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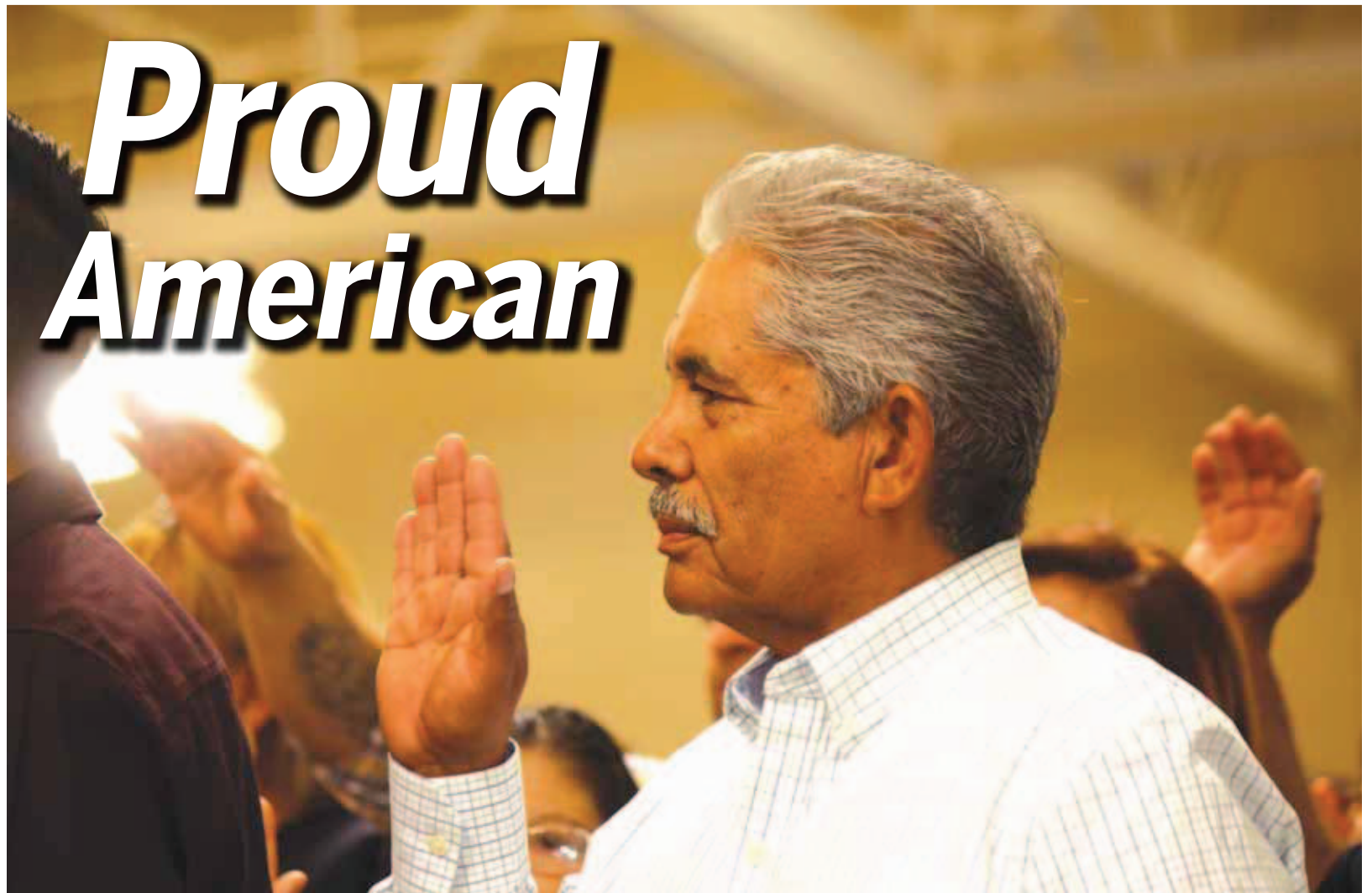
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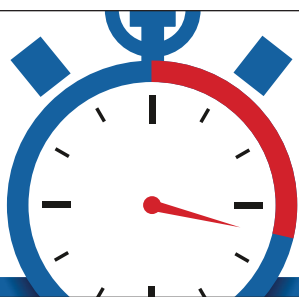
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Hundreds of people from various nations officially became U.S. citizens Friday morning, May 18, during a naturalization ceremony at Las Cruces Convention Center. Among those completing the process and taking the pledge is Manny Viezcoc from Mexico.

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Hakes sets up constituent meeting in Radium Springs

District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner Kim Hakes will host a June 6 community meeting at the Radium Springs Community Resource Center on Lindbeck Road.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and will end at 11 a.m.

"I envision an informal setting where my constituents and I can interact and discuss issues of importance to them," Hakes said, adding that any constituent who is unable to attend the meeting is welcome to call him at (575) 525-5809, or send an email to khakes@donaanacounty.org.

Commissioner Hakes said he will be joined at the meeting by key staff who can answer questions and work to resolve issues of concern. He said additional community meetings are in the planning stages.



KIM HAKES

Clerk, sheriff announce hirings of new, key leadership personnel

Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahlhng has appointed Lindsey Bachman as his chief deputy, and Doña Ana County Sheriff Kiki Vigil has named Liliana McDowell-Schnell as undersheriff.

"Lindsey brings a wealth of education and experience to the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office," Krahlhng said "She will hit the ground running to continue our efforts to build a voting culture in Doña Ana County through outreach and collaboration with a variety of partnering entities and agencies."

Bachman holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. She has proficiencies in marketing, project management, community engagement, team leadership and communications.

Krahlhng said Bachman will help strengthen existing community partnerships while working to engage with potential new partners, and she will work with staff to implement policies, programs and protocols designed to register more voters and increase voter participation in each election cycle.

Prior to coming on board with the Clerk's Office, Bachman was the southwest regional manager for the New Mexico chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. She also has worked for Seton Healthcare Foundations, the National Center for Farmworker Health, the Kansas



L. BACHMAN

City Life Sciences Institute and the United States Peace Corps.

"I'm excited to join Scott's team and to continue the work designed to make Doña Ana County the shining star of voter participation in the State of New Mexico," she said.

Bachman joins the staff, Krahlhng said, just after an outreach initiative that registered more than 700 new high-school voters in Doña Ana County, and she is working alongside him to ensure that early voting proceeds smoothly leading up the June 5 Primary Elections.

Krahlhng also said that Bachman will play a pivotal role in transitioning to consolidated elections beginning in 2019, as authorized by the 2018 New Mexico Legislature and signed into law earlier this year by New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez. Last Monday, the Las Cruces City Council opted in to consolidation.

McDowell-Schnell most recently served as the Otero County undersheriff. She is retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, where she worked extensively in civil rights and human trafficking investigations.

"Our department is thrilled to welcome Liliana to Doña Ana County," Vigil said. "We have a lot of work to do, and her energy and expertise across a wide range of priorities within our agency will be very helpful."

As undersheriff, McDowell-Schnell will be second-in-command of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, overseeing approximately 126 sworn law enforcement officers.



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City increases asking price for GO bond election

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

After community input received at public meetings and online, City of Las Cruces staff decided to increase the amount they will ask local voters to approve in an August general obligation (GO) bond election to \$35 million.

Pending city council approval, the ballot likely will include four questions: Parks and sports fields improvements and adjustments, \$14.35 million; walking, jogging and biking trails improvements and additions, \$4.75 million; a new fire station #3 building (390 N. Valley Drive, built in 1967), \$6.15 million; and a new animal services center, \$9.8 million.

The projects would be paid for with about 2.1 mills of local property tax funds, Las Cruces Assistant Fire Chief Jason Smith said at the city council's May 14 work session at Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center in Mesilla Park.

A home owner with a house valued at \$100,000 would pay approximately \$67 a year in additional property taxes to fund the bonds, said Smith, co-coordinator of the GO bond project for the city.

In April, Assistant City Manager Bill Studer said the city likely would ask for about \$10 million in GO bonds. But, community input received at the public meetings and online showed support for a higher level of spending, Smith said at the May 14 work session.

Smith said more than 130 people attended six public meetings held



Assistant Las Cruces Fire Chief Jason Smith, right, talked about the city's upcoming GO bond election to the Las Cruces City Council at its May 14 work session at the Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center in Mesilla Park. On the dais are City Manager Stuart Ed and City Attorney Jennifer Vega-Brown.

February-May. The city received an additional 824 responses to an online bond survey and received 140 bond-related emails. The online survey is complete, but emails are still being accepted at gobond@las-cruces.org.

The GO bond election will be conducted entirely by mail. Ballots with the bond questions will be mailed to all Las Cruces registered voters if the city council approves the ballot, which will be on its June 4 meeting agenda. Studer said ballots likely will be mailed two to three weeks in advance of the election and Aug. 21 will be the deadline to return them. Ballots will be post-paid.

"Mark it and throw it in the mail and you're done," Studer said.

The city has not had a successful GO bond election in more than 20 years, Studer said. Voters rejected one some years

ago, he said, and the 2018 election will be the first attempt to revive GO bonds as a funding source since then.

Because they have the lowest interest rate of any debt instrument available to the city, GO bonds are a valuable source of revenue for capital projects, Studer said.

Unlike the gross receipts tax that the city has used extensively to pay for capital projects, GO bonds "have the full faith and

credit of the city behind them," he said. And, they allow the city to spread the cost of the projects they finance more evenly among local residents, businesses and visitors.

GO bonds also provide "intergenerational equity," Studer said, because they spread out the cost of the projects they pay for over the life of those projects. Today's taxpayers, he said, shouldn't be charged for the entire cost of a project that will last 30 to

40 years or longer.

Many cities around the country, including Albuquerque, make extensive use of GO bonds to pay for capital projects, Studer said. Las Cruces Public Schools has used hundreds of millions of dollars in voter-approved GO bond funds to build and renovate schools since the school district was created in 1954.

If the 2018 bond is successful, the city could hold additional GO bond elections every four years, Studer said, likely maintaining the tax rate set in this year's election.

At a cost of just under \$100,000, the city hired Architectural Research Consultants, Inc. of Albuquerque for "professional services to provide GO bonding project analysis

and public engagement," according to city documents.

City Manager Stuart Ed said the city also will hire an engineering firm to oversee the bond projects. He said the city public information office will work with a blue ribbon committee comprised of local residents to provide information about the bond election.

If approved, the proposed GO bond projects would "make the city a better place to live and play," Councilor Gabe Vasquez said.

For more information, contact Jason Smith at 575-528-4074 or gobond@las-cruces.org.

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Noel Martinez, left, and David Nuñez.

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District recognizes employees of the year

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Public Schools has announced that David Nuñez, social studies teacher and track and field coach at Oñate High School, has been selected as the 2019 LCPS Teacher of the Year (TOTY), and Noel Martinez, lead welder at the LCPS Physical Plant Department, has been selected as the 2019 LCPS Educational Support Personnel of the Year (ESPOTY). Both honorees were recognized at the LCPS Foundation's Annual Celebration of Excellence in Education Awards Dinner May 14 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

"As leaders in our schools and our community, these two honorees embody the spirit of what we strive to achieve as public servants. They selflessly invest their time, talents and resources to support students and staff every single day," said LCPS

Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "I'd like to thank both of these talented individuals for their work to create a safe, engaging and effective learning environment for our school community."

At the awards dinner, LCPS officials also announced that Silvia Mariscal, a bilingual teacher at East Picacho Elementary School, was named the runner-up for the TOTY award, and Joe Holguin, lead custodian at Mesilla Valley Leadership Academy, was named runner-up for the ESPOTY award.

Nuñez received a \$1,000 check from First Savings Bank and Martinez received a \$1,000 check from Century Bank. Each runner-up received a \$250 check from Horace Mann.

Martinez has been with the district for 14 years. Officials said he has fabricated everything from handrails and basketball goals to a custom toilet seat device he designed and fabricated for a stu-

dent with a disability. He also works extensively with the Excel program to teach high school students about maintenance trades and the basics of welding.

In addition to naming the employees of the year, several teachers were recognized for earning their National Board Teaching Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). They are Ashley Cartwright, 4th grade teacher at East Picacho Elementary School; Kathleen Guitar, lead flight director at the Challenger Learning Center in Las Cruces; Heather Hinde, 3rd-5th grade Interventionist at Hillrise Elementary; Magdalena Nuñez, 5th grade teacher at East Picacho Elementary School; Yvette Ramirez-Springler, kindergarten teacher at Hillrise Elementary; and Darby Sanchez-Hoffman, 2nd grade teacher at East Picacho Elementary School.



COURTESY PHOTO

Two student teams from the Oñate High School NJROTC program celebrate claiming top honors in the 2018 Greater Southwest SeaPerch Challenge. From left are junior Katelin Ashby, senior Damon Moran, senior Antionette Villalpando and senior Izabell Homer.

Oñate students claim robotics awards

BULLETIN REPORT

Two teams of students from the Oñate High School Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program recently earned top honors in the 2018 Greater Southwest SeaPerch Challenge. The challenge required two-person teams to produce an engineering notebook and design and build a submersible robot to navigate an obstacle course and perform technical challenges.

“It’s great to see our students using science, technology, engineering and math to produce such complex real-world projects,” said Superintendent Greg Ewing. “Congrats to all of the students on a job well done.”

Out of the 58 teams that participated in the competition, two OHS teams earned the competition’s top honors. OHS Senior Izabell

Homer and OHS Senior Antionette Villalpando’s team earned first place overall and OHS Senior Damon Moran and OHS Junior Katelin Ashby’s team earned second place overall.

Based on their respective performances in the regional competition, both teams are now qualified for the 2018 International SeaPerch Challenge which will take place June 1-3 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

In preparation for the competition, both teams used the East Mesa Bataan Memorial Pool, which is managed by the Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department aquatics division, to test their submersible robots. To thank the city for letting the teams use the pool, the OHS NJROTC recently presented Recreation Programs Manager Jake Gutierrez with a recognition plaque.

“They allowed the

students to utilize the East Mesa pool every Thursday,” said Mike Buchanan, senior naval science instructor at Oñate High School. “This access was critical in allowing the students to design and test their remotely operated vehicles in preparation for the competition.”

According to the SeaPerch website, SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) in an in-school or out-of-school setting. Since 2011, the SeaPerch program has been managed by Robonation, a robotics community created by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to support the educational initiatives of the AUVSI.



COURTESY PHOTO

Las Cruces middle school students received certificates and medals at the Las Cruces City Council meeting May 7, pictured here with Mayor Ken Miyagishima and City Manager Stuart Ed.

Local students awarded medals for video contest

BULLETIN REPORT

Eleven students from three Las Cruces middle schools were recognized by Mayor Ken Miyagishima and City Manager Stuart Ed as winners of the City of Las Cruces Public Information Office’s CLC-TV Student Video PSA Contest.

The contest, now in its twelfth year, required students to produce a 30-second video public service announcement. The theme of this year’s contest was “Speak Up.”

A total of 34 entries were received from 60

middle and high school students in the Las Cruces area. Silver and Gold winners were selected, with Gold being the highest honor. Entries were judged based on content, technicality and creativity, according to city officials. All winners will have their PSAs played on CLC-TV Comcast channel 20 for up to one year.

Gold Winners

- “No Stupid Questions” by Adelaide Olberding, 8th grade, Sierra Middle School
- “What If?” by Parker Daniel Drake, 8th grade,

and Sean Crawford, 7th grade, Las Cruces Catholic School

- “Together We Stand” by Paris Gonzalez and Bella Baca, 8th grade, Sierra Middle School

Silver Winners

- “Hide” by Alena Hernandez, 7th grade, and Anjolie Hernandez, 8th grade, Mesa Middle School
- “Silently Suffering” by Isaac Nunez, 7th grade, Mesa Middle School
- “Look Up” by Persephanie Avilucea and Hannah Kelley, 8th grade, Sierra Middle School

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With or without details, always honor the service

Espina Avenue near St. Genevieve's Church is lined on either side with full trees.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

The avenue is straddled by cemeteries, St. Joseph's on the east side, where the graves are well tended and there is color and greenery.

On the west side, San Jose

Cemetery is nearly devoid of color. Everything is a sandy hue of tan. Many graves are in disrepair and dust is everywhere.

In the extreme northwest corner, as if to add insult to injury, part of the cemetery wall is knocked down, probably due to a wayward motorist.

However, the opening and crumbled bricks reveal an intriguing headstone. The white military stone bears little detail, other than the following inscription:

Geo. Ackenback
Co. A
2 U.S.
Dragoons

There's nothing to indicate how old George was when he passed, or what years he served. Neither can you tell his rank, although it's probable he wasn't a general. No way to determine if he died in the line of duty or maybe years after his service.

As we approach Memorial Day, though, perhaps it's fitting Ackenback's memorial is so sparse.

The Second Dragoons is the nickname for the 2nd Cavalry Regiment of the U.S. Army, a unit established in 1836. The Cavalry has long been vital to the Army, and have fought in nearly every war going back



The unheralded grave of George Ackenback sits in a desolate corner of San Jose Cemetery. It is a reminder of the military's unsung heroes, many of whom gave their lives in service, a sacrifice Americans should honor on Memorial Day.

to the Mexican-American War. Their motto is Toujours Pret, French for "Always Ready." Based on the appearance of the stone, and the dates of graves nearby, Ackenback likely served in World War I, known at the time as the Great War.

As a member of the Second Dragoons, Ackenback in many ways represents all soldiers of all U.S. wars, soldiers who, regardless of their company's motto, always have to be ready.

Memorial Day has been set aside by our nation's government to recognize and honor those who have fallen in service to our country.

Some of you know personally

someone who has made the supreme sacrifice in war.

Most of us don't, but we all know the freedoms we retain because of those who gave all.

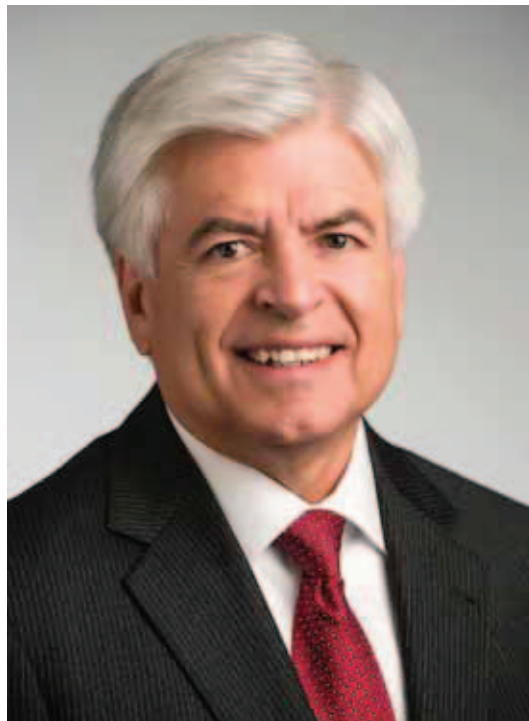
So, this Monday, in between the inevitable holiday festivities, take a moment to remember those brave men and women who put themselves on the line so we could have the life we know as Americans.

POST SCRIPT: Last week, vandals struck at the Las Cruces Veterans Park. It makes me ill that someone would vandalize any park, especially the Veterans Park, especially this close to Memorial Day. It is a sick, twisted irony that letters were

stolen from the section of the Vietnam War Memorial titled "Heroes Never Thanked." Most of us are aware of the lousy homecoming our Vietnam veterans received, and this memorial is a beautiful way to honor those men and women who served. For it to be desecrated, and in a sense "unthank" those veterans, again, is a tragedy. More than likely, the crime was committed by people too young and too ignorant to be fully aware of the depth of their dishonor. That's another duty of Memorial Day, that we make sure our children and our children's children understand the power of those sacrifices.

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The NMSU Board of Regents, faculty, staff and students are proud to present our new system chancellor, Dan Arvizu, and our new president of NMSU Las Cruces, John Floros.



Chancellor Dan Arvizu, Ph.D.

Arvizu, a graduate of NMSU, served as senior adviser to the Emerson Elemental practice of Emerson Collective. In 2015, he retired as director of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory.



President John Floros, Ph.D.

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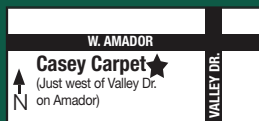
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Danny, Del and I exactly 50 years ago

"You are tomorrow's leaders. Go forth and lead."

Graduation speaker May 1968



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

It was a warm evening as we lined up in the hallway of Alamogordo High School to walk into the gym for the last time as high school students. It had seemed to me that graduation was a very long time away and then suddenly it was here.

That evening in May 1968, Danny Arvizu was near the front and I was near the back. In between out of the several hundred graduates was Del Hansen. The three of us today are in Las Cruces and we have reflected upon that commencement speaker telling us to go forth and lead, since Danny was just selected to lead New Mexico State University.

Del is retired from a robust career in education both as a teacher and administrator. He and I have been friends a long time but not as long as he has been friends with Danny Arvizu. They go back to elementary school.

And there is another fundamental difference: both Danny and Del are recognizable from their high school days. Not me.

It was a different and difficult time in our country. Segregation was ending, which it had in the military where I grew up. Before I was born, President Truman mandated this change. But the rest of the society was slowly changing amid lots of strife.

The Vietnam War was in its third really intense year.

Some of the class of 1968 would see this war firsthand. Lyndon Johnson was president but had decided not to run for reelection. Back then I didn't have much in the way of political opinions. That would change.

In late May 1968, Robert Kennedy, the younger brother of slain president John Kennedy, was doing well running for president until an assassin's bullet struck him down.

Martin Luther King, Jr. had been struck down the month before. And there were riots in some cities. The nightly news was unsettling. It occurred to me about this time that if we were to be leaders, we needed to calm down our nation.

Danny has had a distinguished career of engineering and leadership. It was announced last week that 50 years after graduating from Alamogordo High School that young man, who is exactly one day younger than me, now leads New Mexico State University.

We both got a Ph.D. in the course of our adult lives, but he can call me Mike and I can call him Danny, like 50 years ago. In fact, there are a number of Ph.D.'s from that class of 1968. Our education back then must have been fine.

And the graduation speaker who said we were tomorrow's leaders - that speaker was right.

Michael Swickard was staff photographer on the 1968 AHS Yearbook. He may be reached at drswickard@comcast.net.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Too many guns

To the editor:
I attended the City Council and School Committee joint meeting on School Safety two weeks ago. I have to say that the NRA did a “bang-up” job (pun intended) organizing about 75 of their most extreme members to attend, sign up to speak, and monopolize the public comment period. These people are afraid the government is coming to take their guns. They are truly afraid of being in a building without their weapons on their hips. They also believe that it is their right to arm themselves without restriction. This was a sad situation when the truly brave City Councilor Greg Smith only wanted to pass a resolution recommending that the State of New Mexico restrict the purchase of assault rifles.

It is a fact that the more guns there are, the more gun deaths there are. The School Board President is unsure about arming teachers, and last week’s stories about a number of School Resource officers

leaving their guns unattended with accidental discharges, only tends to suggest that more guns in schools will equal more gun deaths in schools. I believe Kim Stewart, who I support for Doña Ana County Sheriff, agrees with this position.

Meanwhile, the School Board will try to make our schools safer through better security and more school resource officers (policemen) patrolling. These things cost money, not selling assault rifles in this state costs nothing.

*Bob Libby
Las Cruces*

A civil dialogue

To the editor:

The battle lines were drawn in mid-March this year, when City Councilor Greg Smith proposed a Resolution titled “To Better Ensure the Safety of Students.” In light of the recent mass school shootings it seemed quite appropriate. The trouble began when the rumor, that the resolution contained the wording “...restrict the sale and possession of

semi-automatic weapons” turned out to be true.

At the March 19 Las Cruces City Council meeting and the follow-up joint work session, held on May 2 with city council and LCPS, many gun rights activists, including myself, engaged the battle. Our weapons were words.

Also at that time, and in tandem, there were three great conversations on the topic of “School Safety and The Social and Cultural Causes That Influence Violence in Schools.” My wife and I attended all three, at Lynn Middle School. Among the participants were parents, teachers, students, representatives from the school board, city and county officials, the Coalition against Bullying and more. Curiously, also present, for two of the three, was Councilor Greg Smith, the supposed enemy of gun rights. The dialogue we shared was insightful, informative and civil.

A few days later, I contacted Councilor Smith and we set up a private meeting. Time flew as we

traded stories and found common ground in many of our views. We then addressed the issues of school safety and gun rights. The councilor was responding to some of his constituents demanding gun control and I upheld our unalienable right to self-defense, guaranteed by our 2nd Amendment.

I dare say that our thoughtful and respectful conversation was the beginning of a sincere friendship. I look forward to working with, and not against, Councilor Smith, a man whom I now respect.

*Dave Gallus
Las Cruces*

Downtown as it can be

To the editor:

Al and Dave were sitting on a bench downtown enjoying the morning sun hoping the wind would stay away for a while. They had been friends for years after they met at a local veterans’ event. They had both served in Vietnam towards the end of the war, Al in the Marine Corps and Dave in

the Navy. They were talking about life aboard ship and Vietnam in general. Al had gone on vacation to Vietnam “kind of out of curiosity” and found it completely different from what he remembered and confessed he had a “great time.” Dave said you couldn’t get him back there for “All the tea in China.”

Al noticed some people down the street looking in shops. “That’s what we need down here,” he said, “more people looking around.” Al liked to walk around downtown and marvel at how it was changing. Dave thought they were “screwing things up.”

They sat on the bench until the wind came up and they figured it was time to “git.” Al made sure he didn’t forget his newspaper and Dave made sure

he had his umbrella because “you never know.” Just two friends, talking downtown, the way things ought to be and can be.

*Bill Grigaliunas
Las Cruces*

Thanks to an angel

To the editor:

I would like to let people know about a person, Barbara Gomez, who found my wallet. I had lost it while doing an errand for a client. She found it and took my bank card to the bank and gave them her phone number. I got in touch with her and she returned my wallet with all my money, driver’s license and bank card. She is an angel, an honest person!

I tried to give her money as a reward but she refused. Thank you, Barbara.

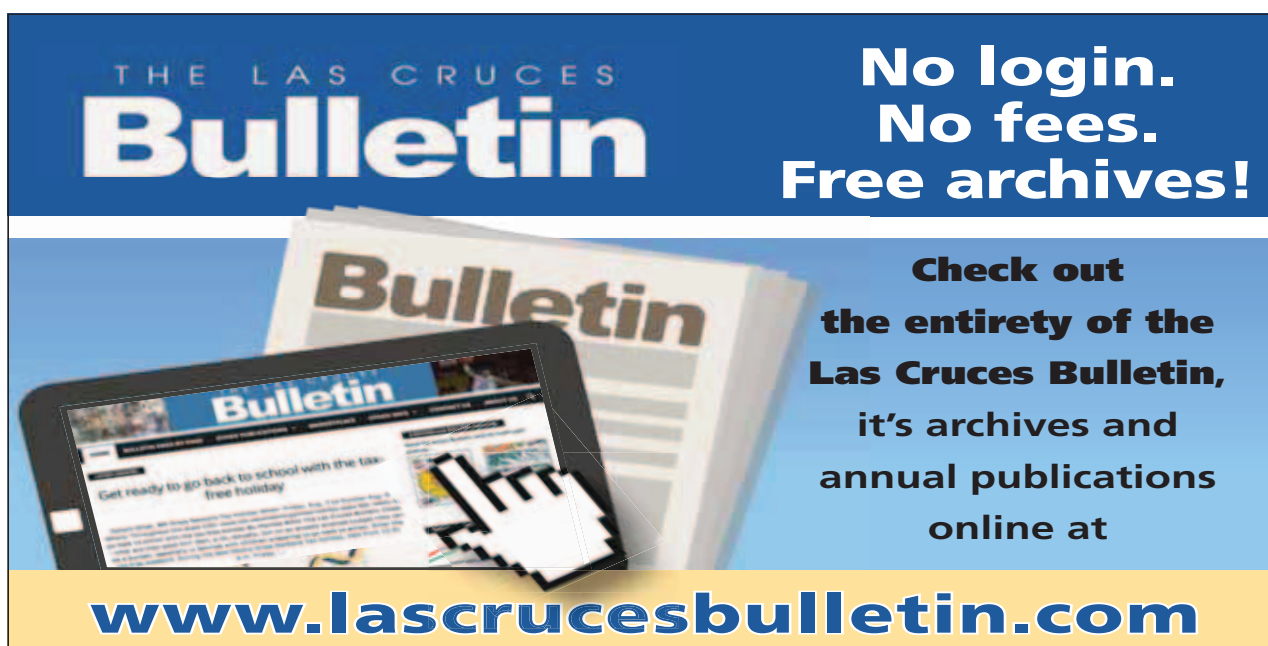
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Old cemetery in Picacho turning into a mystery

By **JIM ECKLES**

Doña Ana County Historical Society

On Saturday, May 19, Knights of Columbus volunteers from the Basilica de San Albino Council worked through the morning to clear brush from the mysterious old cemetery in historic Old Picacho Village.

It was the second round this year of cutting and raking mesquite, grass and other vegetation at the cemetery purchased by the Doña Ana County Historical Society (DACHS) in late 2017. The San Albino crews have been led by Jimmy Beasley.

The cemetery is just north of U.S. Highway 70

off Shalem Colony Road east of Picacho Hills, near San Jose Catholic Church and about 1.5 miles northwest of the post office on West Picacho Avenue.

According to DACHS historian Sally Kading, who leads the work to clean up and document the cemetery, the half-acre plot was overrun with decades of vegetation that obscured most indications it ever was a cemetery.

Only two headstones remain in the cemetery. They belong to the wife and child of Hichiro "Jose" Matsuba, a Japanese-born laborer who came to the United States through Juarez, Mexico, bringing his

Hispanic wife with him. Whatever else might be on the property has been well-hidden.

Thanks to the San Albino Council and other Knights of Columbus volunteers from the St. Genevieve Council, Kading and others are getting a glimpse of the ground and what might be there. They are continuing to impose a grid on top of cleared areas, marking 10-foot squares. Eventually, Kading will be able to map what they find.

So far, they have identified some wooden stumps that may be the remains of gravesite crosses. If they were crosses, they were vandalized, as the stumps

are clearly sawn-off pieces of wood. Also, there are rocks that appear to be placed on the ground making them likely grave markers. There is even a mailbox buried in the middle of the cemetery pointed up so the door is at the surface. What?

Another group of volunteers from the Doña Ana County Genealogical Society has made progress identifying those who might be buried at the site. When the historical society bought the small cemetery, the word was there might be 12 to 15 graves there. Kading reports they have now documented 35 individuals being buried there. It gets more

intriguing as Kading and others have talked to local residents whose families have lived in the area for generations, and there are assertions that the cemetery holds over 100 graves, maybe more than 200.

The historical research has also revealed burials as far back as the 1860s with the latest being in 1949. With it being active for 80 years, maybe the community's memory for the number of burials is correct. Also, researchers have been able to see death certificates from the 20th century and are finding that many burials are for infants and children. During its last decades, was the graveyard used

as a "children's cemetery"?

Finding those dozens of graves presents a large problem for Kading and her team of volunteers. They only have the two Matsuba stones for confirmed gravesites. Finding others would be useful in determining the layout of the cemetery, if there was one. Sweeping away most of the vegetation on the site just may reveal more obvious graves and provide more clues.

Jim Eckles is secretary of the Doña Ana County Historical Society and also editor of its newsletter. Contact him at nebraska1950@comcast.net.

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Richard Lohmeyer, a volunteer from the San Albino Council of Knights of Columbus, rakes debris at the Old Picacho cemetery on May 19.



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KRWG Director of Content Fred Martino received first place at the Society of Professional Journalists Colorado chapter's Top of the Rockies contest for his story regarding economic development in New Mexico.



News Director Anthony Moreno received first place at the Society of Professional Journalists Colorado chapter's Top of the Rockies contest for his story on a breed of cattle that does especially well in our region.

KRWG News honored by Top of the Rockies

By **XIMENA TAPIA**

For the Bulletin

Las Cruces NPR station KRWG News received two first-place awards at the Society of Professional Journalists Colorado chapter's Top of the Rockies contest April 20. Top of the Rockies is a regional multi-platform contest for reporters and news organizations in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

KRWG News Director Anthony Moreno and KRWG Director of Content Fred Martino were part of a statewide team in the Solutions Journalism Network's State of Change project, which received first place in the Public Service Journalism medium-market category and first place in the Business Enterprise Journalism medium-market category.

The Public Service Journalism winning story was Moreno's piece on a breed of cattle that does especially well in our region. Martino's story regarding economic development in

New Mexico was the Business Enterprise Journalism winner.

Martino said he is proud that his story helped to foster community engagement. He worked with nmpolitics.net to hold a focus group with residents in Truth or Consequences and talked with them about their impressions of the community and efforts to boost economic development in the area. He also sought residents' feedback on ways journalism can do a better job in covering the important issues they face.

"KRWG is honored to be

part of the Solutions Journalism project. This award recognizes the impact of in-depth journalism produced by public media and the other partners across the state," Martino said.

Moreno's story can be accessed at krwg.org/post/some-ranchers-breed-cattle-past-offers-sustainable-investment. Martino's story is at krwg.org/post/new-mexicans-push-infra-structure-spending-boost-economy.

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KRWG radio staffers at NMSU took home five awards from the New Mexico Broadcasters Association. They are, from left, Jacob Lockwood and Edmundo Resendez (Social Media Integration/"Red or Green Confidential"), Fred Martino (Website/krwg.org.), Michael Hernandez (Feature News/"Shattered Lives") and Ralph Escandon, Joe Widmer and Christian Valle (Local Programming/"Our Stories: Vietnam Part 3)." "This award reflects the outstanding achievement of individual broadcasters and broadcast teams from around the state," the association stated. "The winning entries represent innovative news coverage and quality programming in New Mexico."

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Seniors honored for bilingual skills

BULLETIN REPORT

Officials from Las Cruces Public Schools honored 77 graduating seniors who demonstrated fluency in two or more languages at a special recognition ceremony April 26 at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center. Students honored received the state seal of bilingualism-biliteracy on their New Mexico Diploma of Excellence upon graduation.

"What these students have accomplished is no small feat," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "Becoming fluent in two or more languages demonstrates that these students possess the talent and dedication to be successful in whatever career they choose."

To earn the seal, students must meet several requirements, including successful completion of state assessments in a language, written and oral

presentations, and a minimum grade point average in a number of language courses.

"The seal sends a message about the value of language learning, giving a boost to students who excel in a foreign language, as well as those who are native speakers of languages other than English," said Dr. Jennifer Haan, LCPS executive director of bilingual and migrant education.

According to the state seal guidance handbook, the state seal of bilingualism-biliteracy on a New Mexico Diploma of Excellence certifies that the recipient is proficient for meaningful use in college, a career or to meet a local community need in a language other than English.

The seal was introduced by the New Mexico Public Education Department in fall 2015.

Students recognized are as follows:

Centennial High School:

Marhec Arreola, Spanish/English
Ammy Bautista, Spanish/English
Ivander Camona, Spanish/English
Paulina Carrera, Spanish/English
Luisa Chavez, Spanish/English
Axel Flores, Spanish/English
Hansel Florian, Spanish/English
Brian Gonzalez, Spanish/English
Daniel Grajeda, Spanish/English
Jesus Lozoya, Spanish/English
Emma Murillo, Spanish/English
Victoria Najera, Spanish/English
Ariana Parra, Spanish/English
Eulalio Perez-Guereca, Spanish/English
Eduardo Quintana, Spanish/English
Noe Rivera-Puentes, Spanish/English
Bryan Robles Guzman, Spanish/English
Hillary Rodriguez, Spanish/English
Martin Ruiz Lozano, Spanish/English
Kennedy Ulmer, Spanish/English
Karissa McDonald, French/English
Jazmin Collins, Japanese/English
Jessa Gegax, French/English

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Former Las Cruces High School Principal Jed Hendee, LCPS officials and Board of Education President Ed Frank recognize a senior who will receive the state seal of bilingualism-biliteracy on his New Mexico Diploma of Excellence. The recognition is part of a districtwide ceremony to honor students who are set to earn the state seal when they graduate later this year.

SENIORS

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Las Cruces High School:

Maria Chacon, Spanish/English
 Andrea Hernandez, Spanish/English
 Nohemi Molinar, Spanish/English
 Jacqueline Cervantes-Vanderlugt, French/English
 Andrew Cowie, French/English
 Charlotte Flores, French/English
 Luis Paque-Garns, French/English
 Sophie Noshirwani, French/English
 Quinlan Pope, French/English
 Julie Smith, French/English
 Caroline Williams, French/English
 Jonathan Brown, Spanish/French/English
 Guadalupe Duran, Spanish/French/English
 Karen Romero, Spanish/French/English
 Jessica Reyes, Spanish/French/English

Mayfield High School:

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 Anahi Carrazco Ponce, Spanish/English
 Sebastian Compean, Spanish/English
 Nayeli Aurora Frias, Spanish/English
 Ambar Holguin, Spanish/English
 Elizabeth Miranda, Spanish/English
 Cecelia Piñon, Spanish/English
 Yesenia Ramirez, Spanish/

English
 Norma Rangel, Spanish/English
 Tiffany Rios, Spanish/English
 Cassandra Roberto, Spanish/English
 Angel Soto, Spanish/English
 Jose Hiram Tarin-Caldera, Spanish/English
 Luis Varela Chavez, Spanish/English
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 Maria Lara Moreno, French/English
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 Ashley Ramirez, French/English
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 Abril Casillas, Spanish/English
 Idali Enriquez, Spanish/English
 Brizia Gonzalez, Spanish/English
 Raul Gonzalez, Spanish/English
 Jennifer Hernandez, Spanish/English
 Osmara Macias, Spanish/English
 Ericka Olivas, Spanish/English
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Candidates for sheriff at the May 9 Doña Ana County Democratic Party forum are, left to right, Eddie Lerma, Larry Anthony Roybal, incumbent Kiki Vigil, Carolos Preciado and Kim Stewart. At far left is forum moderator Peter Ossorio.

Four challenge Vigil for sheriff in primary

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Incumbent Enrique “Kiki” Vigil has four primary opponents in his bid for re-election: former Undersheriff Eddie Lerma, former Doña Ana County internal affairs investigator Kim Stewart and former New Mexico, Texas and Washington state law enforcement officer Carlos H. Preciado, all of Las Cruces; and Otero County Deputy Sheriff Larry Anthony Roybal of La Mesa.

Vigil received about 39 percent of the vote in the five-way Democratic primary race for sheriff four years ago and won the general election with about 53 percent of the vote against Republican Craig Wayne Buckingham.

Here are the views of the five candidates, many taken from the party’s May 9 candidate forum.

Kim Stewart. “The people of Doña Ana County want change,” Stewart said. “I am an advocate of true community policing that will reach every corner of our county.” Making

traffic stops because of what people look like and conducting searches with no warrants is “policing of the past,” Stewart said. Community policing, she said, “is policing of the present. We have to change.” As sheriff, Stewart said she wants to “cut out county partisanship completely” and transform county law enforcement.

• On lawsuits against the sheriff’s office (SO): Abuse of power during the last decade has led to lawsuits, Stewart said. Preventing future lawsuits “comes down to training, top to bottom,” she said, following policy and “keeping personnel up to date on all issues.”

• On the sheriff’s department’s relationship with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE): The SO should “back up those agencies” and provide a “certain level of response” in “exigent circumstances” like hot pursuit, sex trafficking and hostage situations, Stewart said, and as required by the county’s

participation in the federal Stonegarden program that provides grants to local law enforcement agencies to enhance border security.

• On training, morale, retention: Change is needed in the SO “from the top to the bottom and the bottom to the top,” in terms of recruiting, training and transparency, Stewart said. “Flip the pyramid,” she said, so those at the top are not getting all the money, benefits and training. “We’re going to reorganize the budget so our focus is on those that do the job,” she said.

Larry Anthony Roybal.

“I want to make sure residents of Doña Ana County are protected, from Garfield to Sunland Park,” said Roybal, who ran unsuccessfully for county sheriff in the 2014 Republican primary. Roybal said he likes to “be part of the public” as a law enforcement official and trained investigator. “I love doing this. I have been doing it since 1987. I will fight for the people in the sheriff’s office,” he said. “They’re out there risking their lives and they deserve it.”

• Lawsuits: “Zero tolerance” for discrimination in the work place, “from the sheriff on down to a brand-new employee” is the way to prevent lawsuits against the sheriff’s office, Roybal said. Training and ongoing education are crucial, he said.

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• **Relationship with ICE:** “The SO should not do the Border Patrol’s job,” Roybal said. The SO’s job is to “enforce state laws and county ordinances. We are not here to enforce immigration laws.” As a law enforcement official, Roybal said he has “pulled over countless cars. I have yet to ask for immigration status,” he said. “We will work with the Border Patrol,” Roybal said. “We won’t work for them.”

• **Training, morale, retention:** A certified instructor himself, Roybal said he will participate in staff training as the sheriff. To improve morale, Roybal said he will “work on the streets with the deputies, issuing tickets and warnings and changing tires. Being out with deputies, he said, will inspire them to say, “If he can do it, why can’t I?”

Eddie Lerma. “I want to make a positive change for the department,” said Lerma, who said his more than 40 years of experience and training in law enforcement will benefit Doña Ana County. Lerma said he has the “know-how” to be a good sheriff and has “been an effective leader” throughout his four-decade career.

• **Lawsuits:** “We really need to look at our training curriculum,” to prevent lawsuits against the SO, Lerma said. SO employees, he said, should be “coached, counseled and corrected” on appropriate behavior. Lerma said he has “a high regard for ethics, honesty and integrity.”

• **Relationship with ICE:** “We are not an immigration enforcement

agency,” Lerma said. The SO should assist undocumented residents “like any other citizen in the county,” he said. The SO should “respond and assist as appropriate” when called on by ICE. “We don’t go on programs to go out and check on immigration status,” Lerma said. “They don’t go on burglaries.”

• **Training, morale, retention:** Reverence for the law and ethics “flow from the top down,” Lerma said. Training must be done by certified police instructors. All SO employees must “know we have what it takes to lead the department.”

Kiki Vigil. Vigil said he inherited problems in the sheriff’s office when he was elected in 2014. The office, he said, “needed a lot of repair,” including its fleet and its records management system, which was “in a shambles,” Vigil said. “I fought hard for these deputies. I got them raises. I got them vehicles,” he said. “I’m a cop first,” Vigil said. “I’m not a politician. I’m very passionate about this department.”

Vigil invited members of the public to “come and ride with us and see what we’re actually doing out there.”

• **Lawsuits:** “Very extensive training” is the

way to prevent lawsuits against the department, Vigil said. “It comes down to the person. Talk to the individual,” he said. Counsel him or her, “take disciplinary action if you have to” and terminate employees who refuse to comply.

• **Relationship with ICE:** In contrast to the policy of the previous administration, Vigil said his deputies “don’t ask for immigration status” when they make traffic stops. “It’s against county ordinance,” Vigil said. “We won’t stop somebody and do racial profiling.”

• **Training, morale, retention:** Deputies go on many domestic calls involving mental health issues, Vigil said. More training with professionals is needed as deputies “continue to get better at it,” he said. More assistance is needed from the state.

Carlos Preciado. Issues in the sheriff’s department during the past 10 years, Preciado said, include low morale, accountability and a lack of leadership. If elected, Preciado said he wants to “get rid of the good-old-boy system” that’s been in place in the SO “for a long time.” Preciado said he has a 38-year career in law enforcement and wants to get back into the field as sheriff, includ-

ing responding to calls and serving as backup. “I miss being in a patrol car,” Preciado said.

• **Lawsuits:** If SO employees don’t discriminate against members of the public, the department won’t get sued, he said. Appropriate training and education are essential, Preciado said. Employees should be treated like family. “Act as a team and you solve the issue,” he said.

• **Relationship with ICE:** The SO is “local law enforcement,” Preciado said. “We’re not immigration enforcement.” An undocumented resident “is a person and deserves

respect,” he said. No one should be stopped or questioned unless a crime has been committed, Preciado said.

• **Training, morale, retention:** “Without training, you can’t do the job,” Preciado said. Cadets receive 40 hours of training to deal with mental health issues but only one hour a year in the SO. “We have to do better than that,” he said. With help from experts, Preciado said he will bring forward a plan to train “mental health deputies.”

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'No shortage of ideas'

Dr. Dan Arvizu already at work as NMSU's next chancellor

Editor's note: Next week, an exclusive interview with new NMSU President Dr. John Floros. See page 29 to read about the NMSU regents' announcement of the duo's performance-based compensation packages.

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Less than two weeks after being hired as NMSU's new chancellor, Dr. Dan Arvizu is on the job.

Dr. John Floros joined Arvizu on campus May 22 and will start his new job as the first ever NMSU-Las Cruces campus president in July. The NMSU board of regents hired Arvizu and Floros May 11.

Arvizu will assume full duties as chancellor June 1.

"I'm very excited about that," Arvizu said in a May 18 phone interview from his home in Littleton, Colorado. "I'm a roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-to-work kind of guy."

Arvizu said he and his wife, Sheryl, are actively looking for a home in Las Cruces.

Leaving his current job as a senior advisor to Emerson Collective, a nonprofit focused on social justice initiatives, has been speeded up by "their strong support (for) my new role," he said.

Arvizu lived in Alumni and Garcia halls when he was a student at NMSU, he said, and "would walk



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK
Dr. Dan Arvizu at the Board of Regents meeting May 11 after the announcement he had been selected as NMSU chancellor.

the length of the campus daily" to attend classes at the engineering center near Hadley Hall. He graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1973 and subsequently earned a masters and a Ph.D. in the same field from Stanford.

During his return to NMSU to interview for the chancellor's job, Arvizu said he recognized "the look and feel of a much different, more mature university."

"I am inspired and humbled. It's a great honor to be at the helm of my alma mater."

Arvizu grew up in

Alamogordo, played first-chair trumpet in the Alamogordo High School Band and attended NMSU on a music scholarship.

Being a member of the Aggie Pride Band was "one of my most rewarding experiences on campus," Arvizu said. He played in both the marching band and orchestra at NMSU.

Today, Arvizu still occasionally plays the trumpet, he said, and has also "picked up guitar."

His first order of business at NMSU will be listening. He plans to "start meeting people" and will spend time with outgoing Chancellor Garrey Car-

ruthers, who has been "very receptive and accommodating" and part of a warm Las Cruces reception, Arvizu said.

"I'm standing on the shoulders of giants," the new chancellor said.

Arvizu said he plans to "take full advantage of what we already have in place," and will meet with NMSU students, staff and faculty and community members and leaders to learn more about NMSU and "hopefully take the institution to another level."

"It's a homecoming," Arvizu said. "I really do feel like this is where I'm meant to be."

Arvizu noted he has "been in and around universities all my career," but knew when he interviewed for the chancellor's job that he wanted "an outstanding No. 2 who understands the university environment and land grant opportunity ... to run the main campus."

"I leapt at the opportunity" to bring Kansas State University College of Agriculture Dean and Research and Extension Director Dr. John Floros on as NMSU-Las Cruces president, Arvizu said.

"It's historic," he said of their partnership.

The two had not met before they were hired by NMSU, Arvizu said, but they have spent time together since then and have had frequent phone conversations.

"In terms of personality, his demeanor, his will-

ingness, the chemistry," he and Floros "clicked right away," Arvizu said. "I am very excited by the fact that he's going to be a very strong president of the university. I am confident that he and I will make a great team. I could not be more pleased with the relationship and the manner in which we will overall lead the university system."

Arvizu said he knows "there's a lot of questions people have" for the two of them.

"We've got a number of ideas," he said. "Before we unveil those," Arvizu said he and Floros want to "hear from inside the university."

They will define roles and responsibilities, he said, set priorities and determine "how to work within this new construct. You keep the trains running, keep some continuity," he said, and develop a vision.

"My history and past has been built on taking great ideas and synthesizing them down to what we can actually focus on and achieve," he said. Idea generation, including "disruptive ideas that can change the landscape," are essential to "generating some impact that everyone can be proud of."

The first college class Arvizu ever took was on the NMSU-Alamogordo campus, he recalled, which helped him to recognize the value of NMSU's community col-

leges in Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Carlsbad and Grants.

"One of my top priorities is to make the system work more effectively," Arvizu said. Collectively, he said, the system provides "a tremendous platform on which to build an outreach effort ... to touch more of our citizens," many of whom "aren't aware of the opportunities that higher education provides or don't believe they could aspire to those opportunities."

"The land grant college mission, public service, outreach, the community colleges are extremely important in that process," Arvizu said. "So are the extension services."

"How do we leverage this platform in a way that helps us not just in rural areas, but also on the main campus? There are some natural things to do," Arvizu said, including more involvement with K-12 public education, which he said is an area where many universities "don't typically feel accountable. That's part of our land-grant mission," he said.

"What I see is a real appreciation for those who are looking to see the university improve and very interested to participate and see how we can do it," Arvizu said. "There is no shortage of ideas."

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IN THE NEWS

Holiday closure

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, May 28, to allow employees to observe the Memorial Day holiday.

Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed for the day.

Fees waived

On Saturday, May 26, the Bureau of Land Management is waiving the access fee to the Dripping Springs Natural Area and the Aguirre Spring Recreation Area (fees for overnight camping will still apply). The fee free weekend is to get the public outdoors to enjoy recreational and cultural values of public land.

The public is encouraged to hike, bike, enjoy a picnic and view wildlife in these areas, which are part of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. A BLM park ranger will lead a hike on the Dripping Springs Trail and talk about the history and nature of the area. The three-hour hike will leave from the Visitor Center at 9 a.m.

Each area offers unique scenic views of the Mesilla Valley to the west from Dripping Springs, and the Tularosa basin to the east from Aguirre Spring. Besides Dripping Springs Trail, the Sierra Vista, Soledad Canyon, Pine Tree and Baylor Canyon trails provide excellent vantage points for the public to appreciate the Chihuahuas Desert's flora and fauna.

The BLM reminds the

public to carry plenty of water and be aware of rattlesnakes that are now out for the summer season.

The Dripping Springs Natural Area is located east of Las Cruces, on the west side of the Organ Mountains. Take University Avenue to Dripping Springs Road to the Visitor Center parking lot. Daily summer hours for the Visitor Center are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Natural Area 7 a.m. to sunset.

The access road to Aguirre Spring is 14 miles east of the I-25/U.S. 70 interchange in Las Cruces, or 1.1 miles east of San Augustine Pass. The area offers 57 camping and picnic sites, along with two group sites which require BLM reservations. Daily summer hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact the BLM at 575-525-4300.

Road detour

A portion of Embarcadero Road in the village of Doña Ana will remain closed for an indeterminate period while crews await delivery of key parts necessary to make the Embarcadero Road Bridge safe for travel.

The road had previously been closed to through traffic while crews replaced the bridge decking. During repair it was learned that several beams also needed to be replaced, forcing an extension of the closure.

The beams are expected to arrive in late May, at which point crews anticipate another week of work will be required before the bridge can reopen to traffic.

Warning signs are

prominently posted and a detour is in place. Motorists are advised to slow down and to expect delays in the construction area.

Outdoor burning

The Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department recommends caution when doing any type of outdoor burning.

Doña Ana County's 16 volunteer fire districts have been responding to an unusually high number of uncontrolled open burns that have spread to surrounding properties and/or homes, destroying some homes.

The following safety rules are in place:

- Open burning of non-piled vegetative material for purposes of disposal of such material, shall not exceed 10 acres per day, or burning of piled vegetative material, including

material gathered in a pit or open container, should not exceed 1,000 cubic feet of pile volume per day.

- Burning shall be conducted at least 300 feet from any occupied dwelling, workplace or place where people congregate on property owned by, or under possession of another person.

- Burning shall begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise, and shall be extinguished no later than one hour before sunset.

- "Vegetative material" approved for burning: plant material, grass, leaves, conifer needles, bushes, shrubs, trees, and clippings from bushes, shrubs and trees, resulting from maintenance of yards or other private or public lands; and wood waste, clean lumber, wood and wood products, including tree stumps

(whole or chipped), trees, tree limbs (whole or chipped), bark, sawdust, chips, scraps, slabs, millings and shavings, which have not been painted, pigment-stained or treated with compounds containing chromium, copper, arsenic, pentachlorophenol or creosote.

- Materials prohibited in open burning are rubber tires, waste oil or used oil filters, insulated wire, plastic including polyvinyl chloride ("PVC") pipe, tubing, and connectors; tar, asphalt, asphalt shingles or tar paper, railroad ties, wood, wood waste or lumber which has been painted or which has been treated with preservatives containing arsenic, chromium, pentachlorophenol or creosote, batteries, motor vehicle bodies or interiors, pathogenic wastes, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials.

- Prior to open burning, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority shall be notified at 575-526-0795.

- Burning shall be attended at all times. Have a reliable water source, like a hose, nearby.

- Penalties for first-time violators who demonstrate cooperation in compliance may be fined up to \$100 per violation. First-time violators who fail to demonstrate cooperation in compliance may be fined up to \$200 per violation. Multiple-time violators who demonstrate cooperation may be fined up to \$500 per violation. Multiple-time violators who fail to demonstrate cooperation may be fined up to \$1,000 per violation.

Contact the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department at 575-647-7921.

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Domestic violence shelter has new executive director



By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Henry Brutus moved from El Paso to Las Cruces earlier this year to become the leader of La Casa, Inc., domestic violence shelter.

“We felt the butterflies immediately,” said La Casa board President Susie Chaparro. “Someone of Henry’s credentials as executive director made us very happy.”

Last year was a “transition challenge” for La Casa, Chaparro said, as both the previous executive director resigned in

September and the board president resigned in October.

A native of south Florida, Brutus lived in El Paso for 19 years, including 14 years as ED of the El Paso Diabetes Association.

Brutus took that association over in crisis, with two weeks of payroll in the bank, he said, and was able to grow the staff from three to 40 and start a foundation to help distribute funding.

Brutus was also general manager and development director of Habitat for Humanity and CEO of William Beaumont Army Medical Center, both in El Paso, and Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach.

Brutus applied for the La Casa job on the last day the position was open, he said.

“I love the stories and the things they were doing, the cause, working with offenders,” Brutus said. “I kept thinking, maybe this is a calling. I wanted to be in a place I love, doing

something I love.”

Chaparro has been on the La Casa board for four years. She created the state’s first domestic violence court when she served as a Doña Ana County magistrate judge more than a decade ago. Chaparro now owns a court interpreting and translating firm and is a trial consultant in Las Cruces. Chaparro also is vice chair of the county Democrat Party.

“We have a very united board,” Chaparro said, “a strong, motivated, committed team. La Casa is positioned to become a thousand times more successful than we are now.”

Chaparro said La Casa will return to its mission to provide “comprehensive services, including shelter, in order to diminish domestic violence and abuse in all forms,” to stabilize and expand the shelter, founded in 1981. It annually serves about 805 unduplicated clients (those not returning to the shelter

within a year). About half its clients are children. The Las Cruces shelter, which operates 24/7, can house up to 85 people and is often full. La Casa also serves Anthony.

“There’s many people out there we don’t know about who are suffering in silence,” Chaparro said.

“There are so many issues” that La Casa clients have to deal with, she said. Many arrive at the shelter with no money and only the clothes on their backs, and most come with children. Staff help them with issues like child custody, divorce, immigration status, counseling and child care.

“It’s going to astound this community how many people come forth to ask for help.”

Contact Brutus at 575-526-2819 or hbrutus@lacasainc.org. Visit www.lacasainc.org.

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

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La Casa, Inc.’s new executive director, Henry Brutus, and board president, Susie Chaparro.

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La Casa schedules fundraisers

Upcoming fundraisers for La Casa, Inc. include:

- 1000/100 campaign in June, July to raise \$1,000 from each of 100 local donors;
- Purple Purse Challenge, sponsored by the All State Foundation to support domestic violence programs;
- Thanksgiving collection in October and November, as the community is asked to provide Thanksgiving items for meals for resident and non-resident La Casa clients;
- Holiday gift drives,

October and November, as La Casa asks the community to donate items that can be used as gifts for its clients, and to donate toys for the children it supports;

• The annual La Casa Holiday Bazaar will be Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

Donations La Casa is seeking:

- Summer clothing of all sizes for men and women;
- School supplies for children ages pre-school to high school;
- General needs such as toiletries and hygiene products, shoes, household items, electronics, old

cell phones and chargers;

- Home and office furniture;

- Pillows, comforters, eating utensils, plates, glasses, cups, etc.

- Cash donations of any amount to help pay for food for clients, staff, utility bills, upkeep and more.

- New board members. Call 575-496-3285 if interested.

You can take donations to La Casa, Inc. at 800 S. Walnut St. or send a cash donation to La Casa, Inc., P.O. Box 2463, Las Cruces, NM 88004. Donate online at www.lacasainc.org.

Comcast Cares



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About 3,400 Comcast employees and their families, friends and community partners pitched in at 11 projects throughout 10 cities in New Mexico for Comcast Cares Day, including Las Cruces, where volunteers worked to beautify and improve Hermosa Heights Elementary School.

Shovel ready



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Representatives from business and Las Cruces city government headed by Mayor Ken Miyagishima, fourth from right, broke ground for the new addition to the Las Cruces Convention Center May 16. The \$5 million expansion will add 17,000 square feet of exhibition space at the center, 680 E. University Ave.



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Georgie McDougle, Daughters of the American Revolution New Mexico State Regent; Elizabeth Titus, Doña Ana Chapter Regent; and Phyllis Brantley, flag committee chair, present a new flag and flagpole to the local DAR chapter on May 17 at Double Eagle restaurant. The DAR's mission is "to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men and women who have achieved American independence." Through U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich's office, Brantley pursued a committee objective to obtain a U.S. flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol. She presented the flag "in memory of all our American soldiers, current and past."

Run for the Wall



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

The 30th annual Run for the Wall participants Tim Brown and Jerry Lanier greet each other at Barnett Harley Davidson Thursday, May 17. Run for the Wall recognizes the sacrifices made by all veterans, with an emphasis on Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. It has three routes that converge in Washington, D.C. The Southern Route left Ontario, California, May 16, and arrived a day later in Las Cruces.

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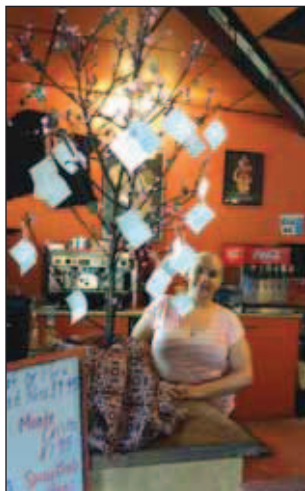
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Boba Café Manager Angela Stolenberg, top, and Salon A2titude owner Annette Edmonds were the first Las Cruces businesses to sponsor a “giving tree” this summer as part of the local Children’s Reading Alliance (CRA) Summer Book Buddies program. CRA hopes to put 10,000 books into the hands of children this summer, said CRA President Rorie Measure. “Reading for enjoyment during the summer is not only fun but is known to be a major contributor to school success,” she said. Other local businesses are invited to sponsor giving trees. Call Maria Zuniga at 575-522-3733. Visit www.childrensreadingalliance.org.



Holloman open house

Holloman Air Force Base opened its grounds for an open house during a May 5 “Legacy of Liberty” Space Expo. The first air show in four years at the base included mock combat demonstrations, parachuting and bombing skills, static displays of various aircraft and air shows utilizing the T-33, T-28, B-25 and F-16 aircraft. Pictured is the KC-10, one of the few jet aircraft configured to haul military cargo, conduct aerial refueling missions and transport personnel. Based on the civilian DC-10 commercial aircraft, it has been in service with the U.S. Air Force since 1981.

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Memorial damage

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the person or persons responsible for vandalizing the Vietnam War Memorial at Veterans Park, 2651 N. Roadrunner Parkway. On May 17, Las Cruces police learned that four letters on the memorial wall appear to have been removed and one of the downward vision windows of the Huey helicopter mounted high above the wall was shattered. Anyone who can help identify those responsible is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Callers can remain completely anonymous.



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Blessing of the Fields



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Catholic school students throw rose petals into water about to be released into the fields at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum May 15 during the Blessing of the Fields ceremony.

The Blessing, which kicked off the museum's five-day 20th anniversary celebration, is a Catholic tradition now in its 18th year at the museum. It honors San Ysidro, the patron saint of farmers, peasants, day laborers and agriculture, who lived from 1070 to 1130. He worked the fields for a wealthy landowner and was

known for his devotion to God, his humility and his generosity to those less fortunate.

This year's event opened with a procession around the fields and stalls of the facility with Las Cruces Diocese Bishop, the Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, sprinkling animals and participants with holy water, to the delight of the children.

Young students sang joyful songs of harvest during the walk and members of Tortugas pueblo and a wooden statue of San Ysidro were part of the procession.

20th Anniversary



Evelyn Harding, 7, rides Bubbles, a 7-year-old Welsh pony, assisted by livestock foreman Jake Montoya Saturday afternoon, May 19, when the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's capped its five-day 20th Anniversary celebration.

Rome Clay acts in a skit from the 1850s during the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's 20th Anniversary.



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Tree planting



PHOTO COURTESY JIMMY ZABRISKIE/CITY OF LAS CRUCES PARKS AND RECREATION

Las Cruces Public Schools' Safe Routes to School's Walking School Bus program for Mesilla Park Elementary School planted an Osage orange tree (*Maclura pomifera*) May 21 at Mesilla Park as a field trip for credit for 54 participants from kindergarten to fifth grade, eight staff members and two staff from the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department. Kids participate in a weekly walk to school in Mesilla Park, meeting every Thursday at 7:20 a.m., rain or shine, through the school year. After the planting, staff served lemonade, watermelon and cookies.



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Shoulder Pain: What You Can Do To Ease It If You've Been Putting Up With It For Weeks

By Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett

Las Cruces (NM) - Last week I talked about shoulder pain and the 3 things that surprisingly wouldn't help to ease it. Those 3 things were; painkillers, rest and time, and 'nice' relaxing spa-style massages. We also covered why these things won't work to ease your shoulder pain. Painkillers won't work because they simply just mask the pain without getting to the root cause of it. Rest and time won't work because the more you rest, the tighter your muscles become and more stiff your joints become too. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages won't work because the therapists doing them aren't trained to properly identify the root cause of the problem.

So this week, we're going to talk about shoulder pain and the most common cause of shoulder pain: Overuse. When it comes to aches and pains there are just two ways that bring them on. The first is you can have an accident. With an accident, you know exactly the moment it happens because there's usually an incident that happens accompanied by pain that makes you want to yell and curl up into a ball. This is normally from a fall or a collision and is called acute pain.

The second is related to something you're doing that can cause annoying, persistent pain that just won't go away. This is the most common one we see here in the clinic and it's called chronic pain.

Chronic shoulder pain is identified as pain that's always there. It's the reason you grab your shoulder after lifting something heavy or when you go to reach for something in the back of the cupboard. It's not always caused by one particular movement or activity. People with this type of shoulder pain often feel doomed, as if they were just plagued with bad shoulders. But here's the thing, there are simple ways to ease it and to help fix it! So what can you do if it's happening to you, or if it suddenly happens to you?

First, I want you to know that 'overuse' doesn't specifically mean doing an activity 'too much'. Things like ironing, painting, lifting heavy objects and even sitting hunched over at a desk all day can be done wrong causing you to 'overuse' your shoulders. Overuse actually means doing an activity the wrong way too much. It could also just be that you have weak muscles in your arms, back and shoulders, poor

an awkward position. Whatever it is, they can all be the culprit of nagging shoulder pain. So let's go over some ways you can ease this daily shoulder pain that disturbs your sleep and gets in the way of almost everything you do.

posture when sitting or standing, or even have spent more of your life sleeping in

Use Ice & Heat: Whenever you're feeling achy or painful, ice is by far the best way to ease the pain. Apply an ice pack for 10 minutes or so, little but often every hour. Use heat when you wake up in the morning. The muscles are likely to be a little stiff and cold from not moving all night, applying a hot water bottle will help you move your shoulder with more ease. Again, 10 minutes should do it.

How Do You Sleep?: Do you sleep with one or two pillows? If you're used to sleeping with two pillows this might feel a little strange at first, but in the long run it will do your shoulders a whole world of good. Sleeping with one pillow lowers the amount of stretching and tension that happens in your neck and shoulders at night. Drop down to just one, soft pillow and you'll feel the difference.

Hands On PT: Lastly, if you've been putting up with the pain for several weeks, or even months, getting hands-on treatment is going to help ease the pain faster. There's no fast way to ease shoulder pain than by going to see a Physical Therapist. A PT will be able to soothe and relax the tight, aching muscles, as well as give you personalized exercises that will help strengthen your muscles and make sure your posture is perfectly aligned.

When you combine all of these tips, including going to see a Physical Therapist, you will feel a dramatic drop in the pain you're currently suffering from. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, I'm more than happy to answer any questions by phone at (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumppt.com

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



COURTESY PHOTO

LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing thanks a crowd of retired, and soon-to-be retired, LCPS employees for their service to the school district at the annual LCPS Retirement Recognition Reception.

LCPS retirees recognized for service

BULLETIN REPORT

Eighty-four employees throughout Las Cruces Public Schools were recognized for their service to the district at the annual LCPS Retirement Recognition Banquet May 9 in the Las Cruces

Convention Center.

"I would like to thank each and every one of our retirees for their commitment to going above and beyond for every student, every day," said LCPS Superintendent Greg Ewing. "Their collective talent, knowledge and dedication

will be truly missed."

The employees who are retiring, or have already retired, at the end of the 2017-18 school year included teachers, educational assistants, clerical and secretarial staff, librarians, administrators, custodians, food service personnel and many others. Collectively, the retirees represent 2,109 years of service to the school district.

On average, each retiring employee served the district for approximately 25 years, with the longest-serving employee — Sharonne E. Bromley, a social studies teacher at Las Cruces High School — retiring after 44 years.

"I want to thank all the parents who shared their amazing children with me through the years. They have taught me more than I could ever imagine," Bromley said. "My favorite memory is being chosen by Michael Montoya to open Centennial High School; it is the best thing that happened to me."

When asked about her retirement plans, Bromley responded, "I'll read the library of books I've set aside for 44 years!"

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Expanded hours, electric buses en route for transit

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Expanded weekday hours and battery-electric buses are on the way for Las Cruces' public transportation system.

RoadRUNNER Transit, which celebrated its 32nd anniversary in April, plans to increase evening hours on weekdays from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. beginning this fall, pending city council approval, city Transit Administrator Mike Bartholomew said.

And, thanks to a \$1.45 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), additional FTA grants and almost \$1 million in local funds, RoadRUNNER hopes to have five electric buses operating in Las Cruces



BARTHOLOMEW

within the next two years, he said.

RoadRUNNER's annual budget is about \$4.1 million, Bartholomew said. The city pays most of that out of its general fund, gas tax and bus fares. The FTA provides about 33 percent of operational costs, along with capital funding like paying 85 percent of the cost of new buses.

RoadRUNNER gets little state money.

"New Mexico is one of a handful of states that does not provide general operating or funding assistance to New Mexico transit agencies," Bartholomew said.

The state Department of Transportation does partially fund local Park and Ride services and the Railrunner, he said, and RoadRUNNER has occasionally received capital outlay money from local state legislators over the years to pay for bus shelters.

"One of the legislative goals of the New Mexico Transit Association (NMTA) is to get a permanent transit fund established in New Mexico, to assist with capital purchase programs and eventually to assist with funding transit operations," said Bartholomew, who was re-elected NMTA secretary in April. NMTA is a nonprofit established in 1987 to serve as "the collective voice for both public and private transportation

ROADRUNNER TRANSIT REVENUE

Source of Funds	Used in Operating	Used in Capital
Fares/Service Agreements	\$772,993	\$36,966
Advertising on Buses	\$56,480	\$0
City Funds	\$1,764,195	\$163,855
Miscellaneous	\$790	\$0
State Funds (Bus Shelters and bus)	\$0	\$167,855
FTA (Federal Transit Administration) Formula Funds	\$1,562,932	\$381,406
FTA Capital Funding Programs	\$0	\$34,874

providers in New Mexico," according to www.nm-ta.com/

To Bartholomew, public transit is "too often seen as a type of social service." Bus service is a transportation option, he said, like walking, biking or driving a vehicle. Having well-balanced, viable trans-

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Las Cruces has top two drivers in the state

City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit service fixed-route bus driver Bea Sanchez took first place in the New Mexico Transit Association's Bus Rodeo large-bus competition, held April 8 in Santa Fe, said City of Las Cruces Transit Administrator Mike Bartholomew.

RoadRUNNER fixed-route driver Maria "Alex" Galvan placed second among 13 drivers in the competition.

Elisha Saenz placed 13 in a field of 27 competing in the small-bus competition.

Sanchez and Galvan are fixed-route drivers for the city; Saenz is a dial-a-ride service driver. Sanchez represented Las Cruces and the state

at the American Public Transit Association (APTA) International Bus Rodeo in Tampa earlier in May.

Galvan won the state competition two years ago, he said. She will attend this year's Rodeo with Sanchez "to provide support, share her experiences and coach Ms. Sanchez to hopefully a victory at internationals," Bartholomew said.

Sanchez celebrates her 14th year with the city in May. Galvan started in February 2008 and Saenz in December 2011.

APTA is a "nonprofit international association of 1,500 public- and private-sector organizations," according to www.apta.com. It said



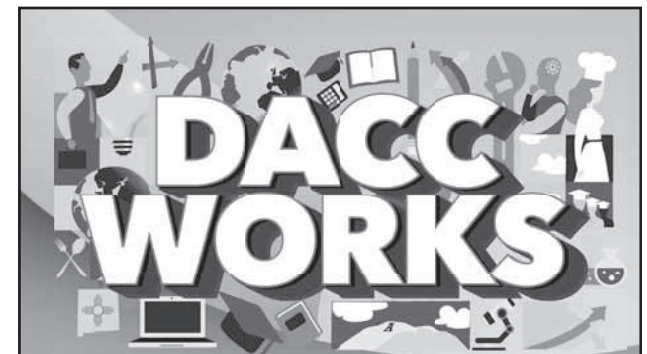
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Las Cruces Roadrunner Transit Administrator Mike Bartholomew and city bus drivers Elisha Saenz, Maria "Alex" Galvan and Bea Sanchez. Sanchez placed first in the New Mexico Transit Association's April 8 Bus Rodeo large-bus competition in Santa Fe. Galvan placed second in the competition. Saenz placed 13 of 27 in the small-bus competition.

public transit is a \$68 billion industry "that directly employs 420,000 people and supports millions of private sector

jobs." It was founded in 1882 as the American Street Railway Association.

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BUSES

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portation options is “an economic lifeblood of any community,” he said.

The city’s new electric buses will likely be the first of many on Las Cruces streets, Bartholomew said. Over the next few years, an all-electric fixed-route bus fleet likely will replace the diesel-engine buses now in operation.

“The city has funding to begin the process of purchasing all battery-electric buses,” Bartholomew said. “Although these buses will cost approximately \$800,000 each (compared to \$440,000 for diesel-fueled buses), the lower-lifetime operating cost will make them cost effective over diesel buses.”

Public transit is a very safe transportation mode when compared with traveling by private auto-

mobile, he said. The Dec. 26, 2017, fatality involving a pedestrian and a city bus is the only RoadRUNNER bus-involved fatality ever in RoadRUNNER Transit’s 32-year existence, Bartholomew said. And, in the past 15-20 years, he’s only aware of approximately eight public transit-related deaths statewide.

An Oregon native, Bartholomew has been in the transportation business the past 30 years. He has a masters’ degree in anthropology but took a job as a van driver for a Pullman, Washington, senior center while attending Washington State University. He worked for Pullman Transit for 12 years and came to work for the City of Las Cruces 16 years ago.

“Transit to me is a way of serving the public,” Bartholomew said, “doing something that makes people’s lives better in the



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit Administrator Mike Bartholomew speaks to one of the city’s first ever Neighborhood Leadership Academy classes last fall about the city’s mass transit program.

community.”

And, public transit continues to be a rapidly evolving field, he said.

“Technology is changing so fast I can’t keep up with it,” Bartholomew said. “I don’t think we’ll run out of ideas for ways to go.”

Short- and longer-term goals for RoadRUNNER, he said, include adding Sunday service, adding greater frequency to city routes at peak use times and creating more direct routes to

eliminate some transfers, developing an app so riders can get real-time information about bus service, adding annunciators on each bus to announce upcoming intersections and bringing bus-washing and shelter-cleaning services in house to save money.

Long-term plans include researching solutions for “first mile, last mile” rider programs to reach potential riders who live or work too far from bus stops, Bartholomew said, including “studying the feasibility of partnering with ride-sharing services such as taxis, Uber or Lyft; or even exploring the feasibility of autonomous vehicles.

For more information, contact Bartholomew at 575-541-2500 or mbartholomew@las-cruces.org.

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RoadRUNNER Transit offers several services

BULLETIN REPORT

Routes. Las Cruces’ RoadRUNNER Transit is comprised of eight basic fixed routes covering most of Las Cruces. There are also two “Aggie Transit” bus routes on the NMSU main campus.

Buses come to each of RoadRUNNER’s 265 stops at least once an hour, and sometimes every 30 minutes, said City of Las Cruces Transit Administrator Mike Bartholomew. About 100 of the stops have shelters and more are being planned.

Fares. The basic fare per trip is \$1 for age 19-59. For ages 6-18 and 60-plus, students with valid school ID and others who qualify for reduced fares, it’s \$.50. Children 5 and under (up to three children) ride free. Daily passes are available for \$2.25 or \$1.25 for reduced fare; weekly passes are \$8 and \$4; monthly passes are \$30 and \$15.

Passes can be purchased at the MVITT Center, 300 W. Lohman Ave.; at city hall, 700 N. Main St.; at all Las Cruces Albertson’s locations; and on all city buses.

Hours of service. Buses

currently run 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays. There is no bus service on Sunday. Aggie Transit operates 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday during the fall and spring semesters.

Buses. The city’s large, fixed-route diesel-powered buses seat 32 people, with room for 20-30 more standing. All have security cameras. “Heavy-duty buses are used a minimum of 12 years, and typically are in use 14-16 years,” Bartholomew said.

Staff. RoadRUNNER has an administrative support staff of 12, including Bartholomew, supervisors and schedulers, plus seven bus-maintenance staff. The fixed-route service has 25 full- and 15 part-time drivers; Dial-a-Ride has 14 full- and two part-time drivers.

Dial-a-ride. Since 1996, the city has provided Dial-a-Ride bus service for “those that ride under the federally required complementary paratransit program for persons who have disabilities that prevent them from using the fixed route services,” Bartholomew said. Fares are \$2 for a one-way trip.

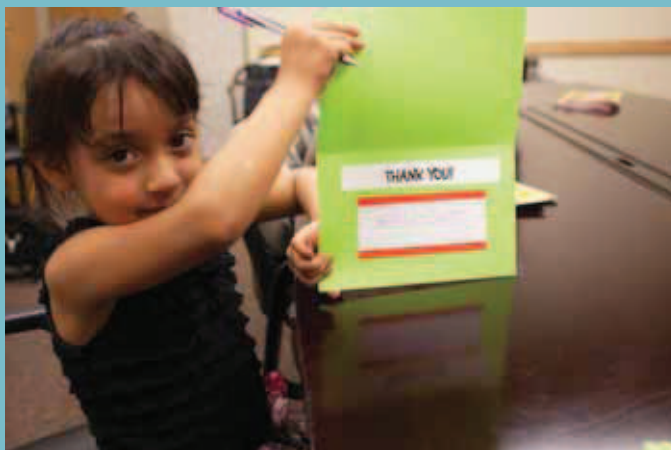
Dial-a-ride also has a Senior Transportation Program that offers “origin-to-destination paratransit service to people 60 and older. There is no fee, but, two weeks advanced scheduling is recommended. Call 575-541-2777 to schedule.

Depot. The RoadRUNNER bus depot is located at 300 W. Lohman Ave. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information including route updates, call 575-541-2500.

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Commission accepts report from DACC

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The Higher Learning Commission, (HLC) the regional accrediting body for New Mexico State University-Doña Ana Community College (DACC), informed President Renay Scott that the Institutional Actions Council of HLC has “accepted the team report

for New Mexico State University-Doña Ana Community College.”

This action by the HLC reaffirms continued accreditation for DACC. The report indicated that DACC was meeting all standards with no conditions or concerns.

“This is great news for our college and the com-

munity we serve,” said Scott. “Led by Susan Wood, the work by faculty and staff that went into preparing for this visit was outstanding.”

The HLC review team was on the East Mesa Campus in February, meeting with students, faculty, staff and administration about programs, the academic

culture and to ascertain whether the college was fulfilling requirements of HLC standards.

“We appreciate the work of faculty and staff in providing outstanding services to our students,” Scott said.

“This report shows we are improving and striving to provide a great educational experience.”



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Students, faculty and staff at DACC's East Mesa campus.

Peace Corps volunteer



COURTESY PHOTO

Las Cruces Jessica Woodard, second from right, front row, completed 10 weeks of training in the Dominican Republic and was officially sworn in as a Peace Corps volunteer May 9. She will spend the next two years in the Dominican. A native of Clovis, Woodard was raised in Las Cruces, graduating from Las Cruces High School. She earned a BA in linguistics and German at New Mexico State University and an MA in German studies at the University of New Mexico. She is also fluent in Spanish. While in Albuquerque, Woodard talked to a friend about the Peace Corps. “We had a lot of conversations about it,” she said. “It piqued my curiosity.”



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100 YEARS AGO 1918

• “Did the thought ever occur to you that possibly Las Cruces could make use of a public library?” the Rio Grande Republican asked readers on



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Looking Back

its front page in late May 1918. “If every business man in Las Cruces would come forward and take part in the Business Men’s Club and pay their due promptly, the club would be able, in a short time, to go to the expense of hiring a permanent secretary

whose business it would be to keep everlastingly after these things and get them put through.”

• “There are a number of teachers yet to be employed, and the board, no doubt, will make selections at their next meeting,” the Republican reported after a school board meeting. “The music Department has not yet

been supplied with teachers, but the wonderful progress made by Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Williams (The Williams Duo) in the training of the Glee Club and the High School Orchestra would seem to assure them a reappointment for the next term.”

75 YEARS AGO 1943

• “Appeals to the state food distribution administration for relief went to Albuquerque by telephone today, as Las Cruces joined the ranks of New Mexico towns which are being cut off from packer-supplied meats,” the Las Cruces Sun-News reported in May 1943, the height of World War II. “The action was inspired by notice from the Peyton Packing Co., El Paso, served on Las Cruces dealers that this week’s shipments will be the last under existing restrictions.” An FDA official in Albuquerque promised “immediately to revise quotas for New Mexico counties.”

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Here comes the sheriff



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Three men, identified as, from left, Doña Ana County Sheriff Felipe Lucero, Bob Birch and attorney Morgan Llewellyn, ride their horses down Church Street in what is now downtown Las Cruces, during the first decade of the 1900s.

St. Genevieve Catholic Church, a windmill and an unidentified pedestrian also are seen in the image.

Felipe Lucero and his

brother, José R. Lucero, alternated in holding the position of sheriff in the county between 1901 and 1920.

José Lucero was Doña Ana County clerk in the late 1890s, and was elected sheriff in 1900 to succeed the county’s more famous sheriff, Pat Garrett, who had been appointed to a federal Customs job in El Paso.

He served five non-consecutive terms as sheriff, serving from

1901-1904, 1909-1912, 1917-1920, 1925-1928, and 1935-1936. José and his brother Felipe Lucero held the law enforcement job for all but two terms until 1936.

The Lucero brothers also were active in civic organizations during their time. They were able to parlay their family homestead on the east side of the Organ Mountains into a 20,000-acre cattle ranch.

Lake Lucero, near what is now White Sands National Monument, was named for the brothers who, in 1897, acquired a quarter-section of water-bearing land along the south shore of the largely dry lake.

The Lucero family ranches their spread until 1945, when the U.S. government condemned all land in the area to create White Sands Missile Range.

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• “A score of Mexican workers from the state of Michoacan, who entered Arizona two months ago to work on farms around Phoenix, were en route to their homes today as the outgrowth of a dispute over wages,” The Sun-News reported. “The Mexicans said, during a stop-over of several hours in El Paso, that they quit work because they were receiving only 40 cents per hour, while American Indians working on the same jobs were paid 50 cents.”

50 YEARS AGO
1968

• “Abe Perilman, sports editor of the Las Cruces Sun-News, remained in serious condition today at Hotel Dieu Hospital, a nurse’s report said,” the newspaper reported in late May 1968. “He was transferred from the Las Cruces hospital to the El Paso hospital last week. He became ill May 11 and entered the Las Cruces hospital three days later. An earlier report indicated Perilman might have a staph infection.”

• “The stage is set for a mass inoculation drive throughout Doña Ana County Sunday with the objective of knocking out measles in the county,” the Sun-News reported. “It has been estimated that there are 3,000 children under the age of 12 in the county who are still susceptible to this disease, which can have crippling after effects, physical and mental, and even death.”

25 YEARS AGO
1993

• “New Mexico State University officials are

among those trying to determine what is causing a mystery disease that has left 12 people dead from unexplained respiratory failure – and they have an early deadline,” the Las Cruces Bulletin reported in early June 1993. “Most of the deaths occurred on the Navajo Reservation that straddles the New Mexico-Arizona state line. NMSU officials are concerned because a group of 25 Navajo students is expected on campus June 6 to start the university’s Summer Pre-business Introduction courses.”

• “What seemed like a fairly routine item on the County Commission agenda Tuesday turned into a hot potato after Commissioner (now Las Cruces mayor) Ken Miyagishima questioned the fiscal wisdom of holding two elections – the judicial bond election and the county fire tax election – within a two-month time frame,” the Bulletin reported in late May 1993.

Information gathered from New Mexico State University’s Branson Library Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections.

NMSU Regents announce performance based packages for new leadership duo

By JUSTIN BANNISTER

For the Bulletin

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Board of Regents finalized performance-based relationship with its incoming chancellor and president, offering its new leadership team nationally competitive base salaries, with expectations and self-funding incentives for increased student enrollment and retention, research revenue and alumni giving. NMSU Regents selected Dr. Dan Arvizu and Dr. John Floros to lead the university following a competitive national search.

“We have set clear expectations for Chancellor Arvizu and President Floros – to grow our student body in a financially sustainable way after many years of decline and expand the influence and research contributions of New Mexico State University,” said Regents President Debra Hicks. “They understand

what success looks like and will be compensated for achieving it. As the university revenues grow, faculty and staff will also share in the success, and more resources will be available to invest in student learning, and campus infrastructure.”

Over the past 6 years, student enrollment at NMSU has declined 22 percent to a 30-year low, while peer universities like Texas Tech University, the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Montana State, and the University of Nevada-Reno have experienced increased enrollment over the past decade. For NMSU, every 1 percent increase in net enrollment is approximately \$1 million in additional revenue. Annual research funding has fallen from \$141.7 million in 2009 to approximately \$100 million last year – declining nearly 30 percent in nine years. The unfortunate result of these losses and other trends has been the

elimination of nearly 800 jobs at NMSU in recent years.

“Chancellor Arvizu and President Floros will be required to significantly increase our research footprint, adding revenues while building a brand proposition and student experience that will drive recruitment and retention of students,” Hicks said.

Under the compensation packages, Chancellor Arvizu and President Floros will receive annual base salaries of \$500,000 and \$450,000, respectively, with provisions that require and reward future growth of the student body,

research portfolio, and overall revenues of NMSU.

“It is important for NMSU to become nationally competitive to avoid a revolving door at the top,” Mitchell said. “The incentive packages will represent a fraction of the revenue gains generated by our new leadership. We have diligently prepared the budget to make this initial investment.”

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LCHS student-athletes honor favorite teachers



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Las Cruces High School Football Coach Mark Lopez addresses the crowd at the inaugural José M. Serna Teacher Impact Awards at Las Cruces High School.

BULLETIN REPORT

Student athletes from Las Cruces High School's football team recently recognized and celebrated teachers from throughout their educational careers who have had a lasting impact on their lives at the José M. Serna Teacher Impact Awards. The ceremony that took place April 29 was the brainchild of LCHS Head Football Coach Mark Lopez.

"The award ceremony was designed to recognize outstanding teachers and create an opportunity to 'pay it forward,'" Lopez said in a press release from the district. "José M. Serna is my late father-in-law, and he believed strongly in education and helping those who are less fortunate."

Serna, a mathematician who spent his career working as Program Manager for Applied Analysis at New Mexico State University's Physi-

cal Science Laboratory, retired from the university in 1998. After retirement, Serna co-founded Border Health, a partnership which assisted New Mexico small business owners expand their markets. He joined the board of Border Environmental Health Coalition, where he was elected president.

Sixteen Bulldawg football juniors – next year's senior class – each picked one teacher who has had the biggest impact on their lives. The players then wrote short essays about why the teachers were so impactful and presented those thoughts during the awards ceremony.

Ivan Molina chose to recognize Jan Gallegos, an academic support teacher who spent her lunch breaks twice a week tutoring him.

"[At first,] I was pretty shy around her," Ivan wrote. "As we got to know more about each other and became more

comfortable around each other we became super close. She became a second mother to me because she is constantly on me about turning in school work for all classes and she is always checking my grades and showing her care for me."

Gallegos even tutored Ivan for the ACT test during the summer of 2017 "because she cares that much for me," he said.

Bulldawg John Romero recognized Victoria Griffin, his sixth grade Language Arts and Social Studies teacher.

"Mrs. Griffin helped to make my sixth-grade experience one I'll remember. She understood who I was because she took the time to get to know her students," John wrote. "I appreciate the time and effort she took to get to know me and to make sure I did well. I want to thank Mrs. Griffin for positively impacting my life by showing me that school didn't have to be boring all the time. She helped me become who I am today. She helped me on my way to becoming a more responsible student and made me realize that, while school was hard work, at the end of the day, I could accomplish whatever I set my mind to."

"I applaud Coach Lopez and his team for going out of their way to honor the outstanding teachers in our district," said Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Greg Ewing. "It was a great joy to witness first-hand the appreciation shared between our teachers and their students, and this is a great way to honor Mr. Serna's legacy."

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Chamber after Hours: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 24: DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza Courtyard. Hosted by Doña Ana Arts Council and Las Cruces Bulletin Cost: Free. Info and RSVP: Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce 575-524-1968.

Railroad on display: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, May 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 26, Holiday World of Las Cruces lobby, 1285 Avenida de Mesilla. Doña Ana Modular Railroad will be on display. Info: 575-649-9503.

Pickleball: 3-5 p.m. Friday, May 25, Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. Round Robin Pickleball format on the upper courts with music. Following play, move into the club to watch U.S. Open Pickleball Pro Championships 5-7 p.m. Cost: \$5 for non-members. Info and RSVP: 575-523-8641 or jnodurft@picachohillscc.com.

Timebank game night: 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 25, DACU Office, 151 S. Walnut St. Unit B13. Timebank gatherings are informal events for timebank members and friends. This event will be a community game night.

Conversations with Democrats: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 26, Holy Family American National Catholic Church, 702 Parker

Road. Dr. Nancy Baker will lead a discussion, "Reining in a Runaway Presidency." Sponsored by Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County. Info: Connie 575-521-0096.

Mayor's Jazz Fest: 6 p.m. Sunday, May 27, Plaza de Las Cruces. Featuring Oñate High School Jazz Workshop and Side Effects Organ Trio of El Paso. With saxophonist, singer and composer Grace Kelly.

Science Cafe: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31, Museum of Nature and Science 411 North Main St. Frank Sage, a supervisory physicist at White Sands Missile Range, will update the NASA/LANL Kilopower Demonstration Project being developed to power future human missions to the moon and Mars. Cost: Free. Info: 575-522-3120.

Gym Magic celebration: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2341 Entrada del Sol. Gym Magic Sportcenter & Preschool celebrates 25 years with activities including an outdoor bounce house, food trucks, games, face painting, balloon animals, swimming, an indoor obstacle course, trampoline fun, Kona ice, and more. The first 50 visitors receive a gift.

Native Pollinators: 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman, Suite 130. Dr. Carol Sutherland, New Mexico Department of Agriculture State Entomologist and NMSU Extension Entomologist,

will discuss pollinators. Cost: Free. Info and RSVP: 575-523-5489 or wbulcnature@gmail.com.

Saturday Family Science: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, June 2, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. How bodies regenerate muscles from eating protein, and maintain steady blood sugar levels through food starches. Families will work together to hypothesize and experiment to find out which foods are the best regenerative and maintenance foods. Cost: Free. Info: 575-522-3120 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Race for CARE: 7 a.m. Sunday, June 3, Mesilla Plaza. CARE, Cancer Aid Resource and Education, will have a 5k run and 1k fun walk. Proceeds from this event are used to help cancer patients with non-medical financial needs as they undergo treatment for any type of cancer. Cost: \$30 per person or \$25 if joining a group of 10 or more. Register online at www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/race-for-care-ncsd. Info: Yoli Diaz 575-649-0598.

Roundtable discussions: 9-10 a.m. Sundays, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano. Learn more about all sides of issues. Info or to suggest a topic: roundtable@uu-churchlc.org.

• June 3: "What I learned from bicycling a long, long way." K. Naoma Staley, will share about the purpose and lessons of Kaleidoscope Bicycle Expedition 2015 and stories, photos, and video from the expedi-

tion's 1,600 mile bicycle tour from Las Cruces to Yellowstone National Park.

• June 10: "BDS, Gaza, and Palestinian Rights." Kathy Glatz, a member of Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East will explain what BDS is and why we should care.

• June 17: "Your Multicultural Minute." Join Norine Dresser discusses ways in which culture can confuse communication.

• June 24: "Unlock Your Brain's Potential." BrainWorks Neurofeedback technology operated by Brandi Lozada-Johnston, BCN will demonstrate how you can witness and control your brain functions.

Summer Youth Bowling: 1 p.m. Sundays, June 3-Aug. 12, Roadrunner Lanes, White Sands Missile Range. Las Cruces USBC is inviting youths ages 4-20 to join the bowling league. Show up at 12:30 p.m. to sign up and get on a team. Earn scholarship money for continuing education after high school. Info: Jan Escalante 575-523-7232, or Linda Goff 575-642-6054.

GSK Summer Science: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, June 5-8, 12-15, 19-22, 26-29, July 10-13, 17-20, 24-27, July 31-Aug. 3 and Aug. 7-10. Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Program registration. Children in grades 2-6 are invited for active learning about the sun's energy, phases of the moon, human survival in space and how rockets overcome Earth's gravity. Registration

must be completed by 4 p.m. the Saturday before the start of the session.

Level 1: Entering grades 2-3, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Level 2: Entering grades 4-6, 3-4 p.m.

Dyslexia Institute Writing: 10:30 a.m.-noon June 5-28, FYI Building, 1320 S. Solano Drive. Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico Inc. offers Summer Writing Adventures for students entering grades 6-9. Enrollment is limited, formal diagnosis not required. Cost: \$95 with some financial assistance available. Info: dyslexia-institute@zianet.com.

Raft the Rio orientation: 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, Branigan Memorial Library Boardroom. Volunteer orientation meeting for the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces Raft the Rio event June 16. Volunteers are needed. Info: John Northcutt 410-925-9126 or northcuttjb@comcast.net.

Photo club events: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Doña Ana Photography Club events. Cost: Free. Info: [\[photoclub.org\]\(http://photoclub.org\)](http://www.da-</p>
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• June 5: Dave Brown will explain how to replace a dull sky in otherwise beautiful photograph. Victor Gibbs will show night painting images taken during the recent field trip held at the City of Rocks State Park, and Fred Moore will discuss how and where to obtain the best photos printed using recent samples.

Adult Summer Reading: 2 p.m. Wednesdays, June 6-July 25, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. Try something new: listen to new music, read a new book, try a new craft, meet new people and more. Cost: Free. Info: 575-528-4005, or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

• June 6: "Music from the Ranch and Open Range!" Steve Cormier will perform his cowboy music.

• June 13: "Traditional Hawaiian Music." Learn about ukuleles and how to play a simple song. Presented by the Las Cruces Ukles.

• June 20: "Rocking Ukuleles" Ukuleles will

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be provided so participants can learn to play music from the 1950s to the present day. A short concert will be performed after the presentation.

Presented by the Las Cruces Ukles.

• June 27: "Las Cruces Rocks." Learn about the local geology of Las Cruces and surrounding area. Presented by the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science.

• July 3 (Tuesday):

"Recycled CD Coasters." Turn old compact discs into beverage coasters. Bring unused squares of fabric to use for the workshop or to share with others. Presented by a Branigan Library librarian.

• July 11: "Musical

Medley." Learn the histories of instruments and how to play them. Presented by local musician Frank Lovato.

• July 18: "Sizzling Summer Salsa." Broad history of the dance and how to do it. Presented by Hannah Cole, a nation-

ally renowned dancer.

• July 25: "Rock and Roll Yahtzee" Play Yahtzee while rocking out at the library. Presented by a Branigan Library librarian.

Stamp club: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Mesilla Valley Stamp Club meet. Anyone interested in stamp collecting is welcome. Info: 575-202-1937.

Pickleball Basics: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 8, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Las Cruces Pickleball community will have 2 Pickleball nets set up in the parking lot demonstrating Pickleball basics during the Mountain View Health & Fitness Expo. Info: Laura Smart, at 425-233-9082 or lauralsmart@comcast.net.

Golf for wounded warriors: Luke's Wings, the Wounded Warrior Transportation Assistance Program, will host a fundraiser golf tournament 10:15 a.m. Friday, June 8, at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road. The four-person scramble costs \$400 per team and includes green fees, cart, gift bag, breakfast and lunch. Info: Felix Cordero, 575-496-9146 or felixc@zianet.com.

Literacy Tutor Training: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Doña Ana Community College campus, Gregg and Espina streets. Bring a lunch. Beverages provided. Hands-on training will give necessary practice and knowledge to tutor an adult learner one-to-one, or to tutor a small group of adults. Cost: Free. Info and reg-

istration: Yolanda at (575) 527-7544.

Summer Kick Off: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 9, in the courtyard outside Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Hands-on sports science activities presented by the Museum of Nature and Science and Play It Again Sports, art activities and demonstrations by the Museum of Art Studio Programs. A sneak peek at summer camp, weekday evening, and studio art programs offered by the Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center, the Railroad Museum and the Museum of Nature and Science. Registration for summer activities will be open during the event. Info: 575-522-3120 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Stars-N-Parks: 8:17-11 p.m. Saturday, June 9, City of Rocks State Park. Learn about the night sky. Arrive at sunset to become familiar with surroundings before nightfall. Formal presentation followed by telescope observations. Moon is 25.6 days old. Saturn rises before program ends. Jupiter is well up. The Summer Milky is rising in the east. Presenter: Charles Turner. Cost: \$5 park day-use fee. Suggested donation for the program, \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. Info: www.Astro-NPO.org.

Organizing genealogy: 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. Doña Ana County Genealogical Society member Georgie McDougale will do a program of organizing genealogy papers and computer files.

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PEAK Performance

Ziggy, the mascot of the city Parks and Recreation Department, hugs Mayor Ken Miyagishima at the city council's May 21 meeting. Ziggy hugged all councilors and staff on the dais as Parks and Rec Director Sonya Delgado and members of her staff concluded a presentation on the city's PEAK Performance program. Looking on is Parks and Recreation Department Community Forester Jimmy Zabriskie.



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Sky Party



PHOTO COURTESY ALEX F. BURR

Cathy Mathews looks through one of the telescopes set up for the May 18 Star Party at La Cueva in the Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks National Monument. The event was sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management in concert with the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces. Venus was the brightest object in the sky after sunset, while the other two objects under observation were the crescent moon and the planet Jupiter with three of its moons.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 13, 2018, Carlos Fernandez of Peanuts Farm, LLC, 908 Cherry Hill Ln., El Paso, TX 79912, filed application numbered LRG-16818-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-16818-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water

Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16818-POD2 to a depth of 500 feet with a 12-inch casing, in a location within the NW¹/₄NE¹/₄ of projected Section 21, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°57'5"N and 106°38'22"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-14061-POD1, located on land owned by Arturo, Rudolfo, and Annette Maldonado located within the NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ of said projected Section 21 and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°57'7.5"N and 106°38'47.1"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 9.11 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of said projected Section 21 as described in Subfile No. LRS 280180002-C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-16818-POD2 will be located east of La Union, NM and may be found approximately 0.24 miles southeast of the intersection of Maldonado Rd. and S. Highway 28. Existing well LRG-14061-POD1 will be retained for other rights.

Dates: 05/11, 05/18, 05/25, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 18, 2018, Gary and Janice Young, PO Box 14256 Las Cruces, NM 88013, filed application numbered LRG-17393-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-03403-B, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-03403, located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range IE (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 32.04" N, 106° 48' 29.46" W (WGS84), on land owned by Susan Krueger, and utilizing proposed well LRG-17393-POD I, to be drilled as stated in OSE File No. LRG-17393-1A, to be located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range IE (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 45.97" N, 106° 48' 18.86" W (WGS84), on land owned by the Michael and Jennifer Castillo, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 4.99 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range IE (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. LRS 280180002-C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-16818-POD2 will be located east of La Union, NM and may be found approximately 0.24 miles southeast of the intersection of Maldonado Rd. and S. Highway 28. Existing well LRG-14061-POD1 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how

you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Range IE (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. LRS 280180002-C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The proposed site of well LRG-17393-POD1 is located approximately 436 feet south of the intersection of Calle del Sur and Snow Road. Old well LRG-11867 will be retained for other rights. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 18, 2018, Gary and Janice Young, PO Box 14256 Las Cruces, NM 88013, filed application numbered LRG-17393-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-17393-1B, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11867, located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range IE (NMPM), and

more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 49.42" N, 106° 48' 21.47" W (WGS84), on land owned by William Frieze, and utilizing proposed well LRG-17393-POD1, to be drilled as stated in OSE File No. LRG-17393-1A, to be located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range IE (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 45.97" N, 106° 48' 18.86" W (WGS84), on land owned by the Michael and Jennifer Castillo, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 4.22 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range IE (NMPM), as described as part of Subfile No. LRS 280180002-C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The proposed site of well LRG-17393-POD1 is located approximately 436 feet south of the intersection of Calle del Sur and Snow Road. Old well LRG-11867 will be retained for other rights.

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Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 18, 2018, Michael and Jennifer Castillo, PO Box 14256 Las Cruces, NM 88013, filed application numbered LRG-17393-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-17393-1A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11867, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 49.42" N, 106° 48' 21.47" W (WGS84), on land owned by William Frieze, and drilling proposed well LRG-17393-POD1 to a depth of 500 feet with a 14-inch casing, to be located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 45.97" N, 106° 48' 18.86" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 3.85 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), as described as nmpm of Subfile No. LRN-28-012-0339 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The proposed site of well LRG-17393-POD1 is located approximately 436 feet south of the intersection of Calle del Sur and Snow

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Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 3, 2018, Douglas & Mary Boberg, 141 Mimosa Lane, Las Cruces NM 88001, filed application numbered LRG-17070-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-17070-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing use of existing well LRG-12913, located within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 32, T23S, R2E and drilling a new replacement well LRG-17070-POD1 to be located at approximately X=1,483,046, Y=461,177 (N.M.S.P., Central Zone NAD 83, Feet) on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 0.4 acres owned by the applicant located within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said

Section 32, as identified in Sub file Order no. LRN-28-014-0202 and a continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by May 24, 1999 order of the third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM.. The well can be generally described as being located approximately 1600ft northeast of the intersection of S Main ST and Mimosa Lane. Well LRG-12913 will be retained for other rights. The applicant has requested emergency authorization under NMSA 72-12-23

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Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 20, 2018, Fernando Lara, 708 Casad Rd., La Union, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-11780, OSE File No. LRG-17400-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by proposing the use of

existing well LRG-11780, drilled to 120 feet with a 4-inch casing, in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 29, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°55'39.3"N & 106°38'59.3"W (WGS84), on land owned by Mr. Lara, and discontinued the use of well LRG-17400-POD1, located on land owned by Mr. Lara located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 29 (NMPM) and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°55'38.6"N & 106°38'59"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.23 acres of land, owned by Mr. Lara, located within the SE 1/4 of said projected Section 29 (NMPM) as described in Subfile No. LRS 280180112 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Well LRG-11780 is located in La Union, NM and may be found approximately 0.24 miles southeast of the intersection of Casad Rd. & Salgado Rd. Existing well LRG-17400-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be

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

Dates: 05/25, 06/01, 06/08, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 3, 2018, Kerry and Christine Harris, 2450 Sandstone Lane Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-07370-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-07370-A with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling and utilizing well LRG-07370-POD3, located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 27, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 21' 58.71" N, 106° 49' 13.62" W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicants, to supplement well LRG-07370-A, located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 27, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 21' 59.74" N, 106° 49' 11.12" W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicants for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 5.012 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 27, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM), the SE 1/4 of projected Section 27, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM), the NW 1/4 of projected Section 26, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM), and the SW 1/4 of projected Section 26, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. LRN-28-006-0142 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydro-

graphic Survey.

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

The site for proposed well LRG-07370-POD3 is located southwest of Doña Ana, NM, approximately 142 ft. southwest of the intersection of Big Tree Road and Taylor Road, and more specifically at the physical address of 915 W. Taylor Road.

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

Dates: 05/11, 05/18, 05/25, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 29, 2018, Salopek Tree Service LLC, 4915 Snow RD. Las Cruces NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-14166-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-14166-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling new supplemental well LRG-14166-POD2 to be located at approximately X=1497032, Y=406969

(NAD 83, feet) with 18" casing to an approximate depth of 600 ft, for the continued irrigation of 107.02 acres owned by the applicant located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 25S, Range 2E, NMPM 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, located to be supplemental to existing well LRG-14166-POD1, located at X=1497769 Y=407240, on land owned by the applicant. The wells can be generally described as being located approximately 2500ft southwest of the intersection of W. San Miguel ST. and county RD. B-010. Well LRG- 14066-POD1 will continue to be in use for irrigation use.

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

Dates: 05/25, 06/01, 06/08, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by BOSKO & ANNIE JO KRIVOKAPICH TRUSTEES KRIVOKAPICH REVOCABLE TRUST who requests that the Board suspend a total of 4.09 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 20, Twp. 23S, Range 2E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 11C-47 Pt of and transfer them to lands owned by JOSE F FLORES VILLALOBOS located in Section 32, Twp. 23S, Range 2E, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map 13-2A1 TR 1. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is **June 13, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

Date: 05/25, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by SAHARU ODA & GARY BELL who requests that the Board suspend a total of 0.50 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 25, Twp. 23S, Range 1E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 11B-11 LT A of and transfer them to lands owned by JOSE F FLORES

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VILLALOBOS located in Section 32, Twp. 23S, Range 2E, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map 13-2A1 TR 1. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is June 13, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

Date: 05/25, 2018

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Date: 05/25, 2018

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on May 21, 2018:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-027; Ordinance No. 2851: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, Chapter 16, Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, by Adding a New Article X. Bicycle Sharing Operations and Further Amending Chapter 16, Section 16-170. - Fees., Related to Annual Fees Associated with Licenses Bicycle Sharing Operations.

(2) Council Bill No. 18-028; Ordinance No. 2852: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, (LCMC) Chapter 24, Procurement Code, Section 24-61 Selection Advisory Committee, and Section 24-91 Competitive Sealed Bidding, (G) Award, in their Entirety and Enacting New Section 24-170 - Change Order Policy.

(3) Council Bill No. 18-029; Ordinance No. 2853: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from M-1/M-2 (Industrial Standard) to M-1/M-2/C-3 (Industrial Standard/ Commercial High Intensity) on a 4.0 ± Acre Parcel Located at 2555 W. Amador Avenue. Submitted by Chris Goodman, Representative on Behalf of Robinson Family Farms LLC, Property Owner (71618).

(4) Council Bill No. 18-030; Ordinance No. 2854: An Ordinance Approving Various Zone Changes to Correspond to the Sonoma Ranch North Master Plan Amendment #3. The Master Planned Area Encompasses 275± Acres and is Located South of US Hwy 70, Along the East and West Sides of Sonoma Ranch Blvd., and North of the Rinconada Blvd./Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Intersection. Submitted by Souder Miller and Associates, on Behalf of Sonoma Ranch Development LLC, Property Owner. Council District 6 (71230).

(5) Council Bill No. 18-031; Ordinance No. 2855: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Include Chapter 8, Article 1, Section

14, Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Opt in the Election of its Municipal Officers in the Regular Local Election; Determining the Terms of Office for Current Office Holders to be Lengthened to Correspond with the New Election Date; and Directing Staff to File the Ordinance with the Secretary of State no later than January 30 of the Year in Which the Next Regulation Local Election is Scheduled, as Authorized by Section 34B of House Bill 98 from the 2018 New Mexico Regular Legislative Session.

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 **22nd day of May, 2018.**

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 05/25, 2018

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for **October 20, 2018, at 11:00AM.** The event location, 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN # DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

WDBJF65J0YA999375
2000 MERCEDDES
BENZ/SILVER/4D/
MARK SERNA

1GNDT13W6Y2177559
2000 CHEVROLET/
TAN/SUV
VICTOR GOMEZ

2C3CK6CT0AH113805
2010 CHRYSLER/
GRAY/4D
LUIS ZAMORA

2G4WS52J111271853
2001 BUICK/SILVER/4D

VERONICA TARRANGO
4A3AC84L9YE091215
2000/MITSUBISHI/BLK/
2D
OYUKI LEEN DURAN

1B4HS28Z7WF149682
1998 DODGE/RED/SUV

TIM FISHER

1FTRF17L0XKA19528
1999 FORD/TAN/P-K

RALPH SMYTHE

1G2HX52K5VH247991
1997 PONTIAC/WHITE/4D

RAMIRO CORONA

1G2HY54K424132053
2002 PONTIAC/SILVER/
4D
REYES VAZQUEZ

1HGCM56354A112844
2004/HONDA/BLK/4D
TANNIS ELMORE

2G4WB52L0S1412897
1995 BUICK/GRAY/4D
DEL FIE MUNOZVO-
GANN

1G8JS52F91Y504010
2001 SATURN/GRAY/4D
JACOB MAREZ

1B7HD24T7ES252203
1984 DODGE/TAN/P-K
DANIEL MILLS

1B7HC13Z0WJ125559
1998 DODGE/WHITE.P-K
LEROY HILL

1HGCG3258YA000967
2000 HONDA/RED/2D
ROXANNE VASQUEZ

1G1NE52M4WY171938
1998 CHEVROLET/
TEAL/4D
JOSHUA SHAW

1G1NE52M1X6163003
1999 CHEVROLET/
GRAY/4D
JESUS ZAMORA

KMHCM36C68U057954
2008 HYUNDAI/SILVER/
4D
CHARLENE MELVIN

1GTEC14F7CJ514928
1982 GMX/YELLOW/P-K

MELISSA LUNSFORD

1FTYR10C1WTA49949
1998 FORD/WHITE/P-K
LISA DEROUEN

1G6KD54Y4XU710132
1999 CADILLAC/RED/4D
JACOB SALAZAR

1GNCS13X23K139049
2003 CHEVROLET

LET/WHITE/SUV
JOHN MOLINA

1HGED3658ML031890
1991 HONDA/RED/4D
LUIS GOMEZ

4A3AE75H63E043582
2003 MITSUBISHI/
WHITE/2D
RACHEL ARELLANO

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, and or this advertisement, by filing or refiling a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Date: 05/25, 06/01, 2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE WAIVER

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will discuss approval or disapproval of the waiver of the church/school distance restriction for the issuance of a Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License with on premises consumption only to Zeffiro, LLC d/b/a Zeffiro New York Pizzeria, to be located at 901 East University Avenue, Suite D, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The waiver of the church/school distance restriction will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City 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 21 day of May 2018.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Date: 05/25, 06/01, 2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Beer/Wine Liquor License with on pre-

ises consumption only to Firecracker, LLC d/b/a The Mix to be located at 1001 East University Avenue, Suite E-1, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, June 18, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City 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 14 day of May 2018.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Date: 05/18, 05/25, 2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

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Witness my hand and seal this 21 day of May 2018.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on June 18, 2018:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-033; Ordinance No. 2857: An Ordinance Authorizing the

Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 for the Acquisition of Fire Protection Equipment and Paying the Costs of Delivery of the Loan Agreement with Such Loan Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on the Second Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax and the Hold Harmless Distributions Associated with the Second Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax.

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 17th day of May, 2018.**

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 05/25, 2018

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

CV-2018-00241
JUDGE BEYER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CATARINA GONZALEZ A/K/A CATHERINE GONZALES SILVA, FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CATARINA GONZALEZ a/k/a CATHERINE GONZALES SILVA, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from CATARINA GONZALES a/k/a CATHERINE GONZALES SILVA to CATHERINE GONZALES, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the **19th day of June, 2018, at the hour of 10:30 a.m.**, at the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Pícacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and seal this 21 day of May 2018.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on June 18, 2018:

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Submitted by: Larry Ramirez, Esq. Attorney for the Petitioner 715 E. Amador, Suite B Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-644-3201

Date: 05/18, 05/25, 2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE WAIVER

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will discuss approval or disapproval of the waiver of the church/school distance restriction for the issuance of a Restaurant Beer/Wine Liquor License with on premises consumption only to Firecracker, LLC d/b/a The Mix to be located at 1001 East University Avenue, Suite E-1, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The waiver of the church/school distance restriction will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, June 18, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City 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 14 day of May 2018.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Date: 05/18, 05/25, 2018

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

NO. D-307-CV-2018-00596

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARY CARMELETA MIRANDA VILLESAS FOR CHANGE OF NAME

2ND NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARY CARMELETA MIRANDA VILLESAS, being a resident of the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third

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Judicial District Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her birth name from **MARY CARMELETA MIRANDA** to **CARMEN MIRANDA** and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the **11th day of June 2018, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.**, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
By: Daniel Sosa, III
Sosa Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 12293
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87195
Telephone: (575) 526-6864

Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-1014
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PAULINE MARIE POWELL FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pauline Marie Powell, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Doña Ana District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Pauline Marie Powell, to Pauline Baca Powell, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 2nd day of July 2018, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, NM.

/s/ Pauline Marie Powell
Pauline Marie Powell
4120 Stryker Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
PO Box 2167
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
575-523-5332

Dates: 05/25, 06/01, 2018

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

CV-2018-493
JUDGE MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JESUS CHAIREZ, FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **JESUS CHAIREZ**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed an Application to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **JESUS CHAIREZ** to **ARAYA ARAZMIN REY**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 9th day of July, 2018, at 8:45 a.m., at the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

Submitted by:
MARK A. FILOSA
Attorney for Applicant
Post Office Drawer 391
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901
(575) 894-7161

Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01740

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF EPI M. GALLEGOS, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF EPI M. GALLEGOS, Deceased, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF

EPI M. GALLEGOS (true name unknown); WALTER GALLEGOS, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF WALTER GALLEGOS, Deceased; GLENN GALLEGOS; TOM GALLEGOS; WALTER GALLEGOS, JR.; MICHELLE PADILLA; TERESA MARTIN; MARIA PACHECO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF WALTER GALLEGOS, DECEASED, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 6, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña 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 1997 Sedona Hills Parkway, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 41 in Block numbered V of Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 6, 2002 in Plat Book 20, Folio 176-177.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on April 27, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$357,918.81 and the same bears interest at 4.6250% per annum from February 28, 2018, 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 Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 05/11, 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01974

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE R. VILLA; ALICIA ROMAN, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF ALICIA ROMAN, Deceased; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF ALICIA ROMAN, Deceased, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 20, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Spe-

cial Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña 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 133 Meadow Vista, Sunland Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

THE WESTERLY 30.10 FEET ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND; LOT 1, BLOCK 6, MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION, PLAT 1, 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. 479 ON APRIL 16, 1958, IN BOOK 8 PAGE (S) 15 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 31, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$78,528.15 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from November 30, 2017, 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 Carmody
Pamela Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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Dates: 05/25, 06/01, 06/08, 06/15, 2018

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-03297

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

JUSTIN W. MARTINEZ, MARGARITO MARTINEZ, KATHALEEN E. MARTINEZ, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUSTIN W. MARTINEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO of the above-named Defendants Justin W. Martinez, Margarito Martinez, Kathaleen E. Martinez, and The Unknown Spouse of Justin W. Martinez,

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 4715 Elks Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

A TRACK OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 12, BLOCK 23, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST CO., SUBDIVISION "A", DOÑA ANA

COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 23 OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION BEARS S31DEG43'E, 208.06 FEET; THENCE N31DEG43'W, 169.27 FEET TO A POINT BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N80DEG18'E, 201.43 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST R/W OF A 60 FOOT WIDE COUNTY ROAD, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S39DEG42'E, 60.34 FEET ALONG THE WEST R/W OF THE AFOREMENTIONED COUNTY ROAD, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S48DEG24'W, 198.06 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.500 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

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. Friedenstien

Elizabeth V. Friedenstien
5801 Osuna Road NE, Suite A-103
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
Phone: (505) 348 3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 05/11, 05/18, 05/25, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-02663

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NORMANDY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2015-1, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARIA E.Z. PLUM, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 360 Amparo Drive, Chaparral, NM 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17, BLOCK X, CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NO. 2, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 727, THEREOF FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 15, 1971, RECORDED IN BOOK 10, PAGES 72 THROUGH 74, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 2:00 pm on July 5, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure judgment granted on April 24, 2018 in the total amount of \$257,312.81 with interest at the rate of 5.0000% per annum from December 30, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, as Trustee for The Normandy Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2015-1, its attorneys, and the under-

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

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

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

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-00886

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

v.

**RYAN P. EVERETT AKA
RYAN EVERETT, AND
THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF RYAN P.
EVERETT AKA RYAN
EVERETT
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **June 12, 2018 at 11:00 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in

and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 16 IN BLOCK 13 OF CAMELOT GARDENS UNIT NUMBER 7, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 5, 1987 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 15 AT PAGES 21-22, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 2040 Briarwood Lane, 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 February 21, 2018 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$89,604.30 plus interest from September 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, 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
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Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01,
06/08, 2018

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03778

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

**ROWLAND T. SMITH;
GRACI SMITH, AKA
GRACI M. SMITH; AKA
MARIA GRACIELLA
SMITH, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled

Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1540 Dies Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5A, REPLAT OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 5 IN W.W. DIES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 1353, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 3, 1985, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 14, PAGE 77, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **2:00pm on July 5, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 24, 2018, in the total amount of \$33,736.81, with interest at the rate of 6.35% per annum from April 2, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03888

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS J. BROPHY, JR. AKA THOMAS JOSEPH BROPHY JR.; VIRGINIA R. BROPHY AKA VIRGINIA RUTH BROPHY; THOMAS J. BROPHY, JR. AKA THOMAS

JOSEPH BROPHY JR AS TRUSTEE OF THE THOMAS J. BROPHY, JR. AND VIRGINIA R. BROPHY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 17, 1998; VIRGINIA R. BROPHY AKA VIRGINIA RUTH BROPHY AS TRUSTEE OF THE THOMAS J. BROPHY, JR. AND VIRGINIA R. BROPHY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 17, 1998; CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4391 Organ Mesa Ln., Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK C, ORGAN MESA RANCH SUBDIVISION PHASES 1A & 1B, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 22, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGES 567-571 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 2:00pm on July 19, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 3, 2018, in the total amount of \$381,572.49, with interest at the rate of 4.5% per annum from March 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02835

**MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**THE ESTATE OF IRENE A. TELLEZ, DECEASED,
EDWARD A. TELLEZ, JR., JESSICA R. TELLEZ,
AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVI-**

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SEES, OR LEGATEES OF IRENE A. TELLEZ, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **June 12, 2018 at 11:00 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

BEGINNING at a spotter set on the centerline of Doña Ana County Road D-066 (El Centro Road) for the southwest corner of this tract; Whence a brass cap found for the southwest corner of Section 33, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears North 89 degrees 47' 00" West, a distance of 1655.19 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning leaving El Centro Road North 00 degrees 04' 17" East, 330.00 feet to an 1/2" iron rod found for the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE South 89 degrees 52' 06" East, 330.75 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the centerline of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement (Gopher Road) for the northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE along the centerline of the above mentioned easement South 00 degrees 09' 53" West, 330.49 feet to a spotter set on the centerline of Doña Ana County Road D-066 (El Centro Road) for the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE along the centerline of said El Centro Road North 89 degrees 47' 00" West, 330.21 feet to the point of beginning enclosing 2.506 acres of land, more or less.

Subject to a 25 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the south and east boundaries of this tract and a 5.0 foot wide utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the west boundary of this tract.

The address of the real

property is 6915 Gopher Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on February 16, 2018 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$39,173.40 plus interest from September 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.375% 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 pay off, 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
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Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 06/08, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 18-0076

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOMASITA G. CUARON, a/k/a TOMASITA GALINDO CUARON, DECEASED

NOTICE TO KNOWN 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 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 Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, Mew Mexico 88007.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate.

Dated: May 14, 2018

/s/ Cristina Galindo Cuaron
Cristina Galindo Cuaron
6724 Dakota Ridge Dr.
El Paso, TX 79912
915-526-6831

Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 18-0118

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JENNIFER LYNN NELSON, 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 two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or 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 Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: May 9, 2018.

/s/ Robert Wayne McCoy
Robert Wayne McCoy
1146 Puerta de Picacho
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(575) 642-3026

Dates: 05/25, 06/01, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 18-0077

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACOBO MARTINEZ CUARON, a/k/a JACK CUARON, DECEASED

NOTICE TO KNOWN 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 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 Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd 1-201, Las Cruces, Mew Mexico 88007.

Dated: May 14, 2018

/s/ Cristina Galindo Cuaron
Cristina Galindo Cuaron
6724 Dakota Ridge Dr.
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915-526-6831

Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 18-0107

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES W. MULLIS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LINDA G. SPECHT has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: April 25, 2018.

LINDA G. SPECHT
3779 Jade Avenue
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88012

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH

New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri, Suite A
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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. D-307-PB-2018-00047
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA R. LOGAN, a/k/a MARTHA RHEA LOGAN DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOSEPH D. LOGAN, JR. a/k/a JOSEPH DAVID LOGAN, JR. has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED: April 27, 2018.

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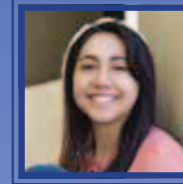
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Clarissa Gisele Nuñez, Valedictorian Awards
Fruit of the Spirit Award, ASCI Distinguished High School Student Award
MVCS Top Academic Awards:
Bible (9), Spanish I,

Geography, Spanish II, AP English (11), US History, Anatomy & Physiology, General Business, Spanish III, AP English (12), Bible (12), Creative Writing, Spanish IV, AP Government, "A" Honor Roll

Organizations
Spanish Club, MVCS Volleyball Team, Our Lady of Health Youth Group, Class President, National Honor Society - President, Calvary Baptist Youth Group

Scholarships
NMSU - Hadley Honors Scholarship \$5500/yr, GCU - President Scholarship \$7750/yr, UNM - UNM Scholars Scholarship \$6713/yr

Future Plans
I plan to attend NMSU in the fall and major in Biology. I am interested in the medical field. Ultimately, I hope to pursue something that glorifies God.



Elizabeth Joanne Daviet, Salutatorian Awards
Choir - Most Improved Soprano Award, Varsity Tennis Letter, ASCI Distinguished High School Student Award

MVCS Top Academic Awards:
Physical Science, Bible (10), English, Chemistry, Bible (11), High School PE, Economics, "A" Honor Roll

Organizations
Spanish Club, Las Cruces Chamber Ballet, Holy Cross Youth Group Core Team Member, Varsity Tennis Team, National Honor Society, Member of the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet

Scholarships
NMSU - Hadley Honors Scholarship \$5500/yr, New Mexico Farm and Live Stock Bureau Memorial Scholarship \$500, Western Pecan Growers Association Scholarship \$1000

Future Plans
I will be attending New Mexico State University this fall where I plan on majoring in Biochemistry and minoring in Spanish. After my undergrad I will be attending medical school.



Elaina Renee Budagher Awards
Joshua Award, Academic Achievement Award, Letter in Orchestra, Varsity Basketball Letter, Varsity Tennis Letter, Tennis District Champs, MVCS Most Improved Player

Organizations
Basketball

MVCS Top Academic Awards:
Algebra I
Organizations
National Honor Society, First Baptist Church Youth Group, Calvary Baptist Church Youth Group, Spanish Club, Club Volleyball, MVCS Volleyball Team, Mayfield High School Chamber Orchestra, MVCS Basketball Team, MVCS Tennis Team

Scholarships
NMSU - Hadley Honors Scholarship \$5500/yr, GCU Dean Scholarship - \$5750/yr, Canyon Christian School Consort - \$5000/yr, GCU Priority Registration Award - \$1000, Rotary Club Scholarship - \$1000, NAU Founders Gold Tuition Scholarship - \$5000/yr

Future Plans
Major in Nursing at Grand Canyon University. To use the skills I learn in nursing to travel and help people while spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Organizations
Varsity Basketball Letter, AB Honor Roll, All-Tourney Team Basketball Dexter Tournament, Homecoming Prince, MVP Basketball Dexter Invitational Tournament,

Scholarships
Basketball State Runner-Up, Basketball District 3A Champs, LC Bulletin Player of the Week Basketball, ASCI Distinguished Student Athlete Award, NMAA Student Leadership Advisory Council Nominee, All District 3-2A Player, All-Tourney Team, Sandia Prep Tourney, MVP Tucson Cactus Classic Tourney, All-Tourney Team - John Reid Dexter Tourney, Basketball District 3A Champs, All District 3-2A Player of the Year, All District 3-2A MVP, ASCI Distinguished Student Athlete Award, Basketball 2A Final Four, Basketball 1st Team All-State, Basketball 1st Team North South Game

Organizations
JV Basketball, Football Manager, Varsity Basketball

Scholarships
Western New Mexico University \$6000/yr, NMSU - Crimson Success Scholarship \$4000/yr, New Mexico Tech - Copper Scholarship \$1000/yr - Tuition Assistance \$1400 sem 1, Colorado Christian University - Deans' University \$13000/yr, Lubbock Christian, TX \$4000, Luther College, LA - Luther Achievement Award \$10000/yr, Luther College, LA - Work Study Award \$1340/yr, Toccoa Falls College, GA \$12500/yr

Future Plans
Attend Western New Mexico University, major in Criminal Justice, and play basketball for the Mustangs. Glorify God in all that I do.

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6-Man 8-Man & 2A South All-Star Football Team
Organizations
MVCS Football Team

Scholarships
Iowa Wesleyan University \$29963/yr, Sterling College \$15370/yr, Cincinnati Christian University \$10370/yr, Bethany College \$21890

Future Plans
Major in Secondary Education with Minors in Physics and Coaching at Iowa Wesleyan University. I hope to influence the lives of students the same way my life has been influenced by the teachers and coaches at Mesilla Valley Christian School.

Organizations
NMSU - Hadley Honors Scholarship \$5500/yr, Optimist Club Oratory Contest 2nd Place \$1500

Future Plans
Major in Biology at Texas State University with the goal of attending Physician Assistant school.

Organizations
MVCS Boys Basketball Team, National Honor Society, High School Band

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Braden James Dwyer Awards
Maxima Cum Laude - National Latin Exam, Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Participant, Varsity Basketball Letter, Basketball District 3A

Champs, Homecoming King
Organizations
New Mexico Junior Classical League, New Mexico Junior Classical League - Chapter Vice-President & State Vice-President, National Latin Honor Society, Desert Springs Christian Academy (DSCA) Drama, DSCA Choir, DSCA Basketball, DSCA Cross Country, DSCA Bowling, MVCS Varsity Football Team, MVCS Varsity Basketball Team, National Honor Society, Teenpact Leadership Schools, Grace Covenant Youth Group, Back2Back Monterrey Mission Trip

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Organizations
Aggies for Christ, Students Leading through Service, Gospel Rescue Mission, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, MVCS Volleyball Team, MVCS Tennis Team, FFA, Loaves and Fishes, Fort Lone Tree, JrNYLC

Scholarships
Grand Canyon University \$10050/yr, NMSU - Crimson Success Scholarship \$4000/yr, Colorado Christian University - Deans' Scholarship \$16500/yr

Future Plans
Major in Elementary Education at GCU. To have a heart for His word and a love for His people.

Organizations
National Honor Society, Students Leading through Service, MVCS Basketball Letter, Varsity Tennis Letter, LC Bulletin Player of the Week Volleyball

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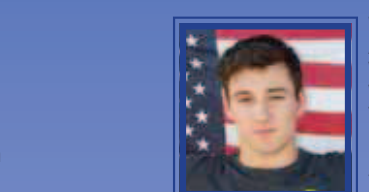
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William Brock Maddox Awards
Varsity Football Letter, Varsity Baseball Letter, 1st Team All-District Middle Linebacker, District Defensive Player of the Year Football, 1st Team All-District 2d Baseman,

1st Team All-District Middle Linebacker, 1st Team All-State Middle Linebacker, District Defensive Player of the Year Football, Set school record for rushing yards (1,687 yards), Set school record for tackles (167), Completed 14 mile Bataan Memorial Death March, Completed 26.2 mile Bataan Memorial Death March (carrying 46 pounds), LC Bulletin Player of the Week Football

Organizations
Students Leading through Service, Hillcrest Baptist Church Youth Group, White Sands Missile Range Community Volunteer, MVCS Football Team, MVCS Baseball Team

Scholarships
NMSU - "A" Mountain Merit Scholarship \$1500/yr, Western New Mexico University Athletic \$4000/yr

Future Plans
Complete Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Western New Mexico University, and play football for the Mustangs. Serve the people of the United States in the US Army.

Organizations
Track Team - Canyon High School, TX, Football Team - Canyon High School, TX, Basketball Team - Canyon High School, TX, MVCS Basketball Team, MVCS Baseball Team

Scholarships
NMSU - 1888 Leadership Scholarship \$3000/yr

Future Plans
Attend NMSU and major in Criminal Justice.

Organizations
Track Team - Canyon High School, TX, Football Team - Canyon High School, TX, Basketball Team - Canyon High School, TX, MVCS Basketball Team, MVCS Baseball Team

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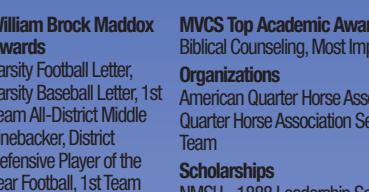
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Scholarships
NMSU - 1888 Leadership Scholarship \$3000/yr



Alexandria Nicole Rigg Awards
National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis Letter, Varsity Softball Letter, Varsity Basketball Letter, Tennis District Champs, State Champion NM High School Fishing 2016,

Second place 2015, 2017, All-State National Fishing Team 2017

Organizations
Students Leading through Service Vice President, Kurt Dove Pro-Bass Club, Mesilla Valley Bass Anglers, Varsity Softball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Tennis

Scholarships
Grand Canyon University - \$9000/yr, NMSU - 1888 Leadership Scholarship \$3000/yr

Future Plans
I will attend Grand Canyon University and major in Nursing. I would like to become a pediatric traveling nurse. I will continue to shine God's light throughout my career.

Organizations
National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis Letter, Varsity Softball Letter, Varsity Basketball Letter, Tennis District Champs, State Champion NM High School Fishing 2016,

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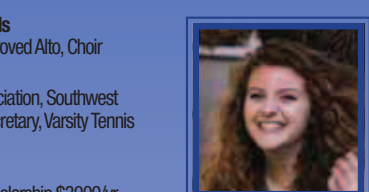
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Second place 2015, 2017, All-State National Fishing Team 2017

Organizations
Students Leading through Service Vice President, Kurt Dove Pro-Bass Club, Mesilla Valley Bass Anglers, Varsity Softball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Tennis

Scholarships
Grand Canyon University - \$9000/yr, NMSU - 1888 Leadership Scholarship \$3000/yr



Kirsten Lea Rodgers Awards
Fruit of the Spirit Award, Solomon Award, Homecoming Queen
MVCS Top Academic Awards
Internship Academy Sem 2

Organizations
Youth Group Student Leadership Team, MVCS Softball, Youth Group Worship Team, MVCS Praise Team

Scholarships
NMSU - 1888 Leadership Scholarship - \$3000/yr, Grand Canyon University - Tentles Scholarship - \$3750/yr, GCU - Consortium Award, \$5000/yr

Future Plans
I will be attending New Mexico State University, and major in Marketing. I want to work in the music business. To love God, love people, have fun, work hard, and enjoy life!

Organizations
National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis Letter, Varsity Softball Letter, Varsity Basketball Letter, Tennis District Champs, State Champion NM High School Fishing 2016,

Second place 2015, 2017, All-State National Fishing Team 2017

Organizations
Students Leading through Service Vice President, Kurt Dove Pro-Bass Club, Mesilla Valley Bass Anglers, Varsity Softball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Tennis

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Garrett Lee White Awards
National Merit Scholarship Finalist, UNM Certificate of Merit, 'A' Honor Roll, Fruit of the Spirit
MVCS Top Academic Awards

English, Health, Driver's Ed, Speech
Organizations
National Honor Society - Vice President, Spanish Club, MVCS Basketball - Manager, Drama, Choir, New Mexico Boys State, Class Government - Vice President

Scholarships
NMSU Conroy Achievement Scholarship - Tuition and fees, \$2500/year and the one-year NMSU Housing Award, UTD National Merit Scholarship \$178000, NMT Gold Scholarship \$6000/year, ASU National Scholar Award \$100,000

Future Plans
Major in Computer Science at New Mexico Tech.

Organizations
Students Leading Through Service, National Honor Society, Modern Disciples Youth Group

Scholarships
Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) - Freshman, Academic Scholarship \$3564, ENMU Foundation Scholarship \$1921, ENMU Starter Scholarship \$1200

Future Plans
Major in Pre-Med and Communications at Eastern New Mexico University. I plan to make a positive impact on the world, while glorifying God in the process.

Organizations
L.E.G.I.T Church Group

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Organizations
L.E.G.I.T Church Group

Scholarships
Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) - Freshman, Academic Scholarship \$356

Senator: Governor has broken mental healthcare system

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Gov. Susana Martinez's treatment of mental health providers in New Mexico is "unconscionable," state Senate President Pro-Tem Mary Kay Papen said in an April 12 interview.

"Part of this administration's legacy is what they've done to mental health," said Papen, a Las Cruces state senator since 2000. "There is nothing they are doing that has moved behavioral health forward."

In September 2013, the New Mexico Human Services Department accused more a dozen mental health care providers in the state – including several in Las Cruces – of fraud. All the providers were exonerated by state Attorney General Hector Balderas in 2016, but they have not been able to recover millions of dollars owed to them for services they provided, Papen said, nor have they been told why they were accused of fraud in the first place.

"We've had nothing but disruption since all of this took place. They destroyed the mental health system as we knew it," Papen said. "We have a broken system in many cases."

The New Mexico Human Services Department, which oversees behavioral health services in the state, did not respond to a request for an interview.

Papen introduced a bill in the 2017 and 2018 ses-



State Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Doña Ana

sions of the New Mexico Legislature to ensure due process for providers and to release suspended payments for services rendered. The bill passed the state House and Senate at this year's session, but was pocket vetoed by Martinez.

Papen said she will introduce the legislation again in 2019 and hopes the next governor will be on board with the issues and the finances needed.

New Mexico needs additional facilities and worthwhile programs for the mentally ill, Papen said, to keep them "flying straight and level," Papen said, including more "wrap-around services" that provide housing and job opportunities.

The mentally ill often receive temporary treatment to stabilize them, but once they leave prison, hospital or other care facility, she said, they often go back into the same situation they were before.

The state also should raise reimbursement rates for behavioral

health service providers, Papen said, and look at building a mental health hospital to serve southern New Mexico.

"We need to have the providers to take care of the population we're trying to deal with," Papen said. "It's more expensive for us not to take care of people with mental illness than to take care of them."

Positive steps are being taken to improve behavioral health care in Las Cruces, she said, including Doña Ana County joining the national Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental health issues who are incarcerated.

Papen said Mesilla Valley Community of Hope's Tent City for the homeless and El Caldito Soup Kitchen do a great job of providing care, along with La Clinica de Familia and other local programs.

Papen said her grandson deals with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, and has been in jail, homeless and in the state Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas and other facilities for treatment.

"Chronic mental illness is devastating to families and individuals," she said. "We have to realize that these are our brothers, our sisters, our parents. We have a moral obligation ... to do whatever we can to help."

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

Makerspace



Cruces Creatives makerspace, a newly formed nonprofit at 205 E. Lohman Ave., celebrated an impending launch with a "Meet the Makerspace" party Saturday, May 19, with free food and drink, informal building tours, tool demonstrations, an exhibit from NMSU art students, a disassembly table, a drone obstacle course, door prizes, and a chance to network with local artists, crafters and entrepreneurs. More than 100 community volunteers and numerous local sponsors participated.

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Three Wheel, photograph by Dottie Lopez



Photograph by Jack Parsons



Mariachis and Bombas, photograph by Cory Ringo

Lowriders, hoppers and hotrods

Car culture exhibit motors into the Doña Ana Arts Council

BULLETIN REPORT

Lowriders are coming to Mesilla. The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC), 1740 Calle de Mercado, is hosting a photography exhibit on loan from the New Mexico State History Museum archives focusing on the art of the lowrider car. The exhibit opens Tuesday, June 5 and runs through Monday, June 25, including during the Saturday, June 9, 10 – 10 Arts Hop.

This exhibit also has inspired a special concert and

car show event, Dale Gas! to celebrate with music, dance, food and cars on June 22.

A lowrider is defined as a car that is lowered, painted with intricate, colorful designs, rolls on wire-spoke wheels with whitewall tires, and fitted with hydraulic or air bag systems that allow the vehicle to be raised or lowered at the flip of a switch. Lowrider shows and parades feature elaborately decorated cars that bounce like a rubber ball or can be raised on just

one side.

Lowriders have been around since the early part of the post-World War II era. They first gained popularity in Southern California, and by the 1970s, Mexican-American lowriders were commonly seen cruising Whittier Boulevard in the barrio of Los Angeles. With a slogan of “low and slow,” the proud owners of the elaborately decorated and technically enhanced vehicles cruised to see and be seen. The culture of lowriders

spread around California and then gained popularity around the country.

The iconic song “Low Rider,” which came out in 1975 and reached No. 1 on the Billboard R&B chart, may have been many people’s first introduction to lowrider culture. An early version of Lowrider Magazine was launched about that time and later floundered, but is now going strong. The magazine’s website features articles about lowrider cars and bikes, technology, art, and

even food related to the lowrider culture.

“This is a celebration of the art form of these cars,” said DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers. “That’s what we’re trying to promote, elevate, and embrace. The exhibit will also provide education about lowrider cars and the people who create them. These people invest thousands of dollars in their cars. They’re pieces of art.”



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI MAY 25 • 10:30 A.M. Rhythm Roundup-Music/Dance ages 2-5	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
FRI MAY 25 • 3:30 P.M. Library Lab-Crafts/Stories ages 6-10	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
SAT MAY 26 • 12:00 NOON Alice in Wonderland - \$1	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT MAY 26 • 1:00 P.M. Sound Session - Guitar Instruction for Teens	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
SAT MAY 26 • 7:00 P.M. Casablanca - \$8	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SUN+MON MAY 27+28 Library Closed for Memorial Day	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
TUE MAY 29 • 10:30 A.M. Read to Me - Story time ages 3+	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
TUE MAY 29 • 3:00 P.M. Therapaws Reading Teams	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
WED MAY 30 • 11:00 A.M. Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
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Lowriders: pride in the ride, cars as a rite of passage

Editor's note: Daniel Kosharek, photo curator for the Palace of the Governors Photo Archives/ New Mexico History Museum, explains the research that went into the "Lowriders" art exhibit coming in June to the Doña Ana Arts Council, 1740 A Calle de Mercado.

In 1977 "Lowrider Magazine" quietly launched in San José, California, with the intent of giving voice to a popular Chicano lifestyle that blossomed after World War II and had yet to be righteously portrayed in print, TV or film. That lifestyle centered on an idea: When you ride, you lowride. Riding low and slow, or bajita y suave-cito, had become a cultural identity, taking its cue from trends that had first flourished in El Paso before migrating to cities like Los Angeles.

Lowriding found its way to New Mexico when returning World War II vets found work in big cities before moving back home. It was quickly adopted here, also as cultural identity, to the degree that in 1981 MTV called Chimayo the "Lowrider Capital of the World."

I've long been convinced that there are two kinds of people: Those who drive for the purpose of getting from point A to point B, mere transportation if you will; and people who drive cars to, well, drive cars. The Lowriders, Hoppers and Hot Rods: Car Culture of Northern New Mexico exhibit is about the latter, people who express themselves through pride in their



1950 Mercury, photograph by Robert Eckert

ride, and nothing says pride quite like a tricked-out lowrider.

So when Anna Gallegos at the Museum of New Mexico Press and I first sat down to talk about a possible exhibition and book, building off the successful 1998 book *Low 'n Slow*, I jumped at the chance to relive my youthful infatuation with cars. Researching the exhibit provided an excuse to visit garages and shops and to hang out with beautiful machines and those who made them. It also put me in contact with some of the legends who loved and built these cars and, in the process, constructed their lives around them. Their cars became members of the family. As such, they were doted upon, with no expense spared. I can't count how many people pulled out a smart phone to show off photos of cars the way most people do their children and pets.

In the course of researching the exhibition, I roamed around northern New Mexico. At each stop, a new fork in the road appeared. Everyone had another twist or unique expression for creating a distinctive

ride. And everyone knew another legendary innovator we just had to meet. With the help of my fellow curator, Kate Ware at the New Mexico Museum of Art, and photographer/author Don Usner, we each began to develop a different form of automotive visual literacy.

For me, a history of this inspired art form began to take shape. But the possibilities grew endless. Our research had resulted in so much material that it demanded seriously editing the options. That was the hard part. We were enamored with the passion for cars so readily and enthusiastically shared by the people we had met. They opened their shop doors to reveal a world where they reigned as master craftsmen with a toolbox of skills – from mechanics to engineering, painting to upholstery, and the aesthetic sensibilities to use them all.

It was important to construct this exhibit in such a way as to give voice to those people working and living the lifestyle. I wanted to let them tell their own stories unburdened by a layer of museum-speak or an outsider's view-

point. To accomplish this, we utilized extensive quotes from people in the community talking about not only their cars but also philosophizing on life and how their first car was a rite of passage.

To add another first-person layer, I asked fellow curator Meredith Davidson, a trained audio historian, to conduct interviews with key people so their voices can be heard in the exhibit. By pairing her interviews with Don Usner's photographs, we open a window onto the lifestyle of the lowrider community.

Don was essential in researching the exhibit by providing entrée to the community where he grew up. With his help, we tracked down and visited many garages in northern New Mexico where these artists work. The interior of these garages are sometimes like miniature cathedrals but instead of saints being honored it is cars. Many have altars honoring relatives who have passed, car show posters they participated in, awards and trophies, photographs, and other memorabilia all centered around one thing, their creation on wheels.

Aside from car shows, lowriders have few avenues to showcase their talents. That made it a challenge to figure out how to do justice to the art form in a museum setting. Fortunately, the New Mexico History Museum has a freight elevator that can accommodate a car. This enabled us to bring two examples into the exhibit proper

RIDE

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on the second floor of the museum: a 1983 Chevy Monte Carlo and a 1948 Chevy Fleetline. Another group of vehicles will rotate through the first-floor lobby, including the convertible that once belonged to boxing champion Johnny Tapia, plus hot rods and the custom masterpiece “New Mexico 505.”

Visitors enter the exhibit through a stylized garage where audio interviews play and the mechanical elements that make vehicles run or hop are showcased. Not

intended to replicate a garage it just hints at it. This garage will be populated by your imagination as you experience the exhibit. The main exhibit features over 120 photographs by 31 photographers captivated by the artistry of lowriding.

During initial research for the exhibit I found that virtually no institution in the West had a collection of lowrider photographs. For that reason, the images in the exhibit will become the core of a permanent collection in the Palace of the Governors Photo Archives documenting this art form.

Some of us are lucky

enough to still embrace the great American love affair with the automobile. While working on this exhibit I could not help but reminisce about my first car, a 1957 Chevy two-door hardtop. I can still remember that thrill and my pride of ownership. Even better? It made me the captain of several thousand pounds of metal that I could pilot places unfettered from parental observance.

So enjoy the exhibits, and next time you drive, think about these folks who live to wrap their hands around a steering wheel and drive their creations for the sheer joy of it. Happy motoring.

HOTROD

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The Lowriders, Hoppers and Hot Rods photography exhibit to be displayed at the Arts & Cultural Center at the Doña Ana Arts Council is curated by the state of New Mexico, featuring photographs through the decades of these specialized cars. The exhibit will be on display until June 25 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday but also opening for the Second Saturday 10-10 arts hop from 4-7 p.m. June 9.

On Friday, June 22, the arts council will host a celebration of the lowrider culture with a party on the courtyard next to their Arts & Cultural Center. The event's theme is “Dale Gas,” which translates as “give it gas!” or “step on it!” It begins at 5:30 p.m., with two car clubs, The Imperials and the Good Times Car Club, exhibiting 15 lowrider cars. Food, beer, and



La Familia, photograph by Travis Ruiz

wine will be available for purchase from Paisano's Restaurant on the patio or inside the restaurant. The enormously popular cumbia band from Mexico, Jarabe Mexico, will perform from 8:30-10:15 p.m. Ticket holders

can visit the car show and photography exhibit and enjoy the music and dancing. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and are available at the DAAC office or online at www.daarts.org. Call 575-523-6403.

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University Art Gallery project solicits fabric

By JASMINE WOODUL
For the Bulletin

The University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University is hosting a community art project with artist John Garret for the production of three distinct quilts that will be constructed from May 24-July 14 in the gallery at 1390 E. University Avenue. The building will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Members of the community are invited to participate by contributing fabric from their clothing, household fabrics, even old dishtowels or curtains and sewing scraps. All materials, colors and designs are welcome and the fabric can be from any time period.

“Participants will use their distinct styles and fashions to help construct the quilts and bring the visual narrative of Las Cruces to a wide audience through the completion of this communal work in the UAG,” said Marisa Sage, director of the gallery. “What do you have in your closet that you never dared to part with, but is no longer wearable, for whatever reason? Bring it out, donate it to Community Quilt, and have it represent you in perpetuity.”

The event will run during the UAG’s “Here & Now” regional juried exhibition through July



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the community are invited to participate in the process by contributing fabric for a community art project at the University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University with artist John Garret for the production of three very distinct quilts, through July 14.

14 and at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through July 21. “Here and Now” includes works created by artists living and working within a 150 mile radius of Las Cruces. Paintings, prints, photographs, video, ceramics and sculpture highlight the diverse approaches to creative expression found in Southern New Mexico and West Texas.

The gallery will host a joint opening reception for both shows from 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 1. There will be a free shuttle between the museum and the UAG from 5-7:30 p.m.

Artist John Garrett will host a community day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, June 9, at the University Art Gallery with a design workshop for kids from 1-2 p.m. He will host another community day at the Las Cruces Museum of Art during the farmers market from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your fabric.

Garrett’s community day is in conjunction with the new 10-10 Arts Hop series. Through the 10-10 Arts Hop, the UAG is partnering with local participating galleries and arts organizations from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. for 12 hours of art in Las Cruces every second Saturday.

Jasmine Woodul may be reached at 575-646-2545, artglry@nmsu.edu



Dwight Yoakam



Rick Trevino



Randy Houser

Country Music Festival announces lineup

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Country Music Festival is back sporting a new look.

After five years it has moved – literally.

Previously held in April in downtown Las Cruces, the event's growth forced organizers Visit Las Cruces to find a new home capable of handling larger crowds.

The 2018 festival will be held at the Hadley

Sports Complex, East Hadley Avenue and North Walnut Street, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 19-21.

Friday's headliner on the main South Stage is Dwight Yoakam, who, back in the '80s, modernized the "Bakersfield" sound popularized by Buck Owens. Also playing Friday are Frankie Ballard and King Leg.

Headliner Saturday is Randy Houser, backed by Sawyer Brown and

Brennin Hunt. Houser, a nine-time nominated CMT and ACM recipient, has charted country hits like "Anything Goes," "Boots On," "Whistlin' Dixie" and "I'm All About It." Sawyer Brown had success in the 1980s and 1990s with hits like "Leona" and "Some Girls Do."

Sunday will feature regional artists plus headliner Rick Trevino. Trevino's debut, "Just Enough Rope," was the first main-

stream country single to feature separate English- and Spanish-language versions. In 1997 he reached No. 1 with "Running out of Reasons to Run."

On the smaller North Stage, regional acts will play during breaks on the main stage.

Tickets are now on sale. Single day passes for Friday or Saturday are \$35, Sunday single day passes are \$10. Weekend passes for all three days are \$60

through June 17, and \$70 after that. VIP passes are \$150. Members of the military receive a \$5 discount on day and fes-

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Linda Peterson and Skip Shelton join the dancers during Nelson's set.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Blues in the Plaza

There is no rust in the pipes of Tracy Nelson who, at age 73, delivered a commanding performance Saturday night, May 19, at Blues Night in the Plaza in downtown Las Cruces.

Backed by the Bel Airs, with brothers Dick and

Dave Pruitt on bass and electric guitars, Nelson affirmed that no instrument in music can be more expressive than the human voice. She pounded out blues and country with deep authority, giving it all, once again, on her signature song, "Mother

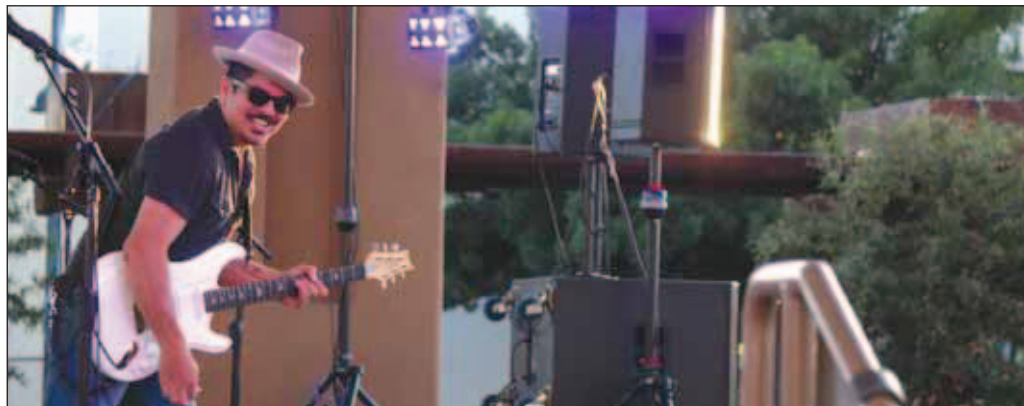
Earth," a smoldering blues first recorded by Memphis Slim in 1951. Mother Earth was also the name Nelson took for her band when she moved to San Francisco in the late 1960s from her hometown of Madison, Wisconsin.

The next plaza concert

will be Homeward Bound/Country in the Plaza Saturday, June 2, with Cruces' favorite daughter and son, Bri Bagwell and Josh Grider. Advance tickets (\$15) are available at the Rio Grande Theatre or online at DowntownLC.com.

— Marty Racine

Ruben V opens for Nelson with an impressive set of guitar chops inspired by Stevie Ray Vaughan, among others.



Nelson retires to the piano for a couple of numbers.



Tracy Nelson belts out a tune in the glow of the stage lights.



George and Anna Equeda enjoy the show.

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MEMORIAL DAY USS Arizona and the Battleship Missouri



There is a sunken U.S. Navy ship in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
The **USS Arizona** battleship was sunk when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack caused the U.S. to join the fighting in World War II.

More than 1,000 sailors and marines died that day. Many of them remain with their ship under the harbor. And many Pearl Harbor survivors choose to be placed with their fellow crew members when they die.

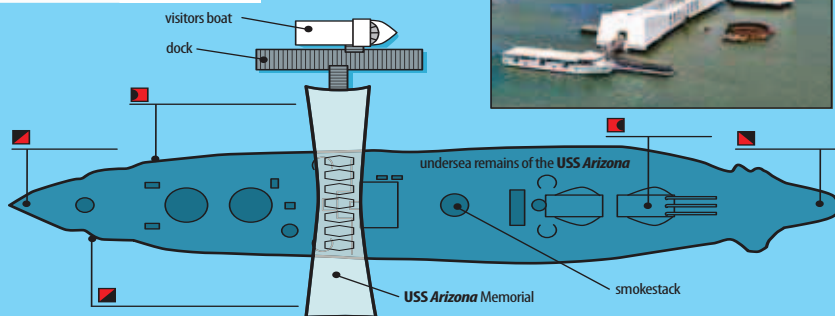
From a building constructed above the water, visitors can see the **USS Arizona** under the harbor's clear ocean waters. This is the **USS Arizona Memorial**, which opened in 1962.



Talk Like a Sailor

Parts of a ship have particular names. If you know the names, you can talk about ships like a sailor! Use the code below to label the diagram at right.

- **stern**: the back end of a ship
- **bow**: the front of a ship
- **port side**: the left side of a ship or boat
- **starboard side**: the right side of a ship or boat
- **turret**: on a battleship, a rotating platform for large guns



Battleship Missouri

Replace the missing words.

SIGN PEACE WORLD PAPERS

Not far from the **USS Arizona** Memorial, the **Battleship Missouri** is open for _____. Aboard this ship, Japan and the United States and their Allies signed _____ to end World War II.

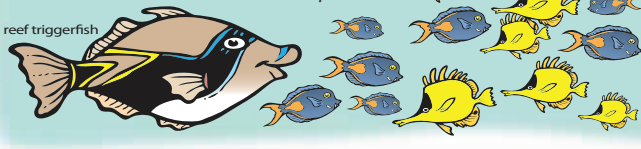


Gen. MacArthur signs papers ending World War II aboard the **USS Missouri**.

General Douglas MacArthur led the ceremony and he was the last person to _____ the "Instruments of Surrender." He concluded the ceremony by saying: "Let us pray that _____ be now restored to the _____, and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are closed!" And with those words, World War II was officially over.

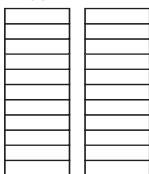
The Little Fish with a BIG Name

In the tropical waters of Hawaii, a huge variety of colorful fish live among the coral reefs. The **reef triggerfish** isn't very big, but it has a name in Hawaiian that's VERY long: **humuhumunukunukuapua'a!** You pronounce it: **who-moo-who-moo-noo-koo-noo-koo-ah-pooah-ah.**



Graph It!

Color a space on this graph for each fish you count. Which fish appears most?




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Look through today's newspaper for pictures and words that show love of your country. Cut these out and glue onto a sheet of paper to make a Patriotic Collage.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify synonyms in reading.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



In 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law that started fundraising for the **USS Arizona** Memorial. Their goal was to raise \$500,000, but only \$155,000 had been raised by 1960.

A rock and roll legend solved the problem. He held a concert in Hawaii that raised over \$60,000. But the concert raised more than money – it made people across the country aware of the **USS Arizona** and the drive to build a memorial. Donations started coming in and the full \$500,000 was raised by September, 1961.

Circle every other letter to reveal this rock legend's name:
O E G L M V T I C S Y P N R K E B S V L U E S Y
E _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

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Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Memory Game

Ask a friend to study a picture in the newspaper for one minute. Then cover the picture and have your friend write down as many details as they can remember. Now reverse roles and you try.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Write On!

REMEMBERING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Write a paragraph about what you remember most about this school year.

Kid Scoop Together: Symbols of Service

Do the math to discover which emblem represents each branch of the United States military.

- 25 = Department of the Air Force
- 32 = United States Coast Guard
- 27 = Department of the Navy
- 35 = Department of the Army
- 29 = United States Marine Corps



Standards Link: Civics: Know how various symbols are used to depict Americans' shared values.

Reigning Miss New Mexico heading to New York

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

"It's been really awesome," Taylor Rey said about her nearly year-long reign as the first ever Miss New Mexico from Las Cruces.

She was crowned Miss New Mexico last June in her hometown and will relinquish the title (she gets to keep the crown) during next month's 2018 Miss New Mexico Pageant in Alamogordo.

A highlight of her year-long reign – and her life – was Rey's selection as a semi-finalist in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey last September.

"I was so surprised," Rey said, "I'm just honored to have been up there at all."



COURTESY FACEBOOK

Miss New Mexico Taylor Rey graces the stage at the 2017 pageant.

Rey said she had eaten pizza the night before the pageant, thinking her public appearances were complete. But, as a semi-

finalist, she had to again put on her swim suit to be on national television.

Rey will soon return to the East Coast, with a



Taylor Rey before her first performance, at age 3.

move to New York City in August to pursue a career as a professional actress and performer.

Rey has already been on Broadway, in the cast of Tony-award winner Kristin Chenoweth's "My Love Letter to Broadway" in 2016 while attending Oklahoma City University in musical theatre.

She's excited about going back. Being a professional actor has been "my dream since I was 3 years old," Rey said.

She had to be dragged off the stage after her first performance in a ballet in El Paso, Rey remembers. She stills has photos and a video of that performance 20 years ago, blowing kisses to the audience in her tutu.

As a student at Michelle's Dance Academy and a member of the Doña Ana Youth Choir, Rey learned to play the viola in the sixth grade and performed in her favorite musical, "Little

Shop of Horrors," at Rio Grande Theatre at age 15. She starred in productions at Las Cruces High School and Oklahoma City University (she's in OCU's Hall of Queens) and in Scaffolding Theatre Company's productions of "Nine" and "Chicago"; "Dames at Sea" and "White Christmas" for Las Cruces Community Theatre; and "Twitch" at Black Box Theatre. She headlined in two recent productions at Boba Cabaret.

"I'm excited to move on to the next part of my life," she said, "but I'm a little bit sad to let this go."

Rey has put more than 30,000 miles on her car in the past 11 months, speaking to school children attending student performances throughout New Mexico, helping to raise money for the arts and the Miss New Mexico Scholarship Organization. She threw out the

first pitch at an Albuquerque Isotopes baseball game and helped girls prepare for the 2018 Miss New Mexico Pageant.

Rey will perform at the June 9 pageant and "put the crown on a new girl," she said.

Rey's goal as Miss New Mexico has been to represent the state as a "bold and confident" young woman who is "approachable and genuine." Her platform is P.L.A.Y: Promoting a Love of Art in Youth.

Working with children has been the "most rewarding" part of her reign. Her advice: Do your homework, and don't forget about your arts education; practice the piano or some other musical instrument, dance and sing.

"Those things are just as important."

Rey said she feels quite different from when she won the title of Miss New Mexico last June. Her public appearances as the state title holder and during the Miss America Pageant have helped develop her poise in speaking and performing.

"I feel just a lot more confident; I feel a lot more accomplished. Nothing makes me nervous anymore. If I can do this, I can do anything."

Rey knows it's easy to be discouraged pursuing a career as a professional actor. Her attitude, she said, is that it's like taking a number at a deli. "Eventually they're going to call you."

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Fundraiser scheduled to keep Eagle Man in Las Cruces

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums (FLCM) will sponsor a five-course wine dinner at Salud! de Mesilla, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 21, to raise funds for the foundation's campaign to keep a sculpture by a world-renowned artist in Las Cruces.

"Eagle Man," by sculptor Michael Naranjo, has been on loan to the city since 2011, said Eagle Man Committee member Bailey Harrington of Las Cruces. It is valued at \$95,000, Harrington said, but Naranjo has offered to sell it to the city for \$63,000.

About half that amount has been raised to date, Harrington said, and FLCM is hopeful the Salud! dinner will go a long way toward retiring the amount still to be collected before the end of the year.

Eagle Man is on display in the courtyard on Main Street between

the Museum of Art and the Branigan Cultural Center.

"It's just a wonderful piece of art," said Harrington, whose wife, Karen Dumont, is also a committee member.

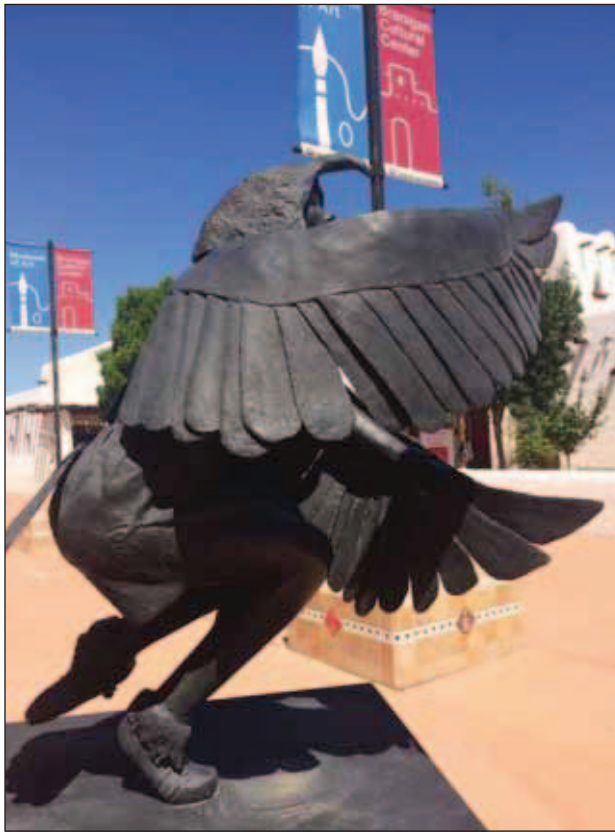
"Naranjo is a Vietnam War veteran who sustained a combat injury that blinded him," Harrington said in a news release about the effort to keep the sculpture in Las Cruces. "The loss of sight intensified his sense of touch. Guided by his tactile ability and innate sensibility, today Michael Naranjo is recognized as one of the world's preeminent sculptors."

Tickets to the dinner are \$60. Call Salud! at 575-323-3548 for dinner reservations.

For more information on the Eagle Man Committee, contact committee chair Michael Weiss at

575-202-9971 or mike-weiss65@gmail.com.

Visit foundationlcm.com/eagleman to donate to the Eagle Man GoFundMe account online.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA ÖSTERREICH

"Eagle Man" has been on loan to the city by artist Michael Naranjo since 2011.

The public can also send a donation to Foundation for Las Cruces Museums, P.O. Box 2783, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004.

To view more of Nara-

njo's work, visit www.matteucci.com.

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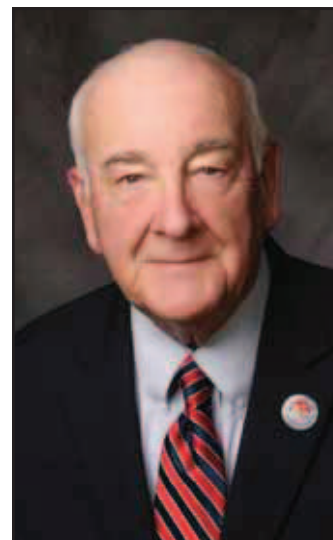
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Black Box Theatre announces new season

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

A Tony-award winning musical, a play that also won a Tony and a version of "Alice in Wonderland" are part of the 19th season at Black Box Theatre, which opens in August.

Here is a list of shows coming up at Black Box, 430 N. Main St.

- **"Indoor/Outdoor,"** Aug. 17-Sept. 2; by Kenny Finkle, directed by theatre owner Ceil Herman. The story of a kitten that leaves home to find herself in this comedy that premiered in 2007.

- **"The World Goes 'Round,"** Oct. 5-21; with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, conceived by Scott Ellis, Susan Stroman and David Thompson, directed by Nora Thomas-Medina. The songbook from the multi-Tony award-winning team, featuring a hit parade



from "Cabaret" to "Chicago."

- **"Life and Beth,"** Dec. 7-23; by Alan Ayckbourn; directed by Las Cruces actor/director Autumn Gieb. A Christmas story about a woman in mourning for her dead husband, a vicar's prayer and a ghost's return. The comedy premiered in England in 2008.

- **"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,"** Jan. 25-Feb. 10, 2019; based on the novel by Mark Haddon, adapted by Simon Stephens, directed by Ceil Herman, winner of the Tony, Olivier and Drama Desk awards for best play in 2013 and 2015. A 15-year-old boy with an

Autism-spectrum condition investigates the death of a neighbor's dog in this drama.

- **"Alice in Wonderland,"** March 22-April 7, 2019; directed by Black Box director/actor Karen Caroe.

An adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic tale created by The Manhattan Project,

- **"Fallout,"** May 3-19, 2019; by Laura King, directed by Ceil Herman. Two strangers in a fallout shelter in this drama that won the 2016 Georgia Theatre Conference One-Act Playwriting competition.

- **"Emilie: La Marquise Du Châtelet Defends Her Life Tonight,"** May 31-June 16; by Lauren Gunderson, directed by long-time Las Cruces actor/director Nikka Ziemer. A dramatic comedy about Emilie du Chatelet (1706-49) French scientist.

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Black Box Theatre owners and founders Ceil and Peter Herman.

'The Rivals' rehearses for May 25 opening



Left to right are P. J. Waggaman as Sir Anthony Absolute and Bobby Senecal as Capt. Jack Absolute in a dress rehearsal of Black Box Theatre's "The Rivals."



PHOTOS COURTESY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE
In a dress rehearsal of "The Rivals" at Black Box Theatre are, left to right, Karen BuerdSELL as Miss Julia Melville and Erin Wendorf as Miss Lydia Languish.

It was George Washington's favorite play, and nearly 250 years after its first performance, Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedy of manners, "The Rivals," opens Friday, May 25 at Black Box Theatre.

The production is the last show of the 2017-18 season of No Strings Theatre Company at Black Box, 430 N. Main St. downtown.

The cast includes P. J. Waggaman as Sir Anthony Absolute, Bobby Senecal as Capt. Jack Absolute, Joseluis Solorzano as Mr. Faulkland, Joshua Taulbee as Squire Bob Acres, Gorton Smith as Sir Lucius O'Trigger, Doug Roby as Mr. Fage, Chris Sedulous as David, Nikka Ziemer

as Mrs. Malaprop, Erin Wendorf as Miss Lydia Languish, Karen BuerdSELL as Miss Julia Melville and Virginia Ostendorf as Lucy.

The play is directed by long-time Las Cruces actor/director Monte H. Wright. Caryl Kotulak is the assistant director, Erin Chenowith is stage manager and Heather Olvera is assistant stage manager.

"This is the play that created 'malapropism,'" Wright said, "with such lines as 'He is the very pineapple of politeness.'"

"The play takes place in Bath, England, in the 1770s, which was the Las Vegas of England at that time," Wright said. "This is where the elite went

to the health spas, to gamble, drink, meet the ladies, in general have a good time, and, oh yes, have duels! And hopefully what happens in Bath stays in Bath."

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, May 25-26 and June 1-2 and 8-9; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, June 3 and 10; and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors over age 65 and \$10 for all seats for the Thursday, June 7 performance.

To purchase tickets using Black Box's new online ticketing system, visit www.tktassistant.com.

For more information, call 575-523-1223.

—Mike Cook

'Loveless': From Russia, without love

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

If ever there was a more appropriate title for a movie that would be a wonderment.

And if this is what life is like in present-day Russia, I'm mighty glad I don't live there.

Nominated for an Oscar and a Golden Globe for best foreign-language film, "Loveless" follows the path of several loveless and vile people.

Divorce is on the horizon for Zhenya, the owner of a beauty salon, and her husband Boris, who is a mid-level manager, a job which has all the accretions of mid-level stress, boredom and certainly lousy pay. His employer also frowns upon divorce, so Boris must be ultra-careful about who knows what is going on in his home life.

As portrayed by actress Maryana Spivak, Zhenya has turned into a very cruel, merciless woman, who is having an affair with a wealthy, but seemingly incapable of love, rich businessman, Anton.

Boris has been seeing and bonking Masha, who is much younger than he, less crass, less smart, and much more pregnant than Zhenya could ever be. It also seems that Boris has carefully neglected to mention to her that he already has a son.

The last thing between Zhenya and Boris is the sale of their apartment, which is not an easy thing to do.

In this mix is their 12-year-old son, Alyosha. Neither loves nor cares about him, which seems

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Opens for a week run on May 25 in Mesilla, at, you guessed it, the Fountain Theatre. It is in Russian with subtitles.

reasonably obvious at first as they fight over who should have custody after the divorce. Neither one wants him. Zhenya wants to ship him to a boarding school and then have him join the army. It is never quite clear what Boris wants to do about the lad, but it has nothing to do with parenting and love.

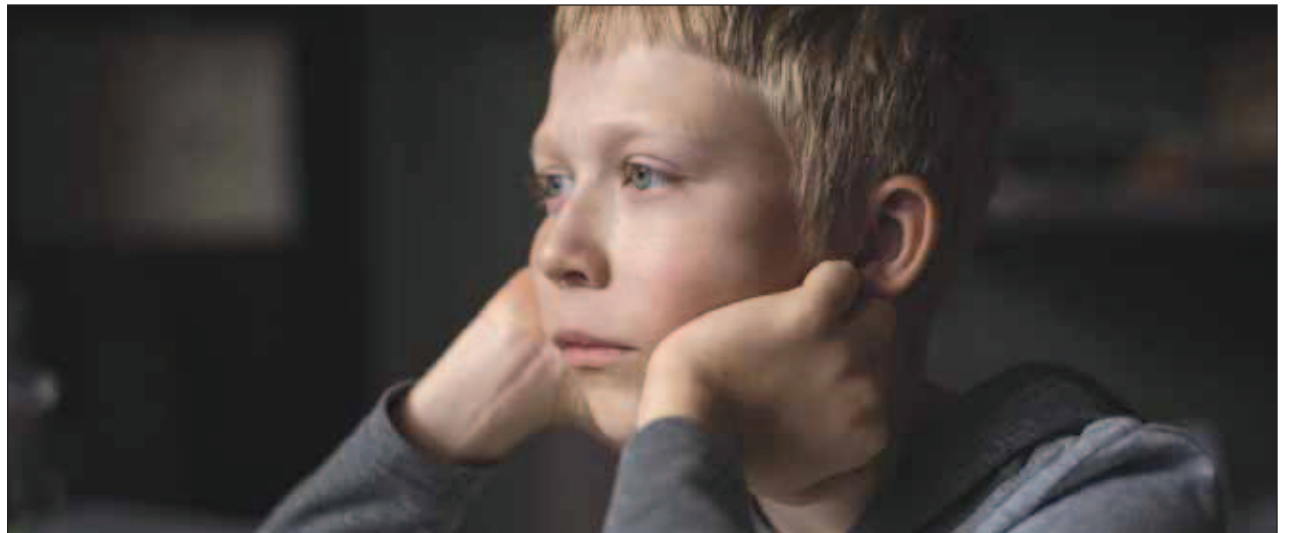
Alyosha hears their fights and one day on his way to school, he simply disappears.

Not surprisingly, neither parent notices his absence for some time, about two days. And only after Zhenya comes home after busily eating at a fine restaurant and having a prolonged lovemaking session with Anton, does she get a call from Alyosha's teacher, informing her that he hasn't been to school in two days.

And I thought my parents were lousy!

Zhenya amazingly becomes somewhat alarmed and calls the police who not too kindly, inform her that they don't have the resources to look for still another missing kid. The officer she speaks with is a bit empathic and recommends a volunteer organization which is more or less a search and rescue for missing sprats.

The coordinator of the



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Alyosha, unloved and heartbroken over his parents' fights, simply chooses to vanish.

organization is not afraid to dismiss the "love" that Boris and Zhenya may "show" for Alyosha, as it becomes apparent that they are selfish, inattentive and downright emotionally absent.

A search begins, with Zhenya and Boris sharing a car to see if the boy has turned up at her mother's home, something horribly unlikely, as she is even more cruel and bitter than her daughter.

The search reveals nothing, even after the volunteers, well-coordinated and staffed, search for Alyosha in any number of abandoned buildings and at sport complexes.

It is not long before they end up at the morgue to view the remains of a boy that have been found.

Is it Alyosha? If it is, would they even really care?

"Loveless" is one of the darkest, most intense films that I have ever seen. Those who expect nosegays and happy endings should certainly stay

home, but those wanting a slice of what real life is for some people, will appreciate the depth and bleakness of the emotions of all

involved.

Loveless is darker than a Siberian winter.

Jeff Berg has been review-

ing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.

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At far left is Taylor Rodriguez and center is Nick Check, both 2018 NMSU Theatre Arts Department student award winners. They are shown in a performance of last September's "Equivocation" with Jeff Dolecek.

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NMSU THEATRE ARTS



NMSU theatre department names student winners

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

At the close of a great season and its fifth at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, the NMSU Theatre Arts Department selected its outstanding students and student performers for the 2017-18 academic year at a May 17 ceremony at the theatre.

Victoria "Torrie" Hughes won two major awards. She was selected as the Hershel Zohn outstanding senior of the year and also was recognized as one of two best supporting actor performances for her work in "Equivocation." Hughes graduated from NMSU



Left to right, in this 2016 photo from the NMSU Theatre Arts Department's production of "Truth Dare...", are 2018 department student award winners Daniela Castoreña (aka Esmae Leon) and Victoria "Torrie" Hughes.

Saturday, May 12.

The other award winners:

• Overall Scholarship Bravo: Heather Hosford;

senior, who graduated May 12;

• Leading performance: Taylor Rodriguez, a junior, for his work in "Equivocation" and Daniela Castoreña (aka Esmae Leon), a senior who graduated May 12, for her work in "The Odyssey";

• Joining Hughes in winning a supporting performance award was freshman Nick Check for his work in "The Odyssey";

• Designer/assistant designer, director/assistant director: Arianna Swinson, a senior who graduated May 12, for her scenic design for "Urinetown";

• Stage manager/assistant stage manager/crew: Karina Ortega, a junior, for her work as stage manager for "The Odyssey."

"It was a great privilege to help honor these outstanding students for their amazing work this past season for NMSU theatre arts," said Mike Cook, a member of the American Southwest Theatre Company, the non-profit that supports the theatre arts department.

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Photos from early rehearsals of Las Cruces Community Theatre's upcoming production of "Legally Blonde."

'Legally Blonde' now in rehearsals for opening

BULLETIN REPORT

With a cast of 25, the award-winning musical "Legally Blonde" is now in rehearsal at Las Cruces Community Theatre and will open Friday, June 1 for a three-week-end run.

The play is directed by NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy. Christa Fredrickson is music director and Janet Beatty-Payne (who is also in the cast) is choreographer.

Other cast members include Brianna Horvath, Calvin Chervinko, Joel Fisk, Victoria "Torrie" Hughes, Melis Derya White, Greg Thompson, Peyton Womble, Charivel Garcia, Frankie Perez-Wright, Steven G. Trujillo, Mike Cruz, Monty Moroni, Teddy Aspen-Sanchez, Kerrigan Sivils, Susie Ouder Kirk, Christina Garcia, Bianca Castro, Mozart Pierson,



Jordan Kelley, Rebecca Burrington, Christian Tercero, Monte Womble, Jesse Montoya Ortega, Cassandra Galban, Elli Hernandez and Isaac Eugenio Morales.

The two dogs in the show will be Rufus, courtesy of Susie Ouder Kirk, and Bruiser, courtesy of Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, June 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 and 2 p.m. Sundays, June 3, 10 and 17, at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. downtown.

Tickets are \$15 adults; \$12 senior citizens, students and members

of the military; \$11 for groups of 10 or more; and \$10 for children under age 12.

Reservations are recommended for this show, as performances likely will sell out in advance.

"Legally Blonde" opened on Broadway in 2007. The book was written by Heather Hach with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin. It's based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the MGM motion picture.

For tickets and more information, call 575-523-1200. Visit www.lcctnm.org. And find LCCT on Facebook.

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Wine and dine at the fairgrounds

BULLETIN REPORT

The 26th annual Las Cruces Wine Festival, May 26-28 at the Southern New Mexico State Fair Grounds, will feature new wines, new vendors, local cuisine, and award-winning musicians, according to a news release.

The music will range from country to indie rock, reggae and jazz.

New additions this year include a four-course, wine-paired VIP lunch in partnership with Salud! de Mesilla and free onsite painting classes for all ticketholders.

There are three tiers of tickets: general admissions, VIP and VIP + Wine Paired Lunch.

General admission ticketholders receive a commemorative wine glass and access to wine samples from 18 wineries.

VIP tickets come with an early access, a commemorative crystal wine glass, \$5 off any one bottle of wine, \$5 off any one item under the New Mexico Wine tent, Viva-Vino bottle opener and a wine tote.

The VIP + 4 Course Wine Pairing Lunch comes with a seated four-course wine-paired lunch by Salud! de Mesilla on Saturday only. Lunch begins at 12:15 p.m. These tickets also gain an early-access VIP-only hour Saturday, a commemorative crystal wine glass, \$5 off any



BULLETIN FILE PHOTOS

Matt Holguin, Janessa Lujan, Sean Holguin and Dan Contreras toast their wine glasses at the 2017 festival.

one bottle of wine, \$5 off any item under the New Mexico Wine tent, Viva-Vino bottle opener and a

wine tote.

Details and tickets can be found at www.nmwine.com.



Marissa Montano from Jaramillo Vineyards of Belen pours a taster at the 2017 festival.



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A&E EVENTS

Love Moves: 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 24-25, NMSU Atkinson Music Recital Hall. Michele's Dance Academy celebrates its 40th Dance Extravaganza with dancers of all ages dancing hip hop, tap, ballet, jazz and musical theater. Special appearance by singer Travis Manning and the introduction of Daisy Michelephant. Tickets \$15 at Pan Am Ticket Office, 646-1420, or Ticketmaster.com. Info: 575-527-1893 or michelesdanceacademy.biz.

Eastside Arts and Crafts: 9 a.m.-noon Friday, May 25, Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Original work by Eastside seniors, which will be judged and awarded prizes for first, second, and third place in each category. Cost: Free. Info: 575-528-3012 or www.lascruces.org/departments/quality-of-life/senior-programs.

Promoting Art Series: Noon Friday, May 25, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. "Murals of Las Cruces" with Norma Hartell, director of murals with the city of Las Cruces and Peter Kopp, NMSU History Depart-

Music in the Park

7 p.m. Sundays, June 3-Aug. 26, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., and 7 p.m. Thursdays, June 7, 21, July 12 and 26, Plaza de Las Cruces. Sponsored by Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department. Info: 575-541-2550.

Sundays at Young Park

- June 3: The Abe Mac Band, El Paso, country music; and Las Cruces Gents, La Mesa, variety music.
- June 10: The Fundraisers, Las Cruces, Late '90s, early 2000s Rock & Roll; and Rust, Las Cruces, rock and reggae music.
- June 17: Mariachi Buena Ventura, Santa Fe, Mariachi music; and the Derrick Harris Band, Las Cruces, Motown, funk, blues and rock music.
- June 24: Smokin' Mirrors, Las Cruces, variety music; and Geni & the Starliners, Las Cruces, oldies and variety music.

Thursday Night Music, Plaza de Las Cruces

- June 7: Benjy Rivas, Las Cruces, Americana and folk music; Allison Reynolds, Las Cruces, pop and folk music; Bob Einweck, Tucson, Arizona, Americana music; and Steve Smith & Hard Road, Las Cruces, bluegrass music.
- June 21: Ryan Montañó, Albuquerque, cool jazz.

ment. Brown bag lunches welcome. Cost: Free.

NM Vintage Wines music: 8-10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. Sundays, 2461 Calle Principal.

- May 25: Smokin' Blue, folks jammin' together on guitars, vocals, drums y mas.
- May 26: Orlando Madrid-Carlos Barba Duo, jazz standards to popular

music of the day, and original compositions.

• May 27: Alison Reynolds, classical pieces on cello as well as folk, pop and rock.

Storytellers: May 26, Judith Ames, COAS Bookstore, 317 N Main St.; Jean Gilbert, COAS Bookstore, 1101 South Solano Drive.

Las Cruces Wine Festival: Noon-6 p.m. Saturday-Monday, May 26-28,

Southern New Mexico State Fair Grounds. General admission includes a newly designed commemorative wine glass and access to wine samples from 18 wineries along with access to free on-site painting classes. Cost: \$20 for general admission, \$35 for VIP, \$85 for VIP+, which includes four-course wine-paired lunch. Info: nmwine.com.

Borderlands Ballet Company: 6 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The Academy of Ballet and the Las Cruces School of Dance & Music will present a new one-act ballet titled "The Persistence of Air: A Steampunk Ballet." Tickets at tututix.com. Info: 575-525-5670, borderlands.ballet@gmail.com or borderlands-ballet.com.

Get ArtRageous: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Cost: \$30 includes all materials and light refreshments. Info: 575-523-6403.

- May 30: Shibori Silk Scarf with Linda Elkins.
- June 6: Watercolor sunflowers with Sally Quillin. (2-4 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.)
- June 13: Pet portraits

in oil with Judi Martinez.

- June 20: Art Class: Acrylic painting with Luis Navarro.
- June 27: Calligraphy with Gail Lieurance.

With Love, Marilyn: 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, and 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2, Rio Grande Theatre. Erin Sullivan presents her one-woman tribute to screen goddess Marilyn Monroe. Cost: \$27.50. Info and tickets: 575-408-9026 or www.borderlandsfilmfestival.org.

USA Dance: 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Two-step, waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha, salsa, tango, swing, hustle, cumbia and more. Dance lessons at 2:15 p.m. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Info: Ellen Davis 575-522-1438 or edavis4455@yahoo.com or Jerry Carson 575-639-3993 or geraldcarolcarson@gmail.com.

Feed Your Mind: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Cultural seminar series: Impressionism, Part IV with Kathleen Key. Cost: \$20 for a single session, \$95 for 12-part series. Info: 575-523-6403 or daarts.org.

OutsmART workshop: 1-2 p.m. Saturdays, June 9 and 23, July 14, August 4 and 11, University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave. Each workshop will be inspired by a piece in the University Art Gallery current exhibition. Info: 575-646-2545.

- June 9: Design with John Garrett.
- June 23: Monochromatic monographs.

• July 14: Art from photography.

- Aug. 4: Jenny Morgan, color and light.
- Aug. 11: A sticky Situation, creating tape people.

10-10 Arts Hop: Saturday, June 9. Meet artists, visit galleries and join in art activities with the Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, Rokoko Art Gallery, NMSU University Art Gallery, Cutter Gallery, Art Obscura, and the Four Points Perspective Art Gallery. The participating University-area galleries are open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., the Mesilla Mercado-area galleries are open from 4-7 p.m., and the south Mesilla/Mesilla Park galleries are open from 7-10 p.m.

Art Camp: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. June 11-22, Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave. Hands-on ceramic, painting, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, and printmaking for children in grades 5-8. Field trips to local galleries, museums, and businesses to explore art careers. Cost: \$100 per student with partial scholarships available. The program culminates with an art show featuring the students' art work 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the school.

Opera camp: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, June 18, Centennial High School Theatre Room. Opera Storytellers Camp with the Santa Fe Opera for children in grades 3-12. Students will use elements of opera to compose and perform their own musical drama based on the hero's journey. Cost: \$300 per student with partial scholarships



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NOTE: Saturday, May 26 No matinée; Thursday, May 31 1:30 matinée; no evening show

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No one will be admitted after the film has begun.

June 1-7
You Were Never Really Here

A traumatized veteran (Joaquin Phoenix), unafraid of violence, tracks down missing girls for a living, and journeys to the deepest levels of the dark side.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Nuestra Gente (Our People)

Through May 31
The Gallery at Big Picture, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109A, presents an exhibit of Francisco Lascurain Labadie, Mexico City architect and cubist-modern art painter (1926-2013). Info: 575-647-0508.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

Through May 31
Bonnie MacQuarrie and Naida Zucker are featured artists at the gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla.

Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites

Through June 2
Traveling exhibit from the Minnesota Children's Museum transforms beloved award-winning books by Eric Hill into three-dimensional play and learning environments at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Life Along the Rio Grande

Through June 9
Studio Art Quilt Association members' exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., explores topics relating to the flora, fauna, and people living near the river. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

NMSU University Museum

Through June 30
Photo exhibit, "Defending Truth and Memory: The Path towards Justice in Guatemala," features 35 photos of the indigenous Guatemalans' struggle for justice.

Form & Function: Objects with Flair

Through July 8
More than 40 objects combining usefulness and beauty. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Legacy Gallery. Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Here & Now Regional Juried Exhibition

Through July 14, University Art Gallery

Through July 21, Museum of Art

Las Cruces Museum of Art in collaboration with NMSU Art Gallery features works in all media by artists living and working within 150 miles of Las Cruces. Artists' reception, 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at both galleries. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Through Aug. 5
Rack of fiber art seed packets by New Mexico region of Studio Art Quilt Associates. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Arts Corridor, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

100 Years Strong

Through Sept. 16
History of the Farm & Livestock Bureau. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production occupied 300 Mesilla Valley farmers and ranchers who first gathered in 1917. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Bracerros: Melding History and Art

Through Oct. 3
Sculptures by Diana LeMarbe, paintings by Jeri Desrocher, and historical research by Raymond Cobos that together tell a unique facet of an underappreciated part of U.S. history, the Bracero Program. At the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Opens Friday, June 1.

Las Cruces and Gadsden student art

Through mid-October
More than 100 original student works on display in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Dressed for the Occasion

Through March 3, 2019
Women's every day and dress clothing from the pioneer days of the 1870s to the Depression Era of the 1930s. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Legacy Gallery, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Children's theatre: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 9-13, Oñate High School Performing Arts Center. Missoula Children's Theatre week-long theatre experience for K-12 grade students. Tryouts for "Peter and Wendy" start at 10 a.m. sharp on Monday, July 9. Arrive by 9:45 a.m. for signup. Plan for two hours for tryouts. The camp's culminating performance will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 13.

town Las Cruces presentation by David Chavez, Andy Hume, Irene Oliver Lewis, and Kathleen Albers. Cost: Free.

Unplugged series: 7 p.m. Friday, June 29, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Southwestern NM's Randy Granger and Algernon D'Ammassa will perform the state premiere of their latest original work, "Songs of Un-Creation." \$10 online or at the door. Info and tickets: 575-523-6403 or daarts.org.

Affairs. Concert features Jarabe Mexico cumbia/salsa from Mexico City, dance exhibition by NMSU DanceSport. Paisano Café will have food, beer and wine available. Cost: \$15 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. Info and tickets in advance: 575-523-6403 or daarts.org.

Promoting art series: Noon-1 p.m. Friday, June 29, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Arts and Cultural District cultural plan for down-

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The Oñate trumpet section.



Oñate High School horn players.



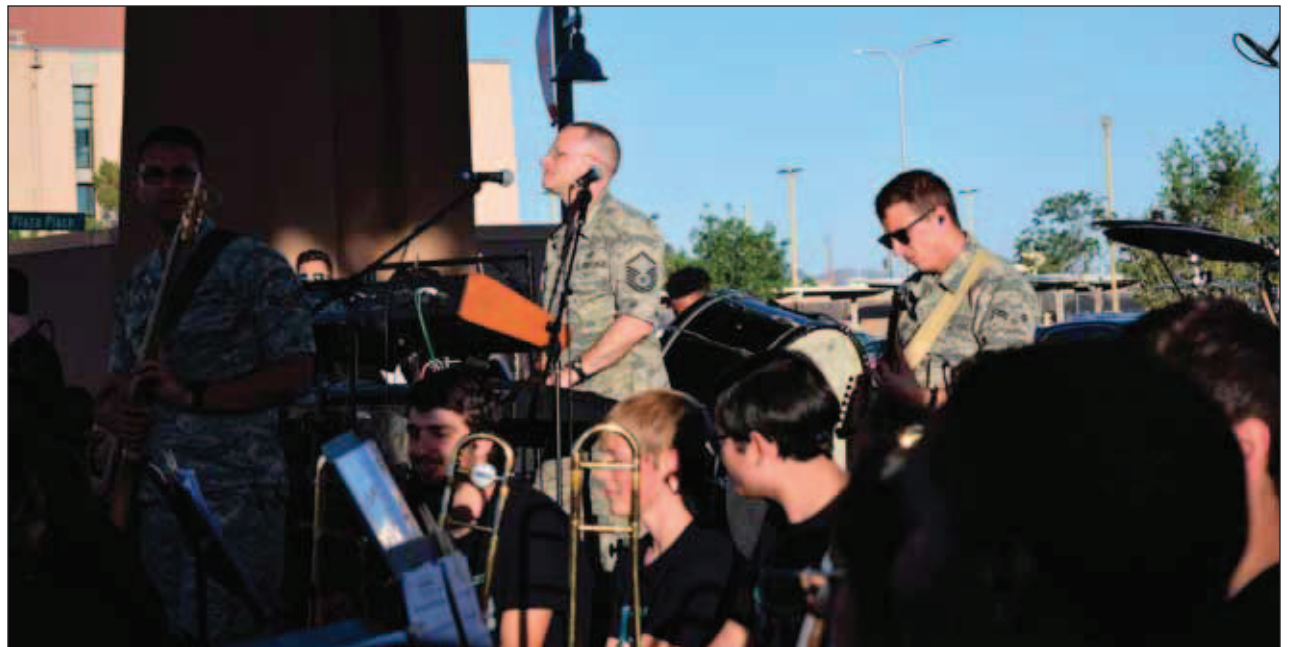
Oñate High School cello students perform with SrA Bryan Smith from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West.



Violinists from the Oñate High School Orchestra perform with Mobility.



Kayla Highsmith.



PHOTOS COURTESY LARRY HILL
MSgt Andrew Benton, non-commissioned officer in charge of Mobility, performs. Pictured also are A1C Nolgee Vasquez-Perez and A1C Michael Tuck.

Big sound in the plaza

“Mobility” from the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West joined the Oñate High School Band and Orchestra in a free public performance at the Plaza de Las Cruces May 10. The group had one rehearsal with the students before performing a 90-minute concert with more than 500 people in attendance, said Oñate jazz instructor Larry Hill.

Fine Arts Gallery June Artists of the Month

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, features two local artists for the month of June: Meredith Loring and Lori Shalett.

Loring combines her life-long love of fabric and needle crafts with her artistic vision of developing objects and materials to be reborn into new forms. She is an accomplished theatre designer and fabricator for the No Strings

Theatre Company. She has exhibited her works at several local venues, including the theatre gallery at the Black Box Theatre. Her awards include Best in Show at the Las Cruces Arts Association membership show, "The World Around Us," in 2009 and Best of Theme for the City of Artists show, "The Ancient Ones," in 2009. She is active in local art associations.

Shalett works with gemstone jewelry. She is originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, but had lived in Las Cruces

as a "snow-birder" for seven years until moving here full-time in 2013. She has taken classes in jewelry-making in Santa Fe, Tucson, Asheville and Bryson City, North Carolina and Seymour, Tennessee. Her greatest thrill is to have someone fall in love with a piece of her jewelry and love it as much as she does.

First American Bank, Mesilla, is represented by gallery members who rotate their artwork on a monthly basis.

In addition, the 30 artists of the gallery offer art in original paintings,

oil, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, fused glass art jewelry, woodturning items, stained glass, photography, mixed media, decorated gourds, hand-made textile weavings, art tile, natural gemstone jewelry, handcrafted basket weavings, pencil, charcoal and ink drawings, prints, cards and miniature paintings.

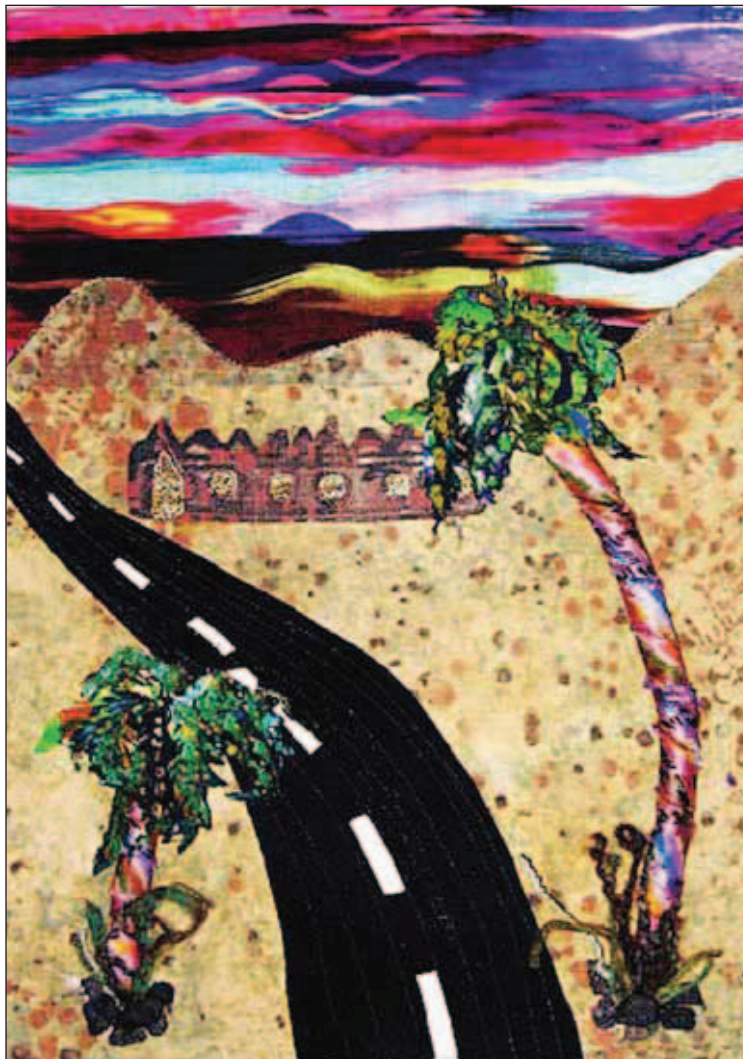
Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Call 575-522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.



Lori Shalett, "Turquoise and Silver"

Meredith Loring, "Hotel California"

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For more information contact: Marci Dickerson at 575-644-0778
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PUZZLES

EIGHT LOW NOTES

ACROSS

- 1 Snakebite treaters
 9 Roomy rides
 15 Slowly, in music
 20 Tie in a race
 21 Actress Wilde of "House"
 22 -- now and then
 23 Taft's foreign policy
 25 Jacket-and-tie affairs
 26 Look from a villain
 27 Word after lo or chow
 28 Non-U.S. gas brand
 30 Use a recliner, e.g.
 31 Forward, as a message with a hashtag
 34 Grand Prix racing
 37 A doc prescribes it
 40 Imbiber's hwy. offense
 41 Half-diameters
 43 He voiced Carl in "Up"
 44 Bachelor suitable for marriage, say
 48 Licoricelike herbs
 49 Novelist Ira
 50 Margaret Mitchell's plantation
 51 African nation
 53 -- Trapp family
 54 Three-card game
 56 Some book blurbs
 57 Apollo program org.
 61 The girl
 62 Elderly Smurf
 63 Shifting of responsibility to an-

- other
 66 Co. name abbr.
 67 Golf rarity
 68 PayPal funds, e.g.
 70 Lead-in to skeleton
 71 Egg mass
 72 Edible soft-shell mollusk
 75 Burning liquid
 76 Bowl over
 77 Hens and heifers
 78 War group
 79 Bakery treats
 81 Mom's treatment
 82 Volkswagen family car
 85 Moore or Lovato
 86 Use profanity
 88 Very strong
 91 Late 19th-century political group
 95 De-creasing workers
 97 Gallery stand
 98 Laugh half
 99 Mao -- -tung
 100 Brand of flavored balms in tubes
 102 Tower atop a mosque
 105 Hack (off)
 106 Kitchen lure
 107 Actress Olin
 108 Day of song
 112 Beat poet Ginsberg
 114 University SSE of Spokane
 119 V-formation fliers
 120 Medieval balladeer, maybe
 121 French folk song
 122 Snaky curves
 123 Perplexes

124 Eellike fish

DOWN

- 1 Tosses in
 2 Sign light
 3 Narration
 4 Lazy type
 5 Partook of
 6 Always, to Donne
 7 "Too cool!"
 8 "Once upon -- ..."
 9 Gem in a ring
 10 North Carolina university
 11 Not so bright
 12 Gardner of "Mogambo"
 13 Less nasty
 14 Bully's words of authority
 15 Block-filled theme park
 16 Entertainer Gabor
 17 Wrestling holds
 18 New hire
 19 Pearl makers
 24 Eyes closely
 29 African nation
 32 Bath fixture
 33 Wheaton of "Stand by Me"
 34 Fruit that's often dried
 35 Like OPEC nations
 36 Koreans and Laotians
 37 Ott of baseball
 38 High-school junior's grade
 39 Person with an ex-spouse
 42 Crime scene material
 45 -- mill (bar)

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- 46 Sicilian volcano
 47 "Star Wars" creature
 52 Feature
 54 Royal staff
 55 "Faust" and others
 56 Greyhound transport
 58 Signal to pilots
 59 Treaded winter vehicles
 60 1940s film critic James
 61 Cobra sound
 62 Actress Dawber

- 63 "Pow!"
 64 Pivot point
 65 Put turf over
 68 Graceful street liner
 69 Coral island
 73 Some poplars
 74 Cliff rock
 75 Solo often in Italian
 79 Slum abodes
 80 Moseying
 81 Old carrier
 83 Tentacled reef dwellers
 84 Fine violin

- 85 -- Moines
 86 Hits the gas
 87 Dark loaf
 88 Rob violently
 89 Twins' rivals
 90 Overturns
 92 Attention
 93 Part of a dance move
 94 Prefix with plop or flop
 96 Glowers
 101 Frank topper
 103 Of birth
 104 Redcap at work, often

- 107 Speech therapy topic
 109 \$20/day, say
 110 Really small
 111 Uses eyes
 113 Suffix with 29-Down
 115 Actor/comic Gillingham
 116 "That guy!"
 117 Suffix with pay or plug
 118 Moniker, in France

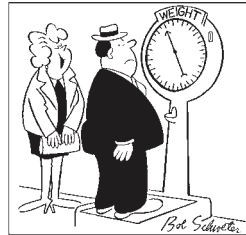
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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

SCRAMBLERS



"Up, up, up! ... should be so lucky!"

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!

Bonus
WARDER _ _ _ _ _

Glance
DANGER _ _ _ _ _

Adapt
JAUSDT _ _ _ _ _

Piles
LOOSED _ _ _ _ _

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

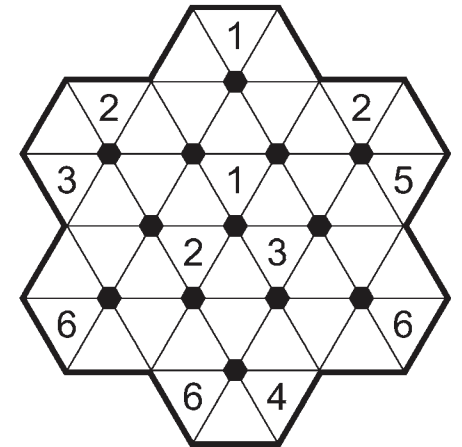
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: U equals W

ASX MSBCA-BCPXC GBBJ UXVA
PQMSNVL NVAB ASX JNAGSXV,
RCQVANGQHFF QMJNVL "USXCX'M
ASX RCFXC?"

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

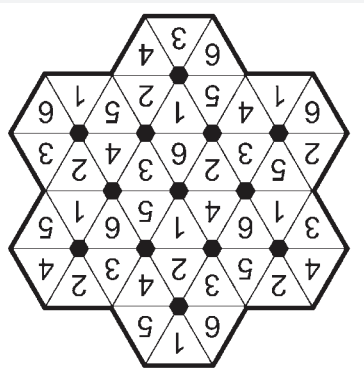
PUZZLE ANSWERS

The short-order cook went dashing into the kitchen, frantically asking "Where's the fryer?"

CRYPTOQUIP

DOW-JONES
Today's Word
3. Adjust; 4. Oodles
1. Reward; 2. Gander;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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Enrichment from variant readings of the Bible

An initial disclaimer: I am not trying to undermine or discourage Bible reading in this column. I want to move people toward a more intelligent understanding of the book itself, not the content so much as the actual shape of the texts. I've spent almost 60 years in scholarly Biblical reading and what I am about to write every educated clergyman knows. Laypeople who approach the text with curiosity and study often know the following points as well.

People read the Bible in English translation and think that it's a fixed and



GABRIEL ROCHELLE

Tales from the Cassock

certain text. It is not. Repeat: It is not. Many of the texts are neither fixed nor certain. This is a collection with a multitude of variant readings strewn throughout every book in it. When you study the Bible in Hebrew and Greek, the original languages in which it was written (with a smattering of Aramaic in the book of Daniel and elsewhere), this becomes immediately apparent. But it is concealed from most eyes because English translations look solid, uniform, and clear. The more you dig into them, however, they look more fluid and variable –

and that's all right.

This is not to say, first, that the core message of either the New or Old Testament is indiscernible, obtuse or garbled. Jewish rabbi-scholar Michael Goldberg years ago coined the term "master story" for the central message of both testaments: For the Old Testament, the Exodus and its consequences are the master story; for the New Testament, the resurrection of Jesus called Christ or Messiah is the master. These master stories are like an armature around which many wires (texts) are wound to make up the whole motor. The stories are the generating force for whatever faith might be awakened by pe-

rusing and contemplating the text.

This is not to say that you who come to faith through the message of either Testament are at a loss because you don't have Hebrew or Greek. You are not; the master stories are in place and quite readily discernible. They serve as keys to the whole document. I am not trying to make the Bible's message hidden or covert; to do so is to make it comprehensible only by an elite in-group with sufficient linguistic skills to unwrap its message. It is not such a tome.

What we have in the Bible, however, is something richer than a fixed text. These variations can

at times – not always – assist us to plumb its depths because they offer further insights into what the writers were trying to convey, insights useful for anyone trying to expand her knowledge of, or meditation upon, the text.

Here's a variation with rich possibilities for interpretation: Hebrew has a word for "servant" and a word for "son." In Greek one word can cover both meanings, like the word "Garçon" in French. In the Greek translation of the Old Testament, called Septuagint, that word is used to speak of the Servant of God in the Servant Poems of Isaiah, which are quoted lavishly in the New Testament in reference

to Jesus. With that word, Jesus can be either "son (child) of God" or "servant of God." Context tells you which meaning is best but notice how each use offers different mental images to the meaning of Jesus of Nazareth.

Space prohibits further examples, but I hope you get the idea through this one: the fluidity of meaning in the text through alternative readings and variations enriches your whole approach to the Bible. Read on with this in mind.

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Children play on the splash pad at the Plaza de Las Cruces on Thursday, May 17. The plaza is central to revitalization efforts.

Heart of the city

Downtown Las Cruces seeing tangible results from redevelopment projects

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

As part of the effort to revitalize and redevelop downtown Las Cruces, a major anchor for the project is nearing completion and on track to open this summer, its developer said.

“We’re still planning on a mid-summer opening,” said businessman Max Bower, who is developing The Amador project, a multi-branded food-and-drink establishment at the south end of what previously was known as the Downtown Mall, at the corner of South Main Street and the newly con-

figured West Bowman Ave.

Four concepts will occupy the sprawling building, which occupies most of the site where My Brother’s Place Restaurant and Cantina stood for decades. The building is being constructed by GMB Development under a public-private partnership with the city. It will be operated by Amador Hospitality LLC., and will feature:

- The Amador, a full-service bar and restaurant featuring Southwest-style cuisine.

- Jax Craft Cocktails and Tapas, featuring the latest specialty cocktails and shareable bites.

- Broken Spoke Tap House, featuring approximately 50 craft beers on tap from all over the country, including New Mexico, plus a lunch and dinner menu.

- Rooftop at the Amador, an outdoor rooftop patio with a 360-degree view of the Organ Mountains and the Mesilla Valley.

Visit Las Cruces, the city’s convention and tourism office, moved into part of the complex on March 22 and opened April 7 in the two-story building with large windows facing the Organ Mountains.

“We haven’t had a grand

opening or any kind of ribbon-cutting, because we’re waiting for more of this stuff to be done,” said Jennifer Bales, Visit Las Cruces executive director. “As far as downtown, we’ve had a lot of excitement for the things that are going on. With all the events on the plaza, it seems like there’s a little something new opening every so often.”

Bales said that project – along with all the other things happening downtown – are changing the Las Cruces leisure scene.

“If we have an event at the Rio Grande Theatre, you can

make an afternoon or a day or an evening of it because there’s more things to do,” Bales said. “It’s not just, go see a play for an hour and a half and then you have to go home.”

Across the street from the new complex sits a building once occupied by county offices. Its owner started an ambitious remodeling project nearly a decade ago, but the project was derailed by the recession, and the unfinished building has languished as a downtown eyesore.

Developer Bob Pofahl, who



Customers sit outside the new Little Toad Creek Brewery taproom Thursday, May 17, on Main Street. The taproom opened earlier in May and is enjoying brisk business.

Business structure affects taxes

The business structure you choose for your company will affect your company legally and will have an impact on the taxes you will pay. Before you decide on the structure for your small business, do some research and talk to tax and legal professionals for guidance. The better you understand the options, the more likely you will be to operate under the structure that best benefits your business.

Some common business structures:

Sole proprietorship.

By default, businesses are considered sole proprietorships (partnerships if more than one owner) if owners don't register them formally as independent entities. Many at-home and small businesses start this way because sole proprietorships require the least amount of registration paperwork and ongoing compliance efforts. From the income tax perspective, a sole proprietorship is also considered the same as its owner. Your business profits and losses flow directly to your tax return.

Note that with a sole proprietorship, your personal assets are not separated from the business. Your home, bank accounts, retirement savings, etc., might be in jeopardy if someone



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were to sue the company. When you form an LLC, a Limited Liability Company, or incorporate your business, your personal assets receive some protections from

legal action brought against your business. Beware, liability protection may vary depending on the state where a business is registered.

Limited Liability Company (LLC)

You can form an LLC as a single member (owner) or multi-member (owners), which provides the limited-liability advantages of a corporation and the flexibility of a sole proprietorship. As with sole proprietorships/partnerships, an LLC's profits and losses flow to the owners' personal income tax returns. You can select to have your LLC taxed as an S Corporation or a C Corporation.

S Corporation

The S Corporation structure has gained favor with many small business owners because it offers one level of tax and the shareholder level with some relief from the self-employment tax burden. Only the owner's reasonable wages/salaries are subject to self-employment (FICA) tax, and profit distributions to shareholders flow through to the in-

dividual shareholders' income tax returns.

C Corporation

C Corporations offer more extensive personal liability protection and growth potential than other structures, and income taxes are applied differently. With a C Corporation income from the business is taxed at the corporate rate. When a distribution is made to the shareholder it is taxed at the individual's personal income tax level.

Partnerships

Another type of arrangement is the partnership. There are different legal forms, including corporations, limited liability and managerial control. Tax treatment and personal liability vary depending upon the type of partnership formed and the state in which one incorporates.

Make the right choice

The above information is not intended as professional legal or accounting advice. If you need help in finding a reputable attorney or business tax expert, check with the local SCORE office for recommendations.

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A decorative sign marks a once-blighted area.



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The west side of The Amador Project, a public-private partnership, is under construction from the newly configured West Bowman Avenue. The complex is expected to open this summer with four food-and-drink establishments.

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has been instrumental in forging public-private partnerships for downtown projects, said that could be about to change.

“We’re working with a restaurant on that location right now,” he said. “It’s real close.”

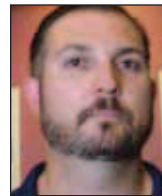
Just west of there – across a newly built street – the former Doña Ana County courthouse sits nearly vacant. That could become a boutique hotel.

“The investors for that are waiting for all the streets to be finished,” Pofahl said, referring to the ongoing reconfiguration of downtown streets. “I think we’re about a year away.”

Pofahl, whose company bought the bank building on the north side of Plaza de Las Cruces, said talks are going on to locate two restaurants on the ground floor of the building.

Most of the major street work will be complete this summer, but smaller, less disruptive, parts of the project will begin in the coming weeks.

An urban renewal project in the late 1960s dramatically changed downtown Las Cruces



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by converting several blocks of Main Street into a covered outdoor

pedestrian mall and Church and Water streets to one-way streets. But the project failed to evolve as planned, in part because Mesilla Valley Mall on South Telshor Boulevard drew retail merchants, entertainment and consumers away from downtown.

The so-called Downtown Mall became a wasteland of plywood storefronts, government offices, litter and homeless people sleeping in abandoned doorways.

Various efforts to improve the area fell short. In 1998, the nonprofit Doña Ana Arts Council acquired the old 1920s-era Rio Grande Theatre in the middle of downtown and launched a fundraising drive to restore the building. The arts organization later deeded the theater to the city so that the project would be eligible for public funding.

The building was remodeled and reopened in 2005 under the city’s ownership and the arts council’s management. Last year, the city took over

management of the theater under its economic development department, which has spearheaded downtown revitalization.

The theater, along with the open-air Plaza de Las Cruces across the street, has become a catalyst and centerpiece for drawing people downtown.

New businesses are moving to the area. Zia Comics is relocating to a storefront near the theater, and Silver City’s Little Toad Creek Brewery opened a taproom nearby earlier in May.

Theater manager Chris Faivre said the theater – with 420 seats, digital sound and projection systems and state-of-the-art LED digital lighting -- is a key part of the city’s overall revitalization plan.

“They’re looking to the theater to be the catalyst that really brings people downtown,” Faivre said. “Within that, what I’m trying to do is come up with a range of programming that is more reflective of the community, so that there is something for everyone. That’s why we do such a broad range of things.”

The theater also has been staging events that tie in with related events on the outdoor Plaza de Las Cruces. It also rents the facility to outside groups.

“Synergy is a good word for downtown,” Faivre said. “It’s a lot of people trying to work together to help the area.”

Two other theaters, Black Box Theatre and the old State Theatre, occupied by Las Cruces Community Theatre, also are downtown with a variety of art galleries, city museums and the Branigan Cultural Center, among other attractions.

Phil San Filippo, director of the city’s Economic Development Department, said overall downtown revitalization had no definite timeframe and will remain an ongoing effort for years to come.

“We feel we’re at a point in time where we’re starting to see some results from all the efforts – and by the way, the efforts have been going on long before I was ever involved,” San Filippo said. “But now, with all the things that are currently happening downtown, we’re starting to see a real exciting time.”

He said 2018 and 2019 will be good years for downtown Las Cruces.

He quipped, “It’s the 34-year overnight success story.”

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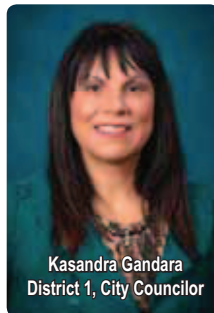


DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT MEETING

District 1 Capital Projects and the City's General Obligation Bond

City Councilor Kasandra Gandara, who represents District 1, will host a community meeting to discuss and receive input on upcoming projects for the City’s General Obligation Bond (GO Bond) election in August, and other capital projects in District 1.

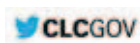
More information about the GO Bond project may be found online at <http://www.clcbond.org/>.



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This Modigliani concerned about savings not pigments

In the news is the sale of Modigliani for \$157 million, the second-highest price paid at auction for a painting. But when economists hear the name Modigliani they don't think of a painter of modernist nudes named Amedeo, rather of the Nobel Prize-winning economist named Franco.

Modigliani was born in 1918 and was a refugee from fascist Italy, first in Paris and later the United States. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1946.

Modigliani won the



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State of the Economy

Nobel Prize primarily for his work on the theory of consumption, particularly the Life Cycle Hypothesis of consumption.

This theory starts with the assumption that people

seek to consume a constant amount over their lifetimes.

But to do this, the young, who lack resources, have to borrow. The middle-aged, then, have to save to pay off the debt they accumulated as youths and to amass wealth for retirement. In retirement, wealth saved

is spent down. The supposition, then, is that consumption is greater than income when young, less than income when middle-aged, and greater than income in retirement.

Not that surprising a finding, perhaps, but it is how Modigliani then applied his theory – for example, predicting changes in national savings rates as Baby Boomers age.

The theory also predicts that Social Security, which guarantees a minimum income in retirement, will reduce savings in middle age. This isn't a big deal if Social Security is fully funded by the Social Security Administration. But

Social Security isn't fully funded, so to the extent Social Security runs an actuarial deficit, national savings is reduced.

Modigliani is also well-known for the Modigliani-Miller Theorem, which underpins current thinking about capital structure. M&M, as financial economists affectionately call the theorem, argues that in the absence of taxes, bankruptcy costs, agency costs and asymmetric information, the value of the firm is unaffected by how it is financed. The level of debt

to equity is irrelevant.

The idea underlying M&M is this: Suppose two firms are otherwise identical except that one firm is debt-leveraged and the other is not. By borrowing funds in the right proportion and using the borrowed funds to buy shares in the debt-free company, the buyer can "transform" the debt-free asset into a leveraged asset; therefore, the return to both the leverage and unleveraged firm should be the same.

M&M is a fundamental building block of financial theory, not because it ex-

plains how markets work but because it does not. In real life, contrary to the theorem, a corporation's level of debt does matter, and understanding this is critical for understanding how the financial system works.

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Grand opening




BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Members of the Vescovo family celebrate the grand opening of the new Vescovo Toyota building on Valley Drive Friday, May 11. Pictured are James Vescovo, Mary Kay Papen, Amelia Vescovo, Greg Smith, Allison Smith, owner George Vescovo, Bradley Vescovo, Amanda Vescovo, Paul and Susan Vescovo, Jim and Clare Law and Ryan Law.

George Vescovo cuts the ribbons at the May 11 grand opening of the new Vescovo Toyota building on Valley Drive. The triple ribbon cutting was presented by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.



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Dog wash and pet food drive scheduled

BULLETIN REPORT

Does your dog need a bath or need its nails trimmed? Maybe it needs both!

Bring your dog to Tractor Supply at 1440 W. Picacho Ave. from 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, for ACTION Programs for Animals' dog wash and nail trimming event. Dog washes are \$15, and nail trims are \$5. All proceeds go to animals rescued from the local shelter.

The event will also include a pet food drive. The non-profit is in need of both dry and wet food,

treats, cat litter and other pet supplies for both its rescues and its pet food bank. APA accepts all donations of food that is still good – even if opened – as well as used pet items.

APA is a progressive animal welfare organization seeking to improve the quality of life for companion animals in Dona Ana County and greatly reduce the number of unwanted animals impounded and euthanized at the municipal shelter. Since May 2012, more than 3,500 animals have been rescued. The majority of these have been dogs and

cats/kittens pulled from our municipal shelter.

They are able to do this through volunteer work of rescue/foster coordinators, foster families, weekend adoptions, and donations. The APA adoption and education center is located at 800 W. Picacho Ave. and is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment.

For more information about APA, email mail@apalascruces.org, call 575-644-0505 or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org.

Animal Service Center resumes dog adoptions

BULLETIN REPORT

The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley has resumed all dog adoptions after having addressed an outbreak of Giardia, an intestinal parasite.

Medical Director Dr. Susan Baiz said the treatment regimen that began April 28 was successful, and the most recent sample testing of the population came back negative.

The ASCMV's cat population never showed signs of infection. The cats are

kept in a separate area of the building from the dog populations.

ASCMV Executive Director Clint Thacker said he appreciates the community's patience while the outbreak was addressed. He also sent his thanks to those members of the community who donated funds to help cover the unanticipated purchase of large quantities of medications needed to contain and eliminate the outbreak.

"What I keep seeing in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County is a community

eager to improve the lives of companion animals in meaningful ways," he said. "These last 20 days have shown that truth yet again."

In celebration of the resumption of dog adoptions, Thacker said a special rate of \$10 is in effect through May 31. The adoption fee includes all vaccinations, the spay/neuter operation and the appropriate licensing.

For more information, call the ASCMV at 575-382-0018, or visit the website at www.ascmv.org.

THE CAT'S MEOW ADOPTABLE CAT OF THE WEEK

PECOS

Pecos is a young male cat ready for a new home. He's pretty cute and will make a great pet for the right person or family. To find out more about adopting Pecos please call his foster mom Kim at 575-202-1674 or go to The Cat's Meow Adoption Center website at www.the-catsmeowlascruces.com

The Cat's Meow Rescue and Adoption center is located at 2211 N. Mesquite St. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday or by appointment at 575-640-0011. Visit online or find them on Facebook.



PET OF THE WEEK

MARILYN

Meet Marilyn! She is one of the "Mothers of May" from our promotion this month. She is such a gorgeous girl with a beautiful brindle coat. She has a quirky personality and loves to show you fast she can run. She is ready to be adopted by a furrever family, so please stop by today at the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley.



West. Info: 575-382-0018.

Hours, location and contact information

ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial

Off-site adoption events

- Farmers & Crafts Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.).
- PetCo: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.
- Sportsman's Warehouse: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 2230 N. Telshor Blvd.

Additional services offered

- Microchip: \$20, available daily, no appointment necessary.

- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered \$50).

- Low-cost spay/neuter program: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Monthly Member Highlight



First New Mexico Bank has been members with the Las Cruces Home Builders Association since 2001. The LCHBA provides a good basis for networking among its members. It provides the members a unified voice to deal with issues, regulatory and other, regarding the building industry. As a member of the LCHBA, the Builder's Risk program can be very beneficial to contractors and subs. The fundraising efforts of the LCHBA membership and the subsequent charitable contributions benefit the whole Las Cruces community.



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City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation staff and volunteer tree stewards hard at work during the May 15 tree planting.

A shady operation

City staff, volunteers plant hundreds of trees since last fall

By JIMMY ZABRISKIE
For the Bulletin

Four Las Cruces volunteer tree stewards, two city nursery staff and I planted five Spartan Junipers (*Juniperus chinensis* ‘Spartan’) on May 15 at Salopek Park (464 Salopek Blvd., southwest of the NMSU campus), and by doing so not only reached but exceeded the city Parks and Recreation Department’s goal of planting 300 trees per fiscal year.

A total of 303 trees have been planted since Oct. 17,

2017.

Trees were planted at 12 parks, five facilities, two sports facilities, along one trail and in one right-of-way. Parks and Recreation staff planted 220, tree stewards planted 48, and a contractor planted 35. Our department planted 28 different species of 19 different genera representing 12 plant families.

One of the goals of any community or urban forester is to plant a diversity of trees. Diversity helps ensure that massive die-offs of trees will not occur

if a new insect or disease is introduced into the area. Dutch Elm Disease is a perfect example of entire streets, neighborhoods, cities and woodlands full of American elm trees being killed. Planting different species from different plant families is a good way to avoid this sad situation.

In my almost nine months in this position it has become very apparent to me the value that tree stewards provide to me, my department and our city. Without their help,

I would be hard pressed to meet our tree planting goal. Their enthusiasm to learn, help and share their knowledge is an inspiration to me. I look forward to working with them as it gets me out of the office and gives me a chance to get my hands in the dirt alongside fellow tree lovers.

This is a great group of people that care about the environment, the city and our children’s future. I can’t thank them enough for all they do to give back to the community and for



Left to right are Las Cruces tree stewards Tina Smiley, Yvonne Monsivais, Winifred Jahnke and Jerri Wells, along with Jason Fehner and Michael Balogh from the city nursery and Penny the Poodle, standing next to tree number 300.

the future generations that will call Las Cruces their home.

For more information, contact me at 575-541-2500 or jzabriskie@las-cruces.org.

Jimmy Zabriskie is the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department Community Forester.

Get out the tongs for Memorial Day

Memorial Day unofficially heralds the grilling season, at least in other parts of the good old US of A. With nearly 300 days of sunshine and benign climate, we desert dwellers celebrate year-round. Yes, we'll be grillin' on Memorial Day! Favorites are chubby burgers, fork-tender steaks and slightly blistered hot dogs. Whichever (or all) you've planned for the tongs, I share appetizer and side recipes that are certain to pair well with your grilled main entrée.

7-Layer Chicken and Bacon Dip

Serves 6 to 8



SUNNY CONLEY

Chile Knights

Although this recipe calls for grilled bacon and chicken, the duo can be prepared off-the-grill indoors, in a skillet or oven. Yet this concoction becomes knee-weakening memorable fresh off an open fire.

5 strips bacon grilled
1 (16-ounce) can refried beans
¾ cup commercially prepared hot sauce, such as Frank's Red Hot Wings, divided
1 (16-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
5 tablespoons ranch dressing
1 tablespoon packaged dry ranch seasoning
1 pound (about 2 cups) boneless, skinless chicken breast, grilled
Olive oil
1 ½ cups shredded pepper jack cheese

¾ cup crumbled blue cheese
3 scallions, cut into small pieces
Tortilla chips and celery sticks, for serving

Lay bacon strips on a hot grill and cook until browned underneath about two minutes. Flip each strip over using tongs and cook an additional minute or until each strip is crispy. Remove and place on a paper towel to cool.

Drizzle olive oil on chicken breasts and using long tongs, place chicken breasts on grill and cook, covered on high, 3 minutes. Flip breasts and continue cooking on high, 3 more minutes. Reduce grill heat and to low and flip chicken again for another 3 minutes.

Flip again and cook for 3 minutes or until a meat thermometer reads 160 degrees when inserted into thickest part of chicken pieces.

In a small bowl, thoroughly mix refried beans with ¼ cup of hot sauce. Spread refried beans in an even layer in an 8- by 8-inch glass baking dish or round glass casserole dish. (Use glass to showcase the "works"!)

In a separate mixing bowl, mix cream cheese with ranch dressing and dry ranch seasoning. Gently spread cream cheese mixture over bean layer in baking dish, being careful not to blend the two together.

Mix chicken with remaining ½ cup hot

sauce. Spread chicken evenly over cream cheese layer. Sprinkle pepper jack cheese evenly over chicken.

In a preheated 400-degree F oven, bake dip until it is warmed through and cheese on top has melted, about 8 minutes.

While dip is still hot, top with blue cheese crumbles. Crumble bacon and sprinkle all over.

Top with scallions and serve with chips and celery. The dip can be served hot, warm, or at room temperature. (Recipe adapted from kitchn.com and seriouseats.com)

Smokin' Hot Shrimp Taco Dip

Fit for a crowd

Creamy Yogurt Sauce

¾ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise

½ teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon dried dill weed
½ teaspoon oregano
½ teaspoon (or more) chipotle pepper powder
Squeeze of fresh lime juice
Mix together ingredients in a medium bowl.

Guacamole

3 ripened avocados, peeled and pit removed
Juice from half a lime
Salt to taste

Mash avocados and lime juice in a mortar and pestle or use a fork and a bowl. Season to taste with salt.

Seasoned Shrimp

2 cups cooked shrimp cut into ½ inch pieces
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon dried oregano
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ teaspoon chipotle pepper powder
Pinch salt
1 teaspoon olive oil

Toppings

1 medium tomato, stemmed and chopped
1 scallion chopped

In a medium bowl, toss shrimp with paprika, cumin, garlic powder, oregano, thyme, chipotle pepper powder and salt. Heat olive oil in a non-stick pan. Add shrimp and sauté a few minutes. Drain cooking juices.


Assemble Dip - In a pie pan or large margarita glass, layer guacamole, tomatoes, half the sauce, shrimp, remaining sauce, and chopped scallions. Serve with tortilla chips.

Roasted Asparagus Salad with Spicy Cremini Sauce

Serves 6 as a main dish

1 pound (or bunch) asparagus, cleaned and trimmed. (Peel stalks if thick.)
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1-pound cremini mushrooms, cut in half
½ cup balsamic vinegar, divided
¼ cup dry red wine
1 teaspoon spicy brown mustard
8 cups mixed salad greens
1 tablespoon toasted pine nuts
1 large jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
Coarse ground sea salt
Freshly cracked black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Add the asparagus and drizzle 1 tablespoons olive oil over top. Roll asparagus on sheet to evenly coat with



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Feedlot Cowboy

Let's put in good word for the feedlot cowboy. That group of fellers that meet every mornin' early at the horse barn, saddle up, get their instructions and ride off down the alley. These boys



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and ladies come from everywhere. Most are fair to middlin' horsemen with some sort of rural background. A few have come in from the outside, doin' ranch work. These particular buckaroos and brush poppers often have trouble adapting to a world of crowded pens, clangin' gates and speedin' feed trucks. They're used to a little slower pace and the madhouse routine of open checkin', processin', doctorin', sortin' and shippin' leaves 'em a little bamfoozled. Some of 'em catch on and others just float around the yard hopin' a heifer will calve or a steer will get out on the road.

A big bunch are young people who grew up around feedlots or horseshoers, rodeos, small farms or sale barns. They gravitate to bein' a feedlot cowboy. Some are naturals. They have cow savvy and a good eye. They put in their apprenticeship and work their way up to be the cattle foreman or manager someday.

There's another group who have a little college, maybe a degree, who are willin' to work

and learn from the more experienced cowboys. If they don't get shot or run off by the crew they eventually gain a position of responsibility.

Lots of feedlot cowboys are married. It's a steady job, often with housing furnished, a place to keep a horse or two and they're home every night. 'Course there's always a few young single bucks who sleep in the bunkhouse, stay up late and stay broke.

All of 'em complain about the mud, heat, cold, wind, sorry company horses, Holsteins, the cattle forman, the pay, the doctorin', the cattle buyer, the no-rope, no-dog rules and continin' with bankers.

They love harrassin' the new man, coffee in the shack, Sunday afternoons, tellin' jokes, seein' someone else get bucked off and Copenhagen.

Women, "cowper-sons" if you will, are becoming more common on crews. There's never been much question that they could ride and spot sick cattle as well as a man but we've been kind of a chauvinistic business. They're getting' their chance now.

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

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LUSH AND LEAN

A snip in time can save you a dime

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

As a horticulturist with more than 45 years' experience, Les Finley has seen Las Cruces grow in plenty of ways. He's seen the genuine appreciation of trees spread throughout the city, and an interest in making sure that those trees are well-kept and thriving for years.

For a hands-on pruning class, join Finley Thursday, May 31, at the final 2018 Lush and Lean Workshop of the season hosted by Las Cruces Utilities (LCU).

A certified arborist, Finley explains that a common mistake usually comes from a heart full of enthusiasm about trees, but maybe not partnered with enough research.

"Homeowners sometimes don't focus on the future," he said. "They need to know more about what they're planting, so they don't plant the wrong tree in the wrong place."

Sometimes homeowners buy a property with amazing trees, but then may not know exactly how to care for them, or how to fix problems with the trees. "You don't always get to make



those decisions about where trees were planted; sometimes you inherit them," he said. "Proper pruning, along with proper timing of the pruning and making judicious cuts, will help you keep most plants in the range where they should be."

Since pruning decisions are permanent, he has a tip to

reduce relationship strife following pruning: "For any pruning decision, discuss it early with your significant other," he laughed. "Like the saying 'a stitch in time saves nine'... these things get revisited with comments like, 'If you hadn't cut that, the tree would be here today.'"

He'll explain more at the May

31 workshop, 5:30 p.m. in the courtyard outside of the Branigan Library.

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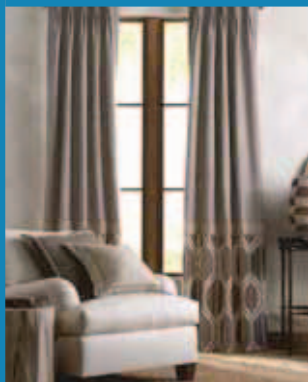
oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast in oven for 20-25 minutes until beginning to caramelize. Remove from oven and set aside.

While asparagus roasts, heat 1 tablespoon oil in medium sized skillet. Add mushrooms and jalapeno and sauté over medium high heat for 5 minutes. Add ¼ cup balsamic vinegar and red wine. Continue sautéing for 20 minutes, or until most of liquid has evaporated and mushrooms are coated with vinegar/wine reduction.

Add remaining olive oil, vinegar, mustard and large pinch each salt and pepper to bottom of large salad bowl. Whisk to combine. To bowl, add salad greens, pine nuts, sautéed mushrooms and jalapeno (including any remaining liquid) and toss to combine. Cut asparagus in half and add to bowl. Toss. Taste and adjust seasonings if necessary. Serve immediately.

Sunny Conley is an award-winning author and food columnist. "Life is better sprinkled and spiced with chile pepper!" Conley can be reached at chileknights575@gmail.com.

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Julia Rausch from Unified Prevention Coalition stands in front of the association's logo banner on the second floor of the Dona Ana County Government Center Friday afternoon.



A pamphlet explaining safe prescription use, disposal and storage is one of the many informational pieces of literature provided by the Unified Prevention Coalition.

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UP! Coalition welcomes new prevention specialist

By AVRA ELLIOTT
For the Bulletin

The Unified Prevention (UP!) Coalition for Doña Ana County recently welcomed Julia Rausch, a New Mexico State University alum and Doña Ana County resident as its new Prevention Specialist I.

Rausch received her bachelor's degree in public health from NMSU in 2016 and has worked in community wellness issues since 2006.

"My goal is to have an impact on substance use in our communities and to collaborate with as many agencies as possible to create real collective impact that we

can measure and see," Rausch said.

The UP! Coalition, described by Rausch as a local collaborative effort of many community stakeholders and professional sectors, is a collective partnership effort focused on preventing substance abuse among youth and young adults in the Doña Ana County.

In her new role, Rausch said she will be working within the community to increase education and raise awareness of the health consequences of substance misuse and abuse among youth, as well as implementing evidence-based strategies to reduce the use and misuse of alcohol and

prescription drugs.

Historically, New Mexico's teen drug use has been among the highest in the nation. As a local abuse prevention program, Rausch said the UP! Coalition prioritizes the community's collective impact. Rausch said the coalition will be working to identify areas of need and fill in substance use prevention gaps.

"UP! is also identifying and securing resources to expand substance abuse prevention in the county to further support our communities in need," Rausch said.

Rausch previously received training through the AmeriCorp Vista program to work as a

promotora, a community member who provides basic health education in what are often underserved locales.

"My experience working in the rural communities gave me the opportunity to better understand the health needs they are experiencing," Rausch said. "I learned the importance of respect, communication, organization and cultural competency, and these are all skills that translate into the UP! role perfectly."

During her time as a promotora, Rausch was tasked with researching social capital (the relationships that enable a person to function in

society) and resource availability, as well as coordinating health events and programs, and implementing nutritional health improvement strategies.

"It's important for me to work for the communities that have trusted me to be a resource for them and to continue working to improve health outcomes and quality of life in my own community," Rausch, who has been a county resident for 13 years, said.

This included taking part in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, April 28, a collaborative effort sponsored by UP! Coalition's DEA partners. The event pro-

vides a safe, convenient and anonymous means to dispose of prescription drugs, while also providing education for the general public about the potential for misuse.

"It was such a great experience to work in collaboration with local agencies, lending support to ensure success of the country-wide events," Rausch said.

Rausch said she hopes to continue contributing to the work of UP! to improve the environment for Doña Ana youth and families.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

ABOVE: That which comes from the ground can be remarkably beneficial for your horse.

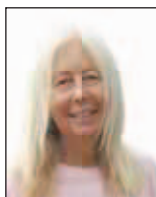
LEFT: Even a bucolic atmosphere harbors stressors for horses.

When disease is nearby

Natural ways to boost the immune system

The horse's body was designed to heal itself. The immune system is assaulted daily and it rises to each challenge, effectively suppressing invaders and restoring good health in most cases. It is when stress is introduced and the immune system cannot function at its peak that disease finds the opportunity to take hold.

Stress is a fact of life for most horses in competition and the conditions that create it are pretty obvious. The cherished horse that is part of a family would seem to live a stress-free life; but extremes of weather, changes in diet, an injury or shifting of companion animals can be stressors.



KATHARINE CHRISLEY-SCHREIBER

Stablewoman

Maintaining as close to a "natural" stable yard as you possibly can will help the horse's immunity stay strong.

Consistently feed a roughage-based diet with free access to pure water and

good salt/minerals. Provide shelter and decent footing. You can enhance the immune-boosting properties of herbs by feeding them according to the seasons in the manner in which your horse would find them if living in a feral condition.

In the spring, new shoots are pushing up and the immune-supporting herbs he could find would be echinacea leaf, Alfalfa leaf, Comfrey leaf, cleavers and barley

grasses.

During summer, blossoms would be available and echinacea, calendula and yarrow flowers all boost immunity.

Autumn seeds that heal are fenugreek, anise, black oil sunflower, fennel and coriander.

In winter, the horse would dig up roots of echinacea, garlic (bulbs), comfrey and willow.

We can provide fresh and dried herbs rhythmically with the seasons for yearlong prevention therapy and add more boosting properties when an illness is nearby or suspected. Echinacea root, leaf and blossom all possess strong healing properties. They are only contra-indicated for horses with auto-immune disorders. Any herb provided for immune

boosting should be discontinued after several months. If used continuously, the horse's system itself does not stabilize but rather, depends upon the plant properties entirely.

We use yarrow blossoms to break fevers, fight infection, cleanse glands and clear lungs. I make a strong tea/infusion (by the gallon) and soak the horse's body in the warm liquid – then immediately cover him with wool or terrycloth coolers to dry underneath while I dose two ounces (60 cc's) orally every half hour for two hours.

Fresh garlic chopped into a bucket feed will fight infections, clear the lungs, strengthen the heart and support glands and skin. My horses will eat a raw clove from my

hand; many horses need to develop a taste for it. For daily feeding as a preventative, feed one clove; for treatment, I feed two cloves twice daily. I have healed ear infections by infusing raw garlic into pure olive oil, straining it then "drooling" it into the ears once a day for three days.

Olive leaf is another immune-boosting and anti-infection herb safe for horses. I have fed the powdered leaf, added to a wet bucket feed – one tablespoon daily for two weeks.

Gotu kola herb is incredibly tasty (a friend grew it in her greenhouse and brought it to me fresh by the bushel basket for the horses) and strengthens not only immunity but supports the circulation of blood and lymph.

The digestive tract is a major component in immune system health

and well-being. The consistency of feed types, amounts and timing contribute to digestive harmony. Probiotics are essential not only for digestion but to counter stress, reduce gassiness, fight the "bad" bacteria and to replenish the system after stress or chemical exposure.

Enzymes (found in fresh foods) work with water to break down complex food substances. They are then able to be absorbed and used by the body. The nutrients needed by the immune system have to first be made available to the cells themselves.

Nutrients that support immune health are the water soluble vitamins – C and the B complex which includes ubiquinone (Co-enzyme Q10) – fat/lipid soluble vitamins

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A and E and the minerals magnesium, potassium and iodine.

Horses normally synthesize vitamin C themselves (mare's milk is the only source of vitamin C for nomad Mongolian horsemen). If extra C is needed, organic oranges, peel and all, are an excellent source. The B vitamins (used up by stress) are supplemented in live yeast sources. Alfalfa is full of vitamin A (as are all leafy green herbs and carotene filled carrots, yams, etc.) and all seeds have vitamin E (sunflower seeds, flaxseed and the like).

Magnesium is concentrated in red beets, burdock root and barley. Potassium can be added by feeding parsley (leaf and root), peppermint and garlic.

Iodine is of course the primary mineral found in sea vegetables. These foods (kelp, kombu, bladderwrack, etc.) are also rich in micro-nutrients, trace minerals and life-force that is sadly lacking in the soils where our hays, herbs and vegetables are now grown.

Colostrum (either equine or bovine from pure sources) can fight infection internally and externally and is used to thicken the intestinal wall to treat "leaky gut syndrome" in humans and ulcers in any mammal. Naturally, it is a good choice for youngsters, but can be fed at any age.

We have our own machine to make colloidal silver (it "dissolves" the pure silver into the water through electrolysis) and I will pour it by the cupful

into the horses' drinking water or bucket feeds to prevent and to treat infections. If a neighboring stable has sick horses, colloidal silver in your horses' water and feed can help protect them. If several horses drink from one water container, adding a cup of colloidal silver every other day can help prevent spread of an infection. You can even make oral and nasal rinses of silver and also use it to wash wounds, etc.

To support your horse during times of stress, feed calming and nerve specific herbs like chamomile, valerian root, gotu kola, paud'arco, ginseng, ashwaganda, meadowsweet and red raspberry leaf. Add a magnesium supplement to soothe the nerves (you can dose to bowel tolerance – if bowels loosen, reduce the dose) and keep Rescue Remedy flower essence to give orally; essential oil of lavender to apply to the forehead, withers and chest for calming.

When disease is nearby, your best defense is an already healthy horse with a strong, functioning immune system. I think that allopathy sees bad health as the natural condition and you should battle it with an arsenal – I believe good health is the natural condition and we support it with everything we do.

Katharine is a natural health consultant and equine specialist who is founder and president of Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary. She teaches riding and equine-assisted learning for all ages on the "now wanted" horses in her care. She can be reached at katharinechrisley@yahoo.com.

Arrowhead Center to host HealthAssembly

By LAUREN GOLDSTEIN

For the Bulletin

HealthAssembly, an inaugural conference presented by Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University and hosted by Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, takes place June 14 at BCOM.

It is held at the culmination of HealthSprint, a new five-month digital health technology accelerator program powered by New Mexico Gas Company that supports and grows promising startups in health-tech.

Participants and panelists will dive into the latest innovations, including big data analysis, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, security, telemedicine, patient participation and investment.

The event features keynotes from regional and national industry leaders, engaging panels and discussions. In addition, the event features a pitch competition showcase from the inaugural cohort of Arrowhead Center's HealthSprint accelerator program.

These visionary startup companies em-

body the leading edge of intersections of health and technology to benefit the lives of patients and the economic landscape of New Mexico.

"The growing demand and need for digital health is not about 'technology.' It's all about 'scalable empathy,' personalized relationships that seamlessly integrate the in-person with the virtual or mobile healthcare experience," said Dr. Faz Bashi, a HealthSprint adviser.

The cohort of seven companies are:

- BeneTrkr, which helps people such as the disabled, veterans or early retirees manage their income-limited benefits while working.

- Care Companion accommodates an aging population through the use of assistive technology to help seniors live healthier, longer and more independent lives at home.

- De Las Mías, a bilingual healthy lifestyle digital platform designed by Latinas for Latinas.

- RadPhysics, a comprehensive risk-reduction program that helps radiation oncology centers improve patient safety by minimizing

errors, meeting quality measures and ensuring compliance.

- SANEsuite, a platform that empowers survivors of sexual and domestic violence by developing technology to help them heal.

- VisionQuest i-Rx, an automated solution for detecting diabetic eye disease, the leading cause of blindness in working-age population.

- Zhennovate, a platform that helps organizations build more adaptive and engaging talents by scaling personalized interventions in the contexts of mental well-being, career and leadership development.

"It has been an amazing experience to watch the HealthSprint teams grow and mature their businesses," said serial entrepreneur Scott Maloney, business adviser to the cohort. "These teams have proven that their grit and passion rivals any established company anywhere in the world of health."

The conference is open to the public and industry professionals who wish to get an inside look at the up-and-coming trends and startups at the forefront of the digi-

tal health revolution.

In addition to the cohort's formal pitches, there is an open call for health entrepreneurs from across the region to participate in a 60-second open mic addressing leading minds in the field. Up to 10 startups will be selected to describe their venture and what additional skills and help they are seeking from the healthcare, technology, academic, and entrepreneurial community.

Registration fees will be waived for open mic presenters. An application for this opportunity is available at arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/healthassembly, and must be received by midnight June 4.

Conference registration is open. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 at bit.ly/2qXkmye. Free student tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis by entering code student2018 at the same link.

Visit arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/healthassembly, or contact Wayne Savage at 575-646-2596.

Lauren Goldstein may be reached at 575-646-5069, poet@ad.nmsu.edu



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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Dementia Caregiving

101: 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays through June 3, Southern Area Health Center, 4003 Geothermal Drive. Education course offered by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. Cost: Free. Info and registration: 1-800-272-3900 or kmgandara@alz.org.

Diabetes classes:

1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, June 5-7, Families and Youth Inc., 1320 S. Solano. Class, in English and Spanish, limited to 12 participants. Support people are encouraged to attend. Cost: Free. Info: Southern N.M. Diabetes Outreach, 575-522-0289 or snmdo@snmdo.org.

Alzheimer's safety:

10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, Home Instead Senior Care, 880 S. Telshor Blvd., No. 200. Presentation by the Alzheimer's Association about various practical home-safety topics for caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease. Cost: Free. Info: 800-272-3900.

ONGOING

Alzheimer's and dementia support group:

11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Presented by Arbor of Del Rey and Home Instead Senior Care, support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 505-659-8100.

Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program:

Ambercare seeks individuals interested in volunteers to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or

provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or jlopez@amercare.com.

Aquatic cardio: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department offers a Pound class, rhythmic cardio jam session, combining light resistance with constant simulated drumming. The total body workout fuses cardio, Pilates, isometric movements, plyometrics into a 45-minute series. Info: 575-541-2782.

Birth, death certificates:

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Closed noon-1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.

Bone Boosters: 11:30 a.m. first Thursday. Sponsored by National Osteoporosis Foundation/New Mexico Affiliate. Info: 575-522-5106 or 575-522-0503 to RSVP.

Breast cancer support group: Meets 10-11:30 a.m. fourth Saturday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., west side annex building. Free, no pre-registration, open to all.

Breastfeeding support group:

10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group. Refreshments provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Cancer support group: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris, 575-524-3994 or the church office, 575-522-8220.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri, Room 107. A 12-step program to let go of unhealthy rescuing behavior. Info: www.coda.org or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Dance fitness: Professional instructor. Class size limited. Cost: \$20-\$45 a month depending on hours attending. Free try-out classes. Info: Call or text, 575 405-4142.

- Dance Fit: 8:30-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

- Ballet: 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Diabetes support group: 10-11:15 a.m. third Thursday in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

Epilepsy Support: 1-2:30 p.m. first Saturday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Support for anyone with epilepsy, those who have loved ones with epilepsy, and caregivers of epileptics. Info: 505-243-9119 or Epi-

lepsySupportNM.org.

Flu vaccines: Immunization Hotline, toll free 866-681-5872, or visit flushot.healthmap.org.

Hearing voices: 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. A group for people who hear voices, have visions and unusual experiences to share experiences and learn from each other. Family members, friends and interested people are also welcome. Info: Al Galves 575-571-3105 or agalves2003@comcast.net.

Immunization services: For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5006.

Jazzercise Lite: 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Info: Dianne Sage, 575-650-9721; jazzercise.com.

MS support group: 4:30-6 p.m. first Thursday, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Multiple sclerosis support/education group. Info/RSVP: Andres Selgado, 915-433-2588

Near Death Experience Group: International Association for Near Death Studies, support group for those who have had an NDE. Experiencers, family and friends welcome, third Monday,

Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Infor: Jane at 928-897-0933 or LasCrucesIands@gmail.com

Needle disposal/syringe exchange: 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. weekdays, Las Cruces Public Health office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

Overeaters Anonymous: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. and noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. OA is a fellowship of individuals recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org; Barbara, 575-405-0128 or Wayne, 575-647-5684.

Parkinson's support group: 10 a.m. third Tuesday at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Info: Sarah Stegall, 575-496-2550; Jon Roberts, 702-217-0450; pdsgsnm.org.

Reclaim Wellness: Third Thursday Mini-Fairs 6-9 p.m. at 2201 N. Main St. Features card readers, artists and vendors of organic handmade products. Info: 575-613-1664

Savvy Caregiver Program: Free seven-session course presented by the Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter, 2-4 p.m. each Tuesday from Oct. 24-Dec. 5, 2017, hosted by Crossroads In-Home Care, 189 Howard Place. Info, registration: Lindsey Bachman, 575-647-3868 or lmbachman@alz.org.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7:30 p.m. Thurs-

days, First Christian Church, 1802 El Paseo Road. 12-step fellowship. Info: www.sca-recovery.org.

Sunday Funday: 3-6 p.m. first Sunday February-October, Plaza de Las Cruces. Cancer Aid Resource and Education Inc., CARE, invites non-profits, human-service organizations, community groups, art groups, artists, youth groups, vendors, entertainers – any individual or entity that has something to offer or showcase to the community. Cost: Free. Download the participant form at carelascruces.org.

Tai Chi class: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, Frank O'Brien Papan Center, 304 W. Bell St. Sponsored by Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Dept. Info: 575-541-2455.

Yoga classes: Las Cruces Parks and Recreation department has added two new yoga classes at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatics Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Both classes are on a drop-in basis. Cost: \$2 per class, \$1 for participants 60 or older. Info: 575-541-2782.

- Power Yoga: 9:30 a.m. Fridays and 1:30 p.m. Saturdays. This class synchronizes conscious breathing with functional movement and encourages proper alignment of the body.

- Power Yoga Life: 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. This flowing class moves at a slightly slower pace to give more emphasis on proper alignment of the body.

Cruces Strong

LCPS had numerous 2017-18 state champions in various sports

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces high schools crowned more than a dozen state champ students and teams in six different sports during the 2017-18 school year, Las Cruces Public Schools Athletic Department Executive Director Ernie Viramontes said May 18.

The championships are

- **Swimming:** The Girls 6A 200-yard freestyle relay team from Las Cruces High School; comprised of Jacqueline Cervantes-Vanderlugt, Susan Hardin, Sierra Ortiz and Sarah Gormley;

- **Spirit:** Oñate High School again claimed the 6A coed cheer state championship. LCPS high schools have excelled in this category since it was created in 2006;

- **Athletic training:** In a new category, the Centennial High School Hawks won the 6A athletic training state championship;

- **Golf:** Nolan Gillihan of Centennial High School was crowned the

6A boys individual golf state champion;

- **Track:** Chris Mar-yuen of Mayfield High School was named 6A boys triple jump state champion; Kayla Stephens, also of Mayfield, was named 6A girls pole vault state champion; Oñate High School won the 6A girls 1600-meter state championship with a team comprised of Christa Attiogbe, Kyra Clemons, Savannah Mihecovy and Desiree Martinez;

- **Softball:** Las Cruces High School won the 6A softball state championship.

Next year, LCPS schools will remain in class 6A in football, Viramontes said, but that class is being eliminated for other high school sports. That means LCPS' other athletics teams will compete in Division 5A.

And, the New Mexico Activities Association's (NMAA) realignment of high school divisions that begins next school year means Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate and Centennial high schools will be in the same division with neighboring high



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Las Cruces Public Schools Athletics Department Executive Director Ernest "Ernie" Viramontes.

schools in Alamogordo, Gadsden and Deming, Viramontes said. Teams in eastern New Mexico that LCPS schools had been aligned with will move into a different division.

The change will reduce travel time and expense, Viramontes said, and it will "keep kids longer in class."

The new alignment should also make high school athletics more competitive, he said.

LCPS high schools were "very competitive" across the spectrum this year, Viramontes said, and had "good representation" at state championships.

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Baseball, softball tournaments swing for economic impact

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Four baseball and softball tournaments held late March through early May at Las Cruces ball fields on east Hadley Avenue attracted thousands of visitors to Las Cruces and generated more than \$1.2 million in economic impact, according to figures from the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department and Visit Las Cruces.

Here are the tournaments and their numbers, with economic impact calculated by Visit Las Cruces Sports Sales Manager Ed Carnathan.

- **USSSA Adult Slow-pitch/Spring Rankings,** March 18-20: 40 teams (26 local, 14 from out of the area), using three fields at Jim Harty; 315 visitors generating \$63,000 in estimated eco-

nommic impact.

- **USSSA Youth Boy's Baseball/2018 Bataan Death March Super NIT,** March 23-25: 125 teams (39 local, 85 from out of the area) using 15 Las Cruces fields at Maag Park, Jim Harty, Ron Galla, Apodaca Baseball and Raymond Paz; 3,200 total visitors at \$82 a day for two days, for an estimated economic impact on Las Cruces of \$524,800.

- **National Youth Baseball Championships National Qualifier,** April 6-8: 83 teams (23 local, 60 from out of the area) using 16 fields at Maag Park, Jim Harty, Ron Galla, Apodaca Baseball & Raymond Paz; 2,250 total visitors generating \$369,000 in estimated economic impact.

- **USSSA Youth Girls Fastpitch "The Original Swing into Spring,"**

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The ball fields at the Paz Athletic Complex on east Hadley Avenue.

Golfers just wanna have fun, don't they?

Why the long face? Not having as much fun as you thought you would playing golf? Stuck in a golf rut? Somewhere I read that, as aging golfers, we should reconnect with our younger selves to rekindle the excitement we felt then for golf. That is, unless a person is stuck in past performance. Some folks remember when they were standouts in sports – winning games, trophies and cheers. But years take their toll, body structure breaks down. Strength and agility and flexibility decline, mental toughness suffers, and touch and feel aren't what they were in their prime.

I know healthy, capable golfers who have given up the game or are thinking about quitting who are simply stuck in the past. It's an easy trap – feeling that we should perform as we did decades ago. Our fantasies may suggest that we can pull it off, but our bodies won't cooperate.

There's a fine line between acceptance of failure and acceptance of permanent limitations. I think that is why certain legends of golf have not needed to play a senior-type tour as they have grown older; they don't feel, as golfers, they have to



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

prove anything. In my case, my golf game and attitude are both captured by a mantra in country singer Toby Keith's song, "I'm not as good as I once was, but I'm as good once as I ever was."

Engaging in a recreational pastime like golf involves a sense of camaraderie, the joy of playing a game. Let's face it, when we successful adults are out playing golf, we are essentially children playing with more costly toys and playgrounds. We are not playing golf for a living. The Scots basically invented golf to get outdoors and jawbone with their friends. Nine holes was about the number of sips in a flask of whisky!

Much of the time when weekend golfers get depressed with their game it's due to their self-perception. They think they are better than they are; they become mope when they don't perform. I once overheard one college coach admonish one of his players who was prone to temper tantrums, cautioning the boy, "You're not good enough to get that mad." In my considerable experience playing, teaching and observing thousands of folks playing golf, I have found that many recreational golfers (probably most)

play from the wrong tees. They play a course that is too long for their ability. That can't be fun.

One of the problems hampering "grow the game" initiatives is the stodginess and slowness that has typified golf in this country for so long. Televised professional golf tournaments are wonderful entertainment, but there is a downside in terms of the effect on the recreational game. It takes a long time for a player to size up his shot, check multiple times with his caddy, gauge the breeze, study the yardage book, pick a different club, take more practice swings, and then hit the shot.

But remember what they're playing for. Web Simpson won the Players Championship a couple of weeks ago, collecting nearly \$2 million. No wonder the pros don't look like they are having much fun. Golfers who try to emulate the pros aren't having much fun, either! If I had my way we'd all go out and play scrambles. Now that's fun!

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Mesilla Valley Casa Golf Tournament



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Satish Kumat from High Desert Brewing Company checks in with Brandi White and the rest of the Mesilla Valley Casa staff during their golf tournament at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Saturday morning, May 19.



Rob McCorkle of the Las Cruces Bulletin team tees off on No. 1.



Doña Ana County Director of Public Information and Special Projects Jess Williams prepares for the morning round.



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The parking lot at Jim Harty ball field and all other city ball fields and their parking lots get regular maintenance to keep them in good shape for the hundreds of teams and thousands of visitors they host each year.

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April 27-29: 36 teams (14 local, 22 from out of the area) using seven fields at Maag Park and Jim Harty; 825 total visitors

generating \$135,300 in estimated economic impact.

• Cinco de Mayo, May 4-6: 60 teams (30 local, 30 from out of the area) using seven fields at Maag Park and Jim Harty; 675 visitors at

\$100 a day for two days, generating \$135,000 in estimated economic impact.

All told, that's nearly 7,300 visitors and almost \$1.23 million in revenue for the city, local restaurants, hotels and motels,

gas stations and merchants – in addition to athletic activity for the players and enjoyment of spectators.

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Viramontes is completing his 34th year with LCPS as a PE teacher, coach, counselor, assistant principal, assistant athletic director, director and now executive director of the athletics department. He is chair of the NMAA commission and a member of its board of directors.

For more information, visit www.nmact.org. Click on "records" to see lists of state high school champions in 13 sports. Records date back nearly a century in basketball and more recently in other sports.

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Signing ceremony



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Brock Maