a surprise for me to hear," said Legarreta. "It was more than I expected to get from any graduate school, let alone one of the world's foremost film schools."

Legarreta is a New Mexico native who was born and raised in Silver City. He began his journey as an undergraduate at NMSU in August 2013 and graduated in May 2017 with two bachelor's degrees – one in journalism and one in digital filmmaking. Legarreta is an alumnus of the NMSU Creative Media Institute, which he attributes for nurturing his interest in film as a long-term career.

"I would never have been able to get into any graduate film program if it wasn't for the instruction and guidance I got at CMI," he said. "I got to work on so many short films and projects while there, and all of them were fundamental in developing my skills as a writer and filmmaker. But I always hoped I would one day branch out and continue my education beyond NMSU."

Before pursuing graduate school, Legarreta made it his objective to gain as much professional experience as he could as a writer, leading him to the NMSU Marketing and Communications internship where he worked from January to July 2019.



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New Mexico State University alumnus and former NMSU Marketing and Communications writer Matthew Legarreta has received a full-ride scholarship to attend the American Film Institute in Los Angeles. He will begin this fall.

"It's really a special position, and just in the months I was here, I learned so much," he said. "It was exactly what I was hoping for when I applied – a crash course in the realities of working in journalism and PR."

Though sad to leave New Mexico, Legarreta is thrilled about the upcoming prospect to immerse himself in a subject he is passionate about, while experiencing a whole new city of opportunities.

"With my ultimate goal of writing for TV and film, I knew it was only a matter of time before I had to make the move to Los Angeles," he said. "I wanted to attend graduate school at a place that would be right in the heart of the industry I was working to be a part

of. Being built literally into the Hollywood Hills, AFI fit the bill perfectly."

Legarreta credits his accomplishment to the mentorship of his NMSU professors including Amy Lanasa, CMI department head, Ilana Lapid, CMI associate professor, and Mary Lamonica, journalism associate professor. He also thanks the late Mark Medoff, who passed away in April, for directly inspiring him to pursue an advanced education in screenwriting.

"I was lucky enough to earn an invitation to take a graduate level screenwriting course taught by Medoff in the fall of 2016," he said, "It was the wonderful experience I had in that class that cemented my goal of one day going to graduate

school for writing. I owe him, and everyone else at NMSU who took the time to educate me both professionally and academically, such a huge debt of gratitude."

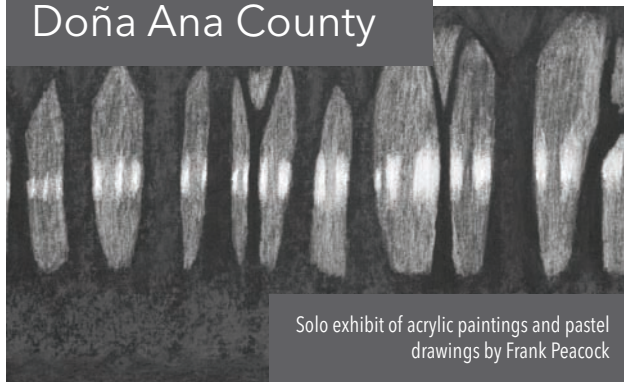
Legarreta's overall goal is to work in television comedy, although he hopes to develop ideas he has in other mediums and genres as well.

"I'm always thinking about new movie ideas, or TV show concepts, or even just bits of random dialogue or scenes," he said. "The desire to tell stories just won't leave me, and the euphoria I get from actually sitting down and crafting them brings me a huge sense of joy. I'm excited to spend the next two years of my life fully immersing myself in that joy."

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'Late Night': Trolling for laughs in the wasteland

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

Like many of us, I am sure, it was always a guilty pleasure as a kid to stay up and watch some of the late-night talk/entertainment shows on television.

Several started in the 1950s, with hosts Steve Allen and Jack Parr. My favorite was Johnny Carson, especially when he had Joan Rivers or Rodney Dangerfield, my favorite comic of all time.

In this well-written and often believable comedy, with a bit of drama thrown in, Emma Thompson, a great fit for the role of Katherine Newbury, has been hosting a late-night show for almost 30 years. However, she really hasn't kept up with the times and secretly, the head of the network and some of the staff think she should be off the air. The ratings have been down and are slipping even more. Her writers aren't the smartest tools in the box – mostly young men, except for a couple of older gents who have been with her forever.

To add to her misfortune, she doesn't really like women and has never had a woman writer on the show. Even her top aide is not overly enthusiastic at the prospect of hiring a woman.

To this mess comes Molly Patel (Mindy Kaling), a bright woman of East Indian heritage, which adds to Newbury's misgivings, who is hired by an aide after a series of tongue-in-cheek occurrences. He just wants someone on the staff,

GRADE: A-

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Molly is there and though she works in a chemical plant and has no television experience, she is tossed into the cauldron with the other writers, most of whom are rather lame.

Newbury is not pleased and picks on Molly constantly, eventually firing her. But circumstances changed. Partially because the network head, who hates Newbury, announces that a lousy gross male comic will replace her, AND she must introduce him as her successor on one of the shows.

Newbury's support is offered by her husband, a physically challenged concert pianist, delight-

fully and strongly played by John Lithgow, to whom she turns for counsel.

Molly tries at first to be helpful and cheerful, arriving her first day with a box of cupcakes (massive eye roll). But not long after she comes up with some, shall we say, current skits and begins to fit in, while earning Newbury's trust and respect.

One of the first new guests on the show is a young woman who is a You Tube star (if there is such a thing) whom Newbury calmly insults until the guest figures out why she is really there, tells Newbury off and storms off stage. It is a great scene, well-defined and rather believable.

The comedy is fresh and clever, and it is not long before Molly and the staff have Newbury doing "woman on the street" pieces, often tying them to social issues of the day. One of the best is when she helps some young African American men hail a cab.

"Late Night" is a breath of fresh air, and



Katherine Newbury (Emma Thompson) was on her way to becoming a has-been until circumstances change.

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promotes a lively agenda of diversity, anti-misogyny, and anti-sexism. It's relevant and something

to cheer about.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bul-

letin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.



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'The Lion King' redux: animal realism replaces human foible

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Las Cruces Bulletin

REVIEW

Who doesn't love a scruffy, singing warthog? Or a troublemaking kitten chasing flying bugs? Or the magnificent bone chilling roar of a lion?

Now that film technology has grown since the original 1994 "The Lion King" movie can be experienced in delightful detail as Pumbaa the warthog shakes his head around and clicks his "no-worries" feet across the rocks. And from the start, when you see the future lion king Simba between his mother's paws, his movements are adorable and precocious.

This new version of "The Lion King" is truer to the original than any of Disney's live action remakes, though for me, oddly, the truly emotional moments are at different places in the action. It can't really be called "live action" since these are not actual live animals in the film, but the photorealism gives the film a real-life feel.

"The Lion King" is the story of a lion cub, Simba (played by JD McCrary), who is introduced by his father, Mufasa (James Earl Jones reprising the role),

as the next leader of the pride and ruler of the African savannah or "everything the light touches." Scar (Chiwetel Ejiofor) is Mufasa's older, weaker but angry brother who cleverly manipulates not only the death of Mufasa but convinces Simba that he killed his own father. Simba then runs away across the desert.

Over time, Simba (Donald Glover) has grown up under the "Hakuna Matata" (no worries) philosophy of life under the tutelage of Pumbaa the warthog (Seth Rogen) and Timon the meerkat (Billy Eichner). Meanwhile, Scar and an army of hyenas have been running the savannah, devastating the landscape and destroying the natural order. Simba must get over his no-worries attitude, find his way home and return things to the way they should be.

It's a coming-of-age, circle-of-life, duty-calls, buddy-supports-buddy kind of tale. Oh, and of course it is a romance, with Nala (Beyoncé) who is first a best friend as young Nala (Shahadi Wright Joseph) becoming



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Little Simba never had a chance to learn from his father.

a sexy and demanding li-oness companion.

The imagery is beautiful and vast. The detail as the animals of the savannah gather to welcome the new cub is enchanting and the characters are developed to a degree lacking in many modern movies. This is a luscious movie. While the sad moments did not strike me in the heart as they did

in the original, the funny moments made me laugh more.

I don't know why I didn't cry this time when Mufasa died. Maybe it was overdone, leaving less to the imagination, stretching out the details of the stampede and everyone slipping around on the rocks. Or maybe it was because when I saw the first one, I had cubs of my

own, small and vulnerable at home. I could see them curled up sadly between the paws of a dead lion.

The humor in this movie was fast and entertaining. Not only did Rogan and Eichner make a great pair as Pumbaa and Timon, constantly playing off each other, two of the hyenas provided a darker but equally whimsical counterpart. Hyenas Kamari

(Keegan-Michael Key) and Azizi (Eric André) are not as silly as they were in the original but still provide a slithering and creepy kind of funny, especially when backed by their leader, Shenzi (Florence Kasumba).

This remake at first glance seems to mirror the original closely, but after closer examination is a whole new movie, after all. It reflects animal behavior where the first movie was about human behavior laid over animals. It is darker, with moments that recognize the darkness where the original was flippant about death and internal harms. But sometimes the realism takes away from the actual creepiness that was disturbing about the first "The Lion King." Unfortunately, the intrinsic need to compare these films erodes the enjoyment of just sitting back and sinking into a story.

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'Pirates of Penzance'



Members of the Gilbert & Sullivan Company of El Paso rehearse for "Pirates of Penzance," which has three performances Aug. 2-4 at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 2-3; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. Tickets are \$15 regular and \$12 for students and seniors over 65. The Gilbert & Sullivan Company of El Paso is a community theater group that has an unbroken history of annual Gilbert & Sullivan productions since 1969. For reservations and more information, call Black Box Theatre at 575-523-1223. Visit no-strings.org or gspaso.org/.

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CELEBRATE AUTHORS

The writing life: letting the story take care of itself

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: Fifth in a series.

More than two dozen local published authors are expected to participate in the sixth annual Celebrate Authors, to be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Roadrunner Room of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and sponsored by the Friends of the library.

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.

To participate, authors must be residents of the southern New Mexico region and their books must have been published in 2014 or later. Books submitted for inclusion can be of any genre, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, science fiction, short-story collections and children's literature.

Visit libraryfriendslc.org/celebrate-authors.

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

• **Bruce Wilson** has lived in New Mexico for 11 years and maintains homes in Silver City and Las Cruces. He is a professor at Western New Mexico University in Silver City, where he



Bruce Wilson



Marilyn Leyva, representing J.C. Leyva



Linda W. Ostrander

teaches history and writing.

Wilson's published books are "Death in the Black Patch" (2016) and "No Place That Far" (coming in 2020). Both are set in the early 20th century, Wilson said, and are works of historical fiction.

"For me, writing a short story or a novel is more a matter of keeping up with the characters and following them to a conclusion than pushing them through a story," Wilson said. "At times, in crafting these tales, I find myself just letting them do what people do and the story seems to take care of itself."

• **Linda W. Ostrander** moved to Las Cruces in 1999, coming from Massachusetts, where she had been a

professor of music, arts and humanities for many years.

Ostrander's published works include "Between Mothers and Daughters, A Collection of Poems and Lyrics Across Generations" (poems by my granddaughter, daughter and many by my mother and me, 2009); "The Princess Who Could Be You" and "The Prince Who Could Be You" books for teens published in 2016 and 2017 and "written as fairy tales in which teens learn how to deal with typical teen problems," Ostrander said; "Journeys in the Land of Spirits," (2017) and "Death in the Land of Spirits" (2018) both mysteries. She is currently editing a third book in that series, "A Piece of Cake." Her

latest writing project is "a post-apocalyptic series" she hopes to publish in 2020, Ostrander said.

"I have been a composer all my life, but in retirement I turned to writing books, with the encouragement of my mother, who was a teacher

and a poet," Ostrander said.

Ostrander volunteers at the Las Cruces Boys and Girls Club, she said, "bringing to them opportunities to get involved in music, storytelling art and acting. Last spring, they performed a play which I adapted from one of my teen books. I am so happy to be able to do this."

"The creative arts have always intrigued and inspired me," Ostrander said. "My greatest satisfaction is in influencing young people to become active in the arts."

• **Marilyn Leyva** of Las Cruces is representing her late husband, J.C. Leyva, at Celebrate Authors. Johnny "Chris" Leyva died in May 2017 after he wrote "Mom,



J.C. Leyva, "Mom, Dad & Pancho Villa"

Dad and Pancho Villa," a work of historical fiction, Marilyn Leyva said.

"Our nephew, Manuel Camargo, and I edited his book and, thanks to Manuel, had it published," Marilyn Leyva said. "All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Hatch Children's Library," she said.

J.C. Leyva "was born and raised outside of Hatch on Hayner's Ranch where his father was foreman for 52 years," Marilyn Leyva said. "The Army and then his airline career took him away and we returned in 2012 to live in our forever home in a place we love."

"From watching my husband write 'Mom, Dad and Pancho Villa,' I observed that the ability to tell a story is a gift that needs to be nurtured," Mrs. Leyva said. "Johnny 'Chris' Leyva was a master storyteller."

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

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Summer Wednesdays

August 7

RRM	6pm	Pioneers of the Mesilla Valley
BCC	5pm - 7pm	Loteria!

August 14

BCC	5pm - 7pm	Zine Making
MoNaS	5pm - 7pm	Family STEM Night - Dinosaurs

August 21

MoA	5pm - 7pm	Elements of Art: Form
RRM	5pm - 7pm	Ticket to Ride: USA 1910

August 28

MoNaS	5pm - 7pm	Rube Goldberg Machines
BCC	5pm - 7pm	Art Trading Cards



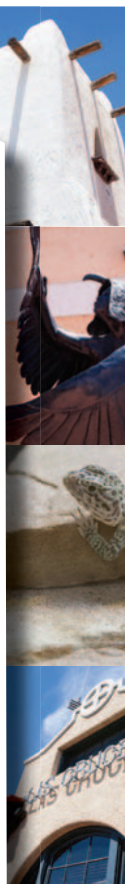
Linda W. Ostrander, "Death in the Land of Spirits"



Bruce Wilson, "Death in the Black Patch"



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A&E EVENTS

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

- Aug. 2: CW Ayon Duo, 8 p.m.
- Aug. 3: Ryan & the Resistors, 8 p.m.
- Aug. 4: Daniel Sanchez, 5-7 p.m.

Storytellers of Las Cruces:

Stories for all ages, 10 a.m. Saturdays. Free.

COAS bookstore downtown: 317 N. Main St.

- Aug. 3: Sarah “Juba” Addison & Sharlene Wittern

COAS bookstore Solano: 1101 S. Solano Drive

- Aug. 3: Gloria Hacker

Dance: USA Dance Las Cruces hosts, 2-5 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4. Waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha, salsa, tango, swing, hustle and more; Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Beginners welcome. Info: Jerry, 575-639-3993; ger-aldcarolcarson@gmail.com

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

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 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: mvjazz-blues.net.

Doña Ana Photography Club: Kristi Dixon presents on pet photography, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Free, public invited. Info: daphotoclub.org.

ONGOING

Amaro Winery: Live music Thursday evenings, 402 S. Melendres St.; 575-527-5310.

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

CALL TO ARTISTS

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

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

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, minerals, moods and music. The piece will be included in the Guild exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in December. Pieces should be a variable of 6 inches: 6 x 6, 6 x 12, 12 x 12, 12 x 18, 18 x 18, or 6 x 18. All textile techniques are acceptable: weaving, felting, knotting, knitting, crochet, embroidery, needlework, piecing, quilting and more. The only color allowed is any shade of blue. No entry fee. Multiple pieces from one person accepted. Pieces

returned after the exhibit. Deadline is Aug. 15. Visit mesillavalleyweavers.com.

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

Renaissance ArtsFaire seeks artists for a juried art show and food vendors for the 48th annual event scheduled for Nov. 2-3. Artists apply at www.Zap-application.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.



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Open mic night



Local singer/songwriter/guitarist Chris Baker hosts an open mic at Pecan Grill and Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd., every Monday night beginning at 7 p.m.

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Neil Simon's 'Biloxi Blues' is classic rite-of-passage tale

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

One of Las Cruces' best and most experienced directors leads an all-star cast in what promises to be a memorable Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) production of one of Neil Simon's most memorable plays.

"Biloxi Blues" begins LCCT's 57th season with a gala opening Friday, Aug. 9 and continues for a nine-show run at LCCT, 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. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$14 senior/student/military and \$10 for groups and children.

"What attracted me about Biloxi was (1) I had done 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' for NMSU several years ago and was particularly fond of the trilogy," said director Michael Wise, who is production stage manager for the NMSU Theatre Department; and "(2) I thought Biloxi was the most substantial of the three plays that make up the trilogy ...



Eugene (Nick Check) and his fellow recruits rehearse a scene from Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues" at The Las Cruces Community Theatre.



Epstein (Gus Sanchez) talks to Eugene (Nick Check) in Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues," which opens Aug. 9 at The Las Cruces Community Theatre.

by that I mean Simon has a greater resonance between this play and his personal recollections and a more mature ability to engage the characters with issues of greater consequence than the other 'BB' plays.

"Biloxi Blues" is a

'coming-of-age/rites of passage' kind of play, a series of challenges and discoveries for Eugene (the main character). Eugene learns to stay out of trouble with Toomey (the drill sergeant) and learns that he can survive and even enjoy the Army. He faces authority, danger, anti-Semitism and anti-homosexual attitudes. He loses his virginity (less for pleasure than a rite of passage; a sexual 'basic training' if you will. . . something to get through and survive.) He re-discovers his innocence with a chaste embrace of a Catholic girl, experiencing the true rapture of falling and being in love."

"Eugene (also) confronts the chasm between his journal scribbling and



PHOTOS BY BOB DIVEN/LCCT

Sgt. Toomey (Scott Brocato) comes down hard on Eugene (Nick Check) in Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues," now rehearsing at The Las Cruces Community Theatre.

literature," Wise said "And perhaps the least-anticipated experience; he meets an age mate who is smarter than he, not just in literary learning, but a grasp of human nature."

The cast includes NMSU theatre student Nick Check as Eugene Morris and NMSU Theatre Department graduates Nico Holguin and Calvin Chervinko as Joseph Wykowski and Don Carney respectively, Shane Caballero as Roy Selridge, 2019 Centennial High School graduate Gus Sanchez as Arnold Epstein, Scott Brocato as Sgt. Merwin J. Toomey, Mario Nuñez as James Hennesy, Veronica Bissell as Rowena and Brianna Horvath as Daisy Hannigan

"Biloxi" Blues opened on Broadway in December 1984 and won the Tony awards for best play, director and actor.

Call LCCT at 575-523-1200. Purchase tickets online at lcctnm.org.

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ACROSS

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 8 Missus' counter-
 parts
 15 Impetus
 20 Sinister look
 21 Is an affront to
 22 Castro, e.g.
 23 First page in a
 news magazine?
 25 Pee Wee of old
 baseball
 26 Bewilder
 27 Starchy pudding
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 28 Give fizz to
 29 QED's center
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 36 Have no sub-
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 38 Otter relative
 40 Apple variety
 42 "Hawaii Five-O"
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 43 Business maga-
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 mother, a father and
 their kids?
 47 Gazing
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 52 Heady quaff
 53 Snitch
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 56 Garr of the
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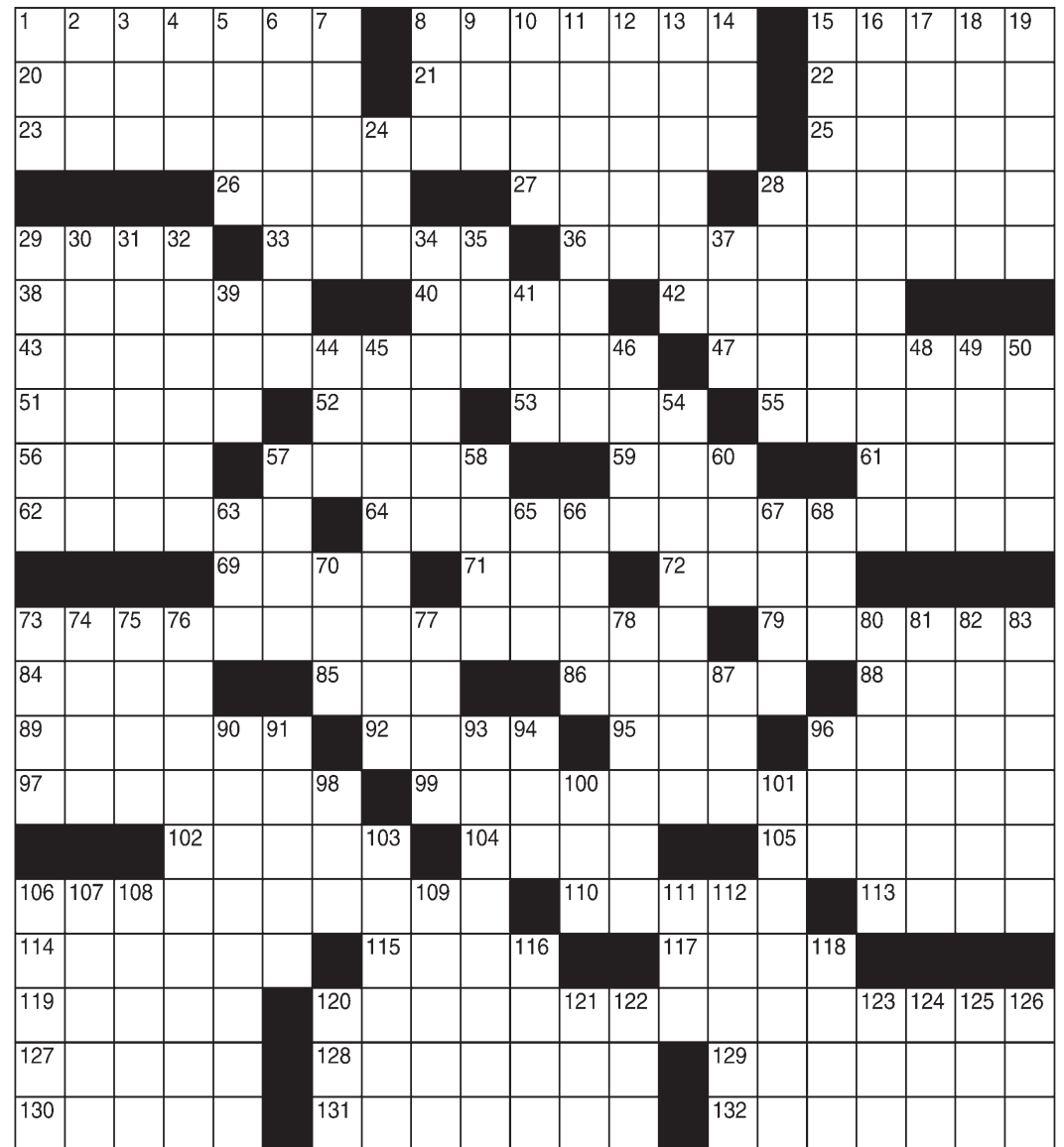
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 79 Diminished
 84 Old salts
 85 -- carte menu
 86 Firetruck noise
 88 Eat supper
 89 Bests
 92 Hence
 95 "Sheesh!"
 96 Artist Max
 97 Started to wake
 99 Inherit a fashion
 magazine?
 102 Concerning the
 kidneys
 104 Rainbow flag
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 105 Carpenter's gun,
 perhaps
 106 Post-it stuck in
 a page of a wellness
 magazine?
 110 Back of a 45
 record
 113 Harper of "Far
 North"
 114 First game of the
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 115 Artsy NYC dis-
 trict
 117 Pilaf base
 119 Ties together
 120 Drop a health
 magazine in a filled
 bathtub?
 127 Map feature
 128 Having two
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 some sets
 129 Pyrenees prin-

cipality

130 Prescient types
 131 Has ill will for
 132 Pays a visit

DOWN

1 Fly trapper
 2 "-- been there"
 3 First of two sharp
 turns
 4 Former ring king
 5 Tear apart
 6 Ruling house
 7 Capture
 8 Sty resident
 9 Aliens' ship
 10 Closest buds,
 briefly
 11 Antiseptic solu-
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 12 British architect
 Jones
 13 Astronomer Hal-
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 14 Cleveland-to-
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 15 Many a TSA em-
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 16 Its capital is San
 Juan
 17 At right angles to
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 18 Haile Selassie dis-
 ciple, informally
 19 Jabbed with a
 bent leg
 24 Novelist Buntline
 28 Nixon's veep
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 29 Lacking vigor
 30 Got as profit
 31 Knight suits
 32 Friend of Alice
 Kramden
 34 In a new way



35 Trail mix bit
 37 Faucet
 39 Actor Ron
 41 Stick (out)
 44 Engine part
 45 Antiquated
 46 Dresden's river
 48 "Bring --!"
 49 Campbell of the
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 50 -- Poupon
 54 Certain Christian
 57 Laos' home
 58 Be seepy
 60 -- Na Na
 63 Shared PC sys-
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65 Wine and dine,
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 66 Janitors' tools
 67 Flair
 68 Unruly bunch
 70 Gun lobbyists' gp.
 73 Great Plains na-
 tives
 74 Have a hissy
 75 Eins, zwei, -- ...
 76 "OK, you win!"
 77 Picnic place, in
 Paris
 78 Ceilings
 80 Not clumsy
 81 Prickly feeling
 82 Follows as a re-

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 83 Hinders
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 90 Advance exams
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 93 Links target
 94 Texter's "Yowza!"
 96 Longoria of the
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 98 "-- Kapital"
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 101 Minimal bit of
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 103 Nielsen of "Air-
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 106 "Ora pro --"

107 Share a view
 108 Jittery
 109 Purls, e.g.
 111 Deep anger
 112 Aria queens
 116 Have way too
 much, for short
 118 Prefix with spore
 120 Prez on a dime
 121 Quarry
 122 Places for forks:
 Abbr.
 123 Best
 124 CPA hirer
 125 Sky sphere
 126 Call of dissent

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.

		6		4				7
	8				7	6		
3			8					2
	2		5	7				8
		1			6			4
9			3			1		
1				5				8
	7		4			9		
		3			2			4

SCRAMBLERS



Bob Schuchman
It's amazing how time flies — I keep thinking ingenious ways to get my revenge on that online _____ service."

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!

Huge
GATER

Dainty
RENTED

Honor
HISERCH

Visual
POLATIC

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: W equals F

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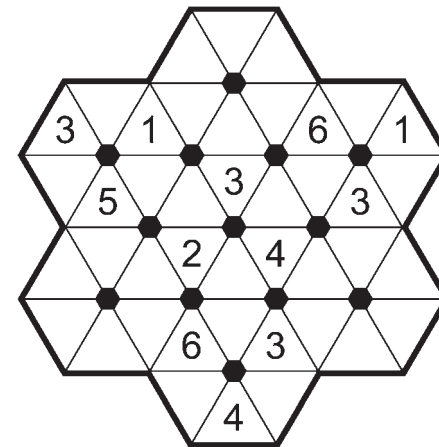
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ORJ HJPO CW VCS, D PSUUCPJ

VCS'QJ DB-GDBNJ-IHKJ.

SNOWFLAKES

By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

PUZZLE ANSWERS

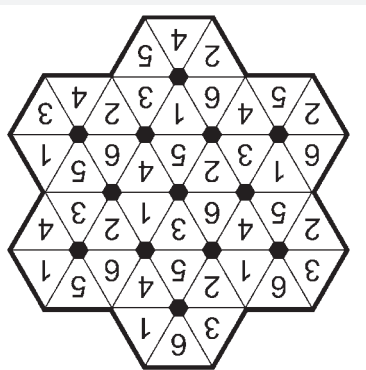
If you never let actor Vaughn or singer Gill get the best of you, I suppose you're in-Vince-able.

CRYPTOQUIP

DATING

Today's Word
1. Great; 2. Tender; 3. Cherish; 4. Optical

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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Give thanks – express appreciation to those who offer support and show gratitude by returning that support in kind.

Celebrate – create places and programs that

gather together people of all ages to relax and to enjoy each other’s company.

I look at these statements now and, rather than wondering whether or not I was dreaming, I still firmly believe in the importance of this type of approach to community life.

There was an organization in the American Jewish community called Synagogue 3000, which, for many years, developed programming to promote new ways of thinking about congregational purposes and programs (strategies which could also apply to communities and cities).

One of the founders of

Synagogue 3000, Dr. Ron Wolfson, described this innovative approach in his book, “The Spirituality of Welcoming”. One principle Dr. Wolfson emphasized was that communities should create and sustain a culture of honor, rather than a culture of blame.

At a conference of that organization, Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt, a modern Orthodox rabbi from New York City, addressed this concept of maintaining a culture of honor. He noted that congregations that should be seen as sacred communities do not always reach that level.

Instead of creating a culture that honors every human being, where people see each other as being made in the image of God, many congregations are rife with dissensions, fights and arguments among the very people charged with leadership. Rabbi Rosenblatt challenged congregational leaders

to learn what their tradition says about honoring each person in a community, and confronting shortcomings without ascribing blame, while building a community that is responsible for what happens within it.

The goal of this approach is to preserve dignity and engender the highest level of respect for all those who work for the betterment of a congregation. His recommendations can apply to organizations, workplaces and communities that seek to create a culture of honor.

I realize that my own statements from 1999 were intended to engender that type of culture. As we approach 2020, here are suggestions which I would add to my earlier list:

Be humble, and remember to learn from other people, because everyone has something to teach.

Take responsibility for your actions and, when necessary, sincerely apol-

ogize and make amends. This is not weakness. It is positive human behavior.

Be steadfast in the principles by which you live, and, if you seek to change them, be sure that you are doing so in the interest of furthering true respect, compassion, kindness and even love.

And, finally, in the words of the ancient

rabbi Hillel, “In a place where there are no decent human beings, strive to be a decent human being.”

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbelc.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbi-larrykarol.blogspot.com.

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“Goodly Gifts: An Inter-

faith Discussion on Love, Justice and Unity” will be on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the Jean Wilkey Gallery & Studio, 221 N. Main St., between the Rio Grande and Southwest Environmental Center. (Free parking

is available in the lot behind the Rio Grande Theater, just north of Zeffiro’s restaurant on Water street. From there, you can enter the building under the 221 sign.)

The event is part of a

series of interfaith discussions on race unity sponsored by the Bahai’s of Las Cruces. Moderators will be Deborah and Darrell Rodgers.

For information, please call Wilkey at 575-528-8912.

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Campers introduced to the business side of ranching

By JANE MOORMAN
For the Bulletin

The New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp was an eye-opening experience for the 29 youth attending the 2019 camp.

During the five-day camp at CS Cattle Company's 130,000-acre ranch at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range near Cimarron, New Mexico, the youth were introduced to the many aspects of running a ranch, from financial statements and marketing strategies to producing quality beef and managing natural resources and wildlife.

"We are proud to offer this one-of-a-kind program for the future cattle producers of our state," said Jon Boren, New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' associate

dean and director of the Cooperative Extension Service. "The collaboration between our Extension specialists, county Extension agents and members of the ranching industry has provided an opportunity for the youth to learn about the many aspects of ranching."

College-level, hands-on curriculum provided the campers with information about how to develop a ranch management plan for a scenario similar to the host ranch.

"What we are finding from the more than 180 youths who have participated in past ranch camps is that they have gained a greater appreciation of the science and opportunities in agriculture," Boren said. "It is also a win-win for our aging agricultural industry with more young people having an interest in going into this type of work."

Attending from Doña



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Ranch Up Cattle Company was the first-place team at the 2019 New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp. Team members are, in front from left, Sofie Reina of Lexington Park, Maryland; and Emily Cordova of Taos County. In back from left are Elian Galindo of Taos County, Rhett McCarty of Valencia County, Grady Hodnett of Doña Ana County and Andres Chacon of Rio Arriba County.

Ana County were Lane Hauser, Marshall Hite, Grady Hodnett and James

Robinson.

On the final day of camp, the five teams presented their ranch management plans before three judges representing the ranching profession.

The 2019 winning team included Andrea Chacon, Emily Cordova, Elian Galindo, Grady Hodnett (Doña Ana County), Rhett McCarty and Sofia Reina. They will receive champion jackets during the Joint Stockman's Convention in December in Albu-

querque.

The runner-up team consisted of Odalys Galindo, Zoe Salazar, Lane Hauser (Doña Ana County), James Pedroncelli, Felipe Ramirez and Hallie Vigil.

A "Top Hand" was selected each day by the instructors for showing exceptional interest in the topics. Recipients were Justin Billings for Beef Day, Emily Cordova for Marketing Day, Cameron Gonzales for Wildlife Day,

and Jake Jump for Natural Resource Day.

Receiving "Top Hand" runner up honors were Brock Fitzgerald, Grady Hodnett, Mateo Olivas, Arturo Ramirez, Felipe Ramirez, and Malia Wilson.

Learn more about the camp at nmyrm.nmsu.edu.

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Intelligent analysis

New Mexico State University student and ETV software engineer Ziad Arafat, right, and ETV operations manager Carter Taylor upload data from an ETV drone to a computer. ETV uses drones and robots augmented with artificial intelligence to sift through new data and analyze that alongside previously collected data sets to give farmers precisely the right recommendations for their field and specific crops. ETV won a \$20,000 investment in GreenAI, sponsored by New Mexico Gas Company, at AgSprint, a business accelerator program at NMSU's Arrowhead Center.



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PATIENCE DURING PROGRESS

New business teaches dogs diving and trust

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

For the Bulletin

Editor's note: 23rd in a series about businesses impacted by the road reconstruction project on Valley Drive.

In the sweltering Las Cruces summers, it's not just humans who feel the heat, but also our pets. For both the adventurous dog and owner, a cool way to cool off is at Las Cruces Dock Diving and K9 Event Center (LCDD) at 335 S. Valley Drive.

Opened in May, the center has worked around the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) road reconstruction of Valley Drive, especially while transforming the warehouse filled with floor-to-ceiling shelving into the now wide-open and astroturfed area with a long 45-foot-long pool.

"With the road construction at the front, we worked with NMDOT to use the back gate to the property," said Vic Villalobos, one of the co-owners of LCDD along with his wife Shannon Murray, Nancy Chavner and Steve Stochaj. "It took a year to get the space ready and we knew that we'd have to figure

out traffic issues. We can tell that the Valley Drive traffic count is down, but that's why we've focused on scheduling most of our classes in the evenings or on Saturdays, working around the construction hours.

"And everything can be arranged online at dockdivinglc.com or by phone at 575-323-1250."

LCDD is a certified location with North America Diving Dogs so that dogs can win ribbons and titles here and compete nationally. In August, a North America Dock Diving event will be hosted in Las Cruces, so Villalobos is providing reroute suggestions to attendees who bring their RVs. The couple suggests Sunny Acres on Valley Drive because navigation will be easier. They also plan on giving out maps with the registration.

"Overall, I keep telling people it's not so bad," said Villalobos. "Any time in the evenings or on Saturdays, when most

of our classes are scheduled, there isn't that much traffic."

Safe Haven Animal Shelter brings its adoptable dogs, like Cody the wolfhound, to LCDD to give them a leg up on finding their new "forever" home with a new set of skills like dock diving or experience on the agility course. Cody works first on the ramp down to the pool, then overcoming her hesitation, she flies into the air. This, after an orientation class, is now available for all Las Cruces dogs, no matter their size or breed.

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. Visit www.valleydrive.net for more information on monthly update meetings.



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Cody leaps into the water to capture her flung toy. She's a little hesitant at first, but encouraging words from the trainer in the water and the trainer on the dock help her overcome her fears.

The Board of Directors of First New Mexico Bank, Las Cruces is happy to announce the recent election of

Jose Varela
to the Las Cruces Board of Directors.



Jose is a proven businessman with over 25 years of experience in business ownership and management in the residential and commercial construction industry with Fort Selden Roofing Company, Inc. Fort Selden Roofing Company, a second generation local business, and Jose support the community through their involvement and donations. The Board of Directors look forward to Jose's participation with both the Las Cruces and Anthony banks.

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The new Courtyard by Marriot hotel opened at 456 E. University Ave. next to the Las Cruces Convention Center Thursday, July 18. Among those on hand were four businessmen who helped make the hotel possible – from left, Prakash Sundaram, Vinodh Perumal, Brad Allen and Lance Sigmon.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Record revenue

The New Mexico State Land Office received more revenue from business activity in fiscal year 2018-19 than any year before. Conservative year-end estimates show revenue on track to surpass \$1 billion.

Given the nature of royalty payment collection, the exact royalty revenue amounts received will not be available until fall. Even with the most conservative projections for the last three months of the fiscal year, 2019 revenue is projected to be approximately \$1.1 billion. In fiscal 2017-18, Land Office revenue reached \$852 million.

“This is a record year for New Mexico. The State Land Office is open for business, and our business is making a huge impact. The Land Office is one of the most unique billion dollar enterprises in the South-

west — every dollar that we raise goes directly back into our communities, helping build a better future for all New Mexicans,” Commissioner Garcia Richard said.

“Not everyone knows that we financially support 22 public institutions, so when the Land Office succeeds, public schools, colleges, hospitals and other institutions succeed as well. We do business with a diverse array of companies – oil and gas, small and large businesses, wind and solar investors, farmers and ranchers, outdoor recreation outfits – and because of these strong partnerships and relationships with various industries, New Mexico households and taxpayers are getting a break.”

Every dollar earned by the Land Office is a dollar taxpayers do not have to pay to support public

institutions. 2019 revenue will save the average tax-paying household an estimated \$1,500 yearly.

The Land Office raises revenue from business lease payments, oil and gas earnings, rights-of-way easements, livestock grazing leases, permits, interest, fees and royalties. Revenue from these sources is deposited into one of two funds before being distributed to public schools, colleges, hospitals and other important state institutions.

Money brought in by land deals that do not permanently deplete a resource, such as renewable energy, livestock grazing, business leases, or planning and development, is deposited into the Land Maintenance Fund, which is distributed monthly to beneficiaries. Money from deals that deplete a resource, such as royalty paid for the extraction of oil, gas and

minerals, is invested into the Land Grant Permanent Fund, and distributed to beneficiaries after investment by the State Investment Council.

Commissioner Garcia Richard added, “The State Land Office provides two different, but equally important, sources of income for the public institutions that we support. Not only do we distribute funds on a monthly basis, but we also are the sole contributor to the Land Grant Permanent Fund - the third largest public education trust in the nation – which has grown exponentially and provides vital resources to our public schools and other beneficiaries.”

Large increases from specific revenue sources led to the record setting \$1 billion for the most recent fiscal year, including:

- a 36 percent revenue increase in oil, gas and

mineral royalty payments compared to fiscal year 2018

- a roughly 30 percent revenue increase in business and commercial lease payments and bonus payments compared to fiscal year 2018

- an over 1,300 percent revenue increase in solar energy lease payments compared to fiscal year 2018

- an over 400 percent revenue increase in wind energy lease payments

- a 61 percent revenue increase in right-of-way easements and right of way interest payments compared to fiscal year 2018

Doña Ana opening

O’Reilly Auto Parts announces the opening of a new store in Doña Ana at 775 E. Thorpe Road.

The location will celebrate a grand opening running from Aug. 14-27, with a Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday,

Aug. 24, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Store Manager Greg Franzoy will present a \$200 check on behalf of the entire company to the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission.

Founded in 1957 by the O’Reilly family, the company operates about 5,300 stores in the United States.

Social Security Workshop

Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, will deliver the topic “Social Security – Understanding the Benefits,” 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8.

The workshop is presented by Toby Rue, vice president and financial advisor with Morgan Stanley.

The event will be at Morgan Stanley offices, 3050 Roadrunner Parkway, Suite B.

Seating is limited. For reservations, RSVP to



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

New Mexico State University/Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service Ag/Horticulture Agent and county master gardener program coordinator Jeff Anderson and urban garden volunteer Nancy Tipton chat at a picnic table beneath an ash tree at the urban garden on El Paseo Road near Las Cruces High School.



Urban garden volunteers Gina Marquez, left, and Lily Marquez planting seeds with Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Craig Fenske.

New urban garden helps backyard gardeners

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Urban agriculture is the focus of a community farm project in the heart of Las Cruces,” said Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD) Supervisor Craig Fenske.

Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate in the project, Fenske said.

The garden is located on nearly an acre of land owned by First Christian Church that is located across Frenger Street from Frenger Park and behind the church at 1809 El Paseo Road.

DASWCD was the lead partner in obtaining a \$50,000 grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts to promote urban ag-

riculture, Fenske said, and that will help pay for development of the Las Cruces urban garden.

Key partners in the project along with DASWCD are La Semilla Food Center, Backyard Farms and the New Mexico State University/Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service with its Master Gardener volunteer corps, Fenske said.

Volunteers are being recruited “to expand the farm and build sunken gardens and trellised beds and help with seasonal plantings,” Fenske said, as well as to “weed, irrigate and incorporate soil amendments. Volunteering is a great way to learn with experts while contributing to the community garden,” he said. Volunteers will also

help plant food crops like squash and watermelons, as well as a sunflower bed to attract bees and birds, Ryan said. Gardeners will have the opportunity to experiment with both heirloom and desert-adapted seeds and learn about three-sisters gardens, which include squash, beans and corn.

Volunteer days and times at the farm are 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays. Ryan or another gardening pro will be on hand during each volunteer time.

The garden is “a work in progress,” said Backyard Farms owner Rachael Ryan, who is the lead “on-the-ground” coordinator for the urban farm. The garden is already home to a natural area that includes agave,

yucca, hedgehog and prickly pear cactus and a mesquite tree; a pollinator garden; and a variety of fruit and nut trees.

Wildlife onsite includes monarch butterflies, toads and whiptail lizards, and the project hopes to bring in a few chickens and rabbits in accordance with city ordinance, she said.

Workshops “regarding every stage of developing your own garden” are planned at the urban garden site this fall, Fenske said. “Topics will focus on regenerative agriculture in a desert climate starting from square one: transforming an empty lot into a clean, fertile farm through soil testing and amendment, water access and irrigation, crop compatibility and seasonal planting.” He

said two fall workshops will focus on entrepreneurial aspects of urban gardening and examine public food, farm business planning and marketing.

Ryan said workshops will focus on topics like terrace gardening, sunken- and raised-bed gardens, vertical gardening and Zuni gardening that will feature traditional Native American crops like blue corn.

“Leveraging various public and private partners, the farm serves as an educational hub for backyard gardeners and potential community entrepreneurs,” Fenske said.

Produce from the garden will be donated to local school programs, food banks at First Christian Church and El Cal-

vario United Methodist Church and El Caldito Soup Kitchen.

The urban garden practices regenerative gardening, Ryan said, which she said means gardeners leave the soil “better than we found it.”

DASWCD is a governmental subdivision of the state created in 1966 to conserve and develop natural resources, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife and promote public health and safety.

For more information, contact Ryan at 575-323-1471 and Backyard-FarmsLC@gmail.com and Fenske at 575-640-8846 and Dcraig.fenske@gmail.com.

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Las Cruces resident is descendant of famous Cherokee leader

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces resident Ruth Stanford is the oldest living descendant of one of the most famous Cherokee Indian leaders in American history.

Her great, great, great grandfather, Major Ridge (1771-1839), was a Cherokee hunter, warrior, leader and tribal council member whose alliances with U.S. Army Gen. and later President Andrew Jackson led to Ridge's assassination June 22, 1839, in White Rock Creek, Arkansas.

He was born in Tennessee and also lived in Pine Log and present-day Rome, Georgia, where his two-story home is now a museum.

Stanford, 87, made a presentation about her famous ancestor to her fellow residents at the Village at Northrise senior care community this past June 22 – the 180th anniversary of the assassination of Ridge, his son, John, and his nephew, Elias Boudino.

Ridge's Cherokee name, Kah-nung-dat-la-geh, means "the man who walks on the mountaintop," according to the New Georgia Encyclopedia. It says that "The Ridge," as he was called by the British, joined Gen. Jackson in fighting the Creeks and the British in the War of 1812, which earned him the title of major, which he adopted as his first name.



Ruth Stanford

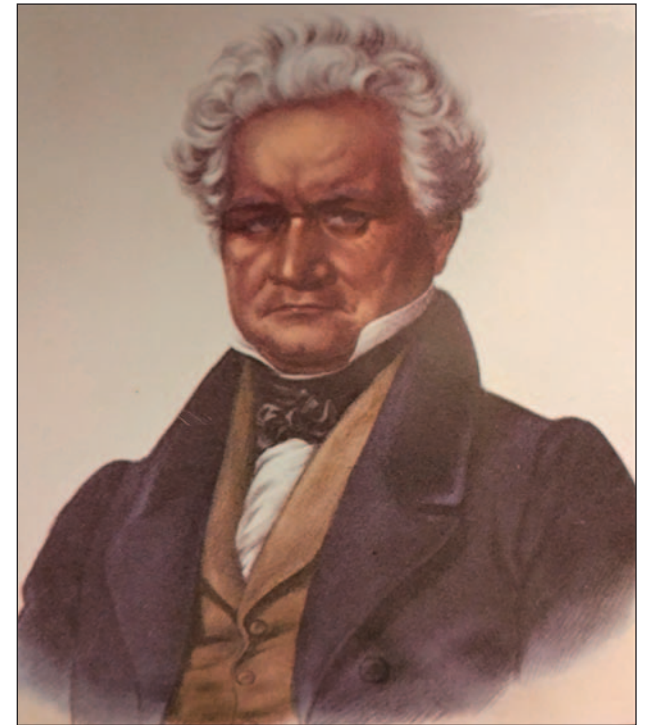
"With his friend and neighbor, John Ross, Ridge helped establish a Cherokee Nation with three branches of government in 1827," the George Encyclopedia said. "He served as counselor and Ross became principal chief, the equivalent of president."

Ridge "became a leader of the Treaty Party, which favored removal to Indian Territory west of the Mississippi River (in present-day Oklahoma), in exchange for financial compensation of \$5 million to the Cherokees. He and a minority of Cherokees signed the Treaty of New Echota in December 1835 without authorization from Ross or the Cherokee government. The illegal treaty was then signed by President Jackson and

passed by one vote in the U.S. Senate," Cherokee leader Major Ridge, from an 1838 hand-colored lithograph.

"The Ridge family and others voluntarily moved West, but Principal Chief Ross and opponents of the treaty fought its implementation," the encyclopedia said. "They failed, and Cherokee removal was forced by the military. Because of harsh weather conditions, more than 4,000 Cherokees died during the 1838-39 winter on the 'trail where they cried,' commonly known as the Trail of Tears."

Stanford said Ridge is remembered as an eloquent speaker and has been called "The Churchill of the Cherokees." He settled in Rome, Georgia, 200 years ago. The stately home



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

1838 portrait by Charles Bird King, J. T. Bowen's hand-colored lithograph after Henry Inman Cherokee leader Major Ridge.

he and his family lived in there was seized by the state of Georgia in 1832 and later became the Chieftains Museum. The museum website (chieftainmuseum.org) includes a photo of Stanford and her daughter, Denise Campbell, taken during a visit to the museum.

Among the artifacts donated to the museum by Ridge family descendants is a branding iron Stanford's father found while farming in a field, she said. It dates to the mid-19th century and features the Ridge family brand.

Ridge "went from a warrior to a statesman

in 67 years," Stanford said. She has a sizeable collection of books about Ridge and the Cherokees and feels "a lot of pride" in her family history.

"I really have a lot of stories to tell," Stanford said.

Stanford is a native of Woodville, Texas. She moved to Las Cruces in 2000 to be near Campbell, the owner and CEO of Southwest Sport and Spine Center, Inc. Stanford shares her Village at Northrise apartment with her Coton de Tuléar breed dog, "Prissy."

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NMSU hires state manager for Master Gardeners program

By **MELISSA R. RUTTER**
For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences has hired a state manager for the Master Gardeners program. Eduardo Servin will be charged with overseeing Cooperative Extension Service specialists and growing the Master Gardener program across all 33 counties in New Mexico.

Servin graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's in political science. He then went on to attend the University of San Diego where he received his master's in international relations. Before pursuing his Ph.D., Servin taught government at El Paso Community College and became a director of the college's Upward Bound program, which aims at helping first-generation and low-income students. He also became an administrator for the college's Title 5 grant.

Servin received his Ph.D. from NMSU with his focus being in educational management and development. Servin also served as the principal for the charter school, Premier, located in El Paso.

Servin received his Master Gardener title through a program in El Paso. The Master Gardener program, typically offered through land-grant universities like NMSU, provides intensive horticultural training to individuals who then volunteer as Master Gardeners in their communities by giving lectures, creat-



PHOTO COURTESY JOSH BACHMAN/NMSU

Eduardo Servin, State Manager for the Master Gardeners program at New Mexico State University will be charged with overseeing Extension service specialists and growing the Master Gardener program across all 33 counties in New Mexico.

ing gardens, conducting research and many other projects.

"Once they go through the semester-long pro-

gram, they can help the Extension services that typically is a county agent who has to answer calls, go out to schools

"I think the future will probably hold distance learning measures. In the past, that wasn't that easy because the broadband technology wasn't there, but it's a lot better now."

Eduardo Servin

and do educational outreach," Servin said. "Training volunteers and teaching them about horticulture is going to really help county agents and us out."

Servin said the program as a whole needs a lot of work and time dedicated to it and one of the biggest challenges will be to establish new ones and continue to grow the ones already in place.

"The biggest challenge of this job will be to try and grow the program statewide," Servin said. "We need to help the pro-

grams that are already established to continue to progress and grow and then we need to help those that are small grow much bigger and then help the places where there's not a program, to get one."

Another challenge Servin faces is how to get information out to some of the smaller counties when it's difficult to send an expert.

"Another challenge is in the past we've had to send specialists out to places that are about seven hours away to teach a very small class. We have to look into maybe looking at different platforms to get the information out there," Servin said. "I think the future will probably hold distance learning mea-

asures. In the past, that wasn't that easy because the broadband technology wasn't there, but it's a lot better now and will be easier to connect to the smaller places via the internet."

While his job may bring some challenges, Servin looks forward to what he can do to expand the program.

"I enjoyed the Master Gardener program a lot and knew I wanted to do something with it," Servin said. "I look at this job as a challenge because it needs a lot of help to grow and that's what we plan on doing, but I know I'm going to enjoy doing it."

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Heike Lehnert-LeHoillier



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Heike Lehnert-LeHoillier, an assistant professor in the Communications Disorders department at New Mexico State University, speaks with two of her students, Celinda Acosta, center, and Laura Benitez, left, who are helping conduct research on speech patterns in children and teens diagnosed with autism.

NMSU assistant professor receives autism funding

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**
For the Bulletin

An assistant professor at New Mexico State University has received funding to begin research on characteristics of speech patterns in children and teens diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, a neurodevelopment disorder estimated to affect one in 40 children in the U.S.

Heike Lehnert-LeHoillier is an assistant professor in the Communication Disorders

department, housed at NMSU's College of Education. Recently, Lehnert-LeHoillier received the college's Emerging Scholars award for \$4,000 to help jumpstart research studies.

This summer, Lehnert-LeHoillier is leading five undergraduate research assistants in gathering data from youth between the ages of 9 and 16, including those diagnosed with autism. They will be compared to their peers with average language and cognitive abilities.

"It has long been noted that individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders show speech patterns, especially intonation, that is perceived as atypical," Lehnert-LeHoillier said.

"Unfortunately, most of the research that is currently available is not very conclusive about what it is exactly about these intonation patterns that makes the speech of many individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder different from a typical developing person."

Lehnert-LeHoillier

said she is interested in looking at how children with and without ASD use speech intonation differently as it relates to communicating with a partner. She has invited local families to participate and thus far has six participants signed up. She is looking for additional participants, who will be given a \$10 Walmart gift card for every hour of participation.

Participant testing, which consists of determining the language and

cognitive abilities of each child, began Tuesday. Lehnert-LeHoillier and her undergraduate research assistants will conduct their research over the summer, then begin analyzing data this fall. Lehnert-LeHoillier said she hopes to have preliminary findings by the end of the year and is already looking for sources of additional funding to continue her research beyond next spring.

"Hopefully we'll find some very interesting

things and get a better handle of the differences in speech intonation," Lehnert-LeHoillier said.

"We hope to identify features that may help in the diagnosis of kids with high-functioning autism, who are often diagnosed much later than those affected more severely by the disorder."

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Wellness Fund grant benefits nonprofits

By **JORDAN ALLEN**

For the Bulletin

Eleven nonprofit organizations have been selected to receive a collective total of more than \$67,000 from the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico's Wellness Fund grant.

The CFSNM Wellness Fund received 23 applications for the 2019 cycle. Deliberation from the foundation's Grants Committee narrowed the grant recipient's selection to the following organizations:

- Jardin de los Ninos
- Hearts for Autism
- AppleTree Educational Center
- Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces
- Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation – AED Defibrillator Program
- New Mexico State University/Dona Ana Community College - Sunland Park Dental Program
- Explora! Science Museum
- Casa De Peregrinos
- Imagination Library of Grant County
- Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Children's Reading

Alliance

The Wellness Fund seeks to support local nonprofit organizations that demonstrate improvement in maternal, infant and child well-being, support healthy environments where mothers, infants and children live, and demonstrate improved wellness outcomes for mothers, infants and children in southern New Mexico. The fund was established in 2016 to improve the quality of life for southern New Mexico residents and is made possible due to the generosity of individual donors who have created endowments at the CFSNM.

"We are so pleased to receive funding from the Community Foundation to support our advocacy efforts for foster children," said Doreen Gallegos, the Executive Director for Mesilla Valley CASA.

"Our volunteer model of advocacy is proven to positively impact the relationship between children and their caregivers, resulting in stronger families in our community. We look forward to utilizing this funding to recruit and train additional CASA

volunteers!"

Each selected organization boasts programs and missions that vary. However, the end goal is the same: to make the communities in southern New Mexico a better, safer place for families and children.

"We are inspired by the work these organizations are doing to make a lasting impact in our community," said CFSNM Executive Director, Terra V. Winter.

"We received numerous applications for this cycle of our wellness fund. It is a reminder of the importance of the hands-on programs that so many of our local nonprofits are implementing to support families in southern New Mexico."

The Wellness grant is available to nonprofit organizations providing services in Dona Ana, Hidalgo, Otero, Sierra, Grant, Lincoln and Luna counties.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and the Wellness Fund, please contact Terra Winter at 575-521-4794 or terra@cfsnm.org

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The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach

Registration is now open for free diabetes classes:

- Location: Families and Youth, Inc. Building, 1320 S. Solano (corner of Solano and Idaho)
- Dates: Session 1, 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6; session 2, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7; session 3, 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8
- Class size limited to 12 and support persons are invited and encouraged to be present with each attendee.
- Classes will be taught in English and Spanish by T. J. Jasso, RN, BS.
- Additional information: The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach, 575-522-0289 or snmdo@snmdo.org.

Horses can sense more than we often realize

Horses have heightened senses that served their species well in a wild state. With ears that can rotate and aim in different directions (from each other); eyes with monocular and binocular vision; olfactory abilities with special odor sensors; skin that can feel a gnat land and the ability to taste and avoid a tiny aspirin tablet in a quart of grain – they are remarkably aware and sensitive for their large size.

I often wonder what sort of loutish, abrasive beings we must seem like to them when we yell or make big flapping movements or pat them with sharp slaps against their necks or bottoms. Horses can adjust to it all and accept us for who we are. I'm just not certain they should have to.

When I approach a horse, I walk up to his shoulder and touch him in the way I would touch a friend on the arm in greeting. I wouldn't walk up to a human friend and push my hand onto his face, grab his ears or pull his head toward me. So many horses are approached in such a way – some are even “roped” from a distance or chased or slapped on the buttocks if they are not immediately compliant. We have several mantras at Dharmahorse and one is, “For a horse to trust us, we must be trustworthy”.

In the same fashion, I would not tiptoe slowly



KATHARINE CHRISLEY-SCHREIBER

Stablewoman

up to a friend, crouching as if I meant to spring at them at any moment. Nor would I run up to them yelling or jumping up and down.

So often, you will see the enthusiasm of a child having their first experience around horses and they just can't contain it! Oddly, the horses seem to understand the basis of the kid's actions and tolerate much more from them than they would from an adult. Like a mare with her foal, her patience seems limitless.

When we have raised a horse ourselves, certainly we know the experiences of the horse. When we take on a mature horse, raised by another, we will never fully know all the influences from his past that create his responses. If we are observant, there are clues into why a horse acts in certain ways. The red baseball cap or the smell of alcohol on one's breath might be triggers from a past owner if the horse consistently tenses up. More subtle signals can be missed but are just as potent for the equine.

At our Sanctuary, we believe in the “well of experiences” where all the positive or negative things that happen to a horse (or any of us) are like drops of water in a well. If that well is filled with mostly negative experiences, the horse will expect every new experi-



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Horses send a constant stream of signals to us – if we are observant.

ence to be a negative one. And the opposite is true. If we make every experience positive for our horse, eventually we can “wash” out the negative ones.

And we do that by remaining aware of the sensitive nature of horses. While we do not want to inch around the stable yard silently to avoid upsetting the horses (this will make them more likely to be startled), we also do not want to bang about and scream in their presence. This would hurt their ears and keep them hyper-vigilant, unable to fully relax.

We should only play soothing music around the horses. I told a ner-

vous young student one time to “sing to Dolly, this will help her relax.” The girl had been frightened by the mare shaking (like a wet dog) while she was mounted and she was expecting it to happen again. The girl started singing Black Sabbath's “Ironman”!

When we are working with horses, staring directly into their eyes is disconcerting, so it is a good idea to lead a horse from the side and look where you want him to go.

And horses have that ability to see out of both eyes simultaneously and peripherally or to focus forward on one thing with both eyes. To see near or distance, the

horse lowers or raises his head, respectively, to focus. Awareness of these things helps us set him up for success.

When riding, our realization that the horse can feel a fly land on his shoulder means that he feels every move we make. Whether our movements have meaning to him is entirely dependent upon our clarity and consistency in their application.

We can get heaps of information from our horses by observation. The movement of the head likely tells us where the horse is looking. Ears will aim toward his focus and it can be on two things at once! If his lip curls up and he

raises his head and neck, he is smelling something profound. When he shivers his skin, something is tickling or irritating his body; perhaps bugs, sweat running down his skin, our equipment or the wind. Horses that raise their head high, hold their breath and “freeze” are frightened or about to become so!

There is a constant stream of signals coming from our horse. Knowing that will serve us well.

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The magic and mystery of the desert, Part 1

I was born in the desert and after living many other places, have finally returned to the state of my birth, New Mexico. It feels good to be back, for I believe that there is something in my spirit which is fed by being here.



RUTH MOORER

Not for Sissies

highly concentrated on many days. One could tell which way the wind was blowing by observing the smell – the garbage from the dump east of us, the

“glue” factory to the west, the diesel from the highway and the unknown factory to the south. Coal dust came from furnaces and trains and turned houses grey. Houses were built very close together, maybe eight to 10 feet apart, and one did not even know who their neighbors were.

Generally, people from New Mexico and Texas were friendly and cared about their neighbors, but in big Eastern

cities they tended to be afraid and suspicious of anyone they did not know. About the time we moved, there was a popular song on the radio, “Give Me Land, Lots of Land Under Starry Skies Above,” which became my “theme song.” Needless to say, I was a bit homesick. Maybe you can get some idea why I appreciate the desert.

When one has lived where there is ample rain, deep green vegetation, and one can grow almost anything, it is difficult to image why anyone would enjoy living in a desert. Mostly, it appears to be quite barren, with sparse vegetation, few people, always dry, and usually hot in summers. It takes awhile to become aware of the

magic and mysteries which it holds.

So here I want to mention some keywords to describe the desert:

Dry!

The most prominent characteristic is the scarcity of rain. The average rainfall is usually no more than 8 inches per year. Rain was the big event. When my family lived in west Texas and it decided to rain, my brother and I would go outside and stand in it. I grew to love the smell of rain. There is no more delightful fragrance than that of rain on dry soil. And next to that is the delight of hearing rain on the roof.

Resilient.

To stay alive and even thrive in the desert, it takes a sort of courage

or tenacity. It also takes adaptability. As means of self-defense, plants grow thorns, and some are poisonous. Venomous creatures like rattlesnakes, Gila monsters, scorpions and spiders are also for self-defense. Trees grow small leaves which conserve water and cactus stores water.

Space.

Wide open spaces enable one to feel a sense of oneness with the whole planet. It gives a person a sense of freedom and a chance for the spirit to soar. When I can look out over the Tularosa Valley and see from 85 miles away the snow on Sierra Blanca peak, it is hard to describe the feeling of wonder and connectedness with all of life.

When I lived in New Jersey, I felt closed in by the trees, winding roads and the numerous buildings and houses. Whenever we drove to another town, in contrast to the West, we could not see far enough ahead to get some idea of where we were going, nor could we look back and see where we had been!

In the next installment, I will continue to write about the desert, sharing thoughts about the beauty and mystery it holds.

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By **RAY VIGIL**

For the Bulletin

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'Anybody could beat anybody'

LCPS athletics director expects competitive teams in fall sports

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin



Viramontes

Las Cruces Public Schools is getting ready for another fall season, and Executive Director of Athletics Ernest Viramontes expects all four Las Cruces high schools to be solid in football, cross country, soccer and volleyball.

"We're looking for an exciting year," said Ernie V, as he is known. The Deming native is about to begin his 36th year with LCPS. He began as an elementary school PE teacher, was a middle school teacher,

coach and counselor, academic dean and athletic director at Las Cruces High School, assistant athletic director and, since 2005, athletic director. He is the chair of the New Mexico

Activities Association Commission and a member of the NMAA board of directors.

Football practice for the Oñate High School Knights, Centennial Hawks, Mayfield Trojans and Las Cruces Bulldogs begins Aug. 5 and the first games will be played Aug. 23, Viramontes said.

Boys' and girls' soccer and volleyball practice begins Aug. 12, with their first games Aug. 20.

All four Las Cruces high school football teams are in Division 6A, which also includes teams from Carlsbad, Hobbs and Gadsden High School. Las Cruces' soccer and volleyball teams are all in Division 5A, along with teams from Deming, Alamogordo and Gadsden.

All the districts are competitive in these sports, Viramontes said. It also means that games among the Las Cruces teams will be hard fought. "Anybody could beat anybody," Viramontes said. And, at the end of the season, Las Cruces could wind up with a state champion in any or all of the fall sports.

"We're looking for an exciting year," Viramontes said.

Districts now play in two-year blocks, he said, which means district alignment



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Felipe Molina and Anthony Delgado helped lead Centennial into the state semifinals in 2018, where they lost to eventual state champion La Cueva.

remains constant for at least two years. LCPS will enter the second year of the current two-year block this fall, and coaches and athletic directors are already at work on the next block, Viramontes said. Alignments are based on school enrollment figures and geography. Keeping teams in the same district as close as possible minimizes travel times and expenses.

Las Cruces teams in fall sports will benefit this year because most will have retained their head coaches from

last year. Oñate will have a new football coach, Steve Castille. Returning head football coaches are Aaron Ocampo, Centennial; Mark Lopez, Las Cruces; and Mike Bradley, Mayfield.

The new head coach for girls' soccer at Oñate is Salvador Rodriguez. Returning soccer coaches are Daniel Loya (boys) and Alex Reyes (girls) at Centennial; George Phetteplace (boys) and Bobby Bertoldo (girls) at LCHS, Andy Polanco (boys) and Chris Narvaez (girls) at Mayfield, and Abram San-

chez (boys) at Oñate.

Returning volleyball coaches are Al Rosen at Centennial, Keith Leupold at LCHS, Axel Hernandez at Mayfield and Teyna Montoya at Oñate.

The new head cross-country coach at Mayfield is Jereme Santistevan. Returning cross-country coaches are Anthony Epperson at Centennial, Wendy Fornear at LCHS and David Nuñez at Oñate.

Visit www.lcps.net/athletics.

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2019/2020 Las Cruces Public Schools - Fall Athletic Head Coaches

FOOTBALL

Centennial High School	AARON OCAMPO
Las Cruces High School	MARK LOPEZ
Mayfield High School	MIKE BRADLEY
Oñate High School	STEVE CASTILLE *

BOYS SOCCER

Centennial High School	DANIEL LOYA
Las Cruces High School	GEORGE PHETTEPLACE
Mayfield High School	ANDY POLANCO
Oñate High School	ABRAM SANCHEZ

GIRLS SOCCER

Centennial High School	ALEX REYES
Las Cruces High School	BOBBY BERTOLDO
Mayfield High School	CHRIS NARVAEZ
Oñate High School	SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ *

VOLLEYBALL

Centennial High School	AL ROSEN
Las Cruces High School	KEITH LEUPOLD
Mayfield High School	AXEL HERNANDEZ
Oñate High School	TEYNA MONTOYA

CROSS COUNTRY

Centennial High School	ANTHONY EPPERSON
Las Cruces High School	WENDY FORNEAR
Mayfield High School	JEREME SANTISTEVAN *
Oñate High School	DAVID NUNEZ

* denotes new

Your tantrums could be the toughest foe you face

If you dared to take “Doc’s Self-defeating Behavior Quiz” some of the questions or “self-statements” were certainly eye-openers for you. If you answered in a brutally honest way, and had fewer than 10 “yes” responses, you probably don’t struggle with volatile tantrums or golfer’s angst. If you answered “yes” to at least 20 of the items, there is a chance that you may have a negative attitude about your worth as a golfer



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

and may benefit from personal coaching.

Explosive, self-loathing behavior generally falls into the category of “self-defeating personality disorder,” which, while absolutely real, is

not yet a formal psychiatric diagnosis. But before we get too serious, we need to be reminded that the pros are not immune to volatile antics.

European Tour star Tyrell Hatton, playing in Scotland a week before

the Open Championship, launched a wedge far into the hay after a mis-hit. On the 5th tee in the Open, after hooking his drive, Sergio Garcia winged his driver at his caddie, clanking it off his bag. Nearly completing his final round on the 17th hole at Royal Portrush in the Open Championship Henrik Stenson badly shanked his iron shot and proceeded to snap his club in half across his knee – all caught on TV. He’ll get a hefty fine.

Some golfers simply

persist in beating themselves, either because they don’t like themselves or because they feel they should be perfect. The tendencies of such golfers are to make choices that are inevitably disappointing and mostly detrimental to good performances. They reject help and provoke others into rejecting them. Know anybody like that? They also fail to accomplish tasks crucial to their personal objectives (like practicing and lessons) but sometimes offer others advice. Some are know-it-alls; some

are chronic complainers, blaming their shortcomings on everything but themselves. Taking responsibility for actions, difficulties and outcomes is not in their repertoire. They often are uninterested in people who consistently treat them well and wish them well. Self-defeating.

Conventional wisdom in sports performance accepts that emotional volatility and negativity mostly result in substandard performance (or at least below the player’s potential). That can’t be satisfying. It can be devastating on the golf course. I’m not saying you must be Ms. Congeniality or Mr. Perfect out there, but I will say that it can be mighty discourteous to let your temper and constant complaining ruin golf for those around you.

You can’t easily transform your personality, but you can turn your maladaptive demeanor and behavior around; and it shouldn’t take an intervention to do it. Would you like to be seen as a friendlier golfer who is better com-

pany on the golf course? If you recognize some of your symptoms in the foregoing scenarios, I would advise you to stake stock, lest you find yourself without any golfing partners.

As we assess why we play golf in the first place, it’s critical that we fully understand that, first of all, golf is a game. A lot of golfers think that golf is a matter of life and death; but some believe it’s far more important than that! Are you one of those folks? For improving how you act and are perceived, a good read for both golf and business is “The Power of Nice” by Kaplan and Koval.

It doesn’t pay to be a jerk; it has taken the most talented tour golfer the world has ever seen more than 20 years to really learn that.

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Old Timers



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The El Paso/ Las Cruces Old Timers Golf Group held its monthly tournament at Butterfield Golf Course on Tuesday, July 16. The first-place team, seated left to right, is Willie Garcia, Vista Hills Country Club; Jose Aguilar, Horizon Golf and Convention Center; and Jim Graham, Vista Hills Country Club. Second-place team, standing left to right: Kirk McDaniel, NMSU Golf Course; Don McNeil, Horizon Golf and Convention Center; Larry Overstreet, Underwood Golf Complex; and Rob Underwood, Vista Hills Country Club.

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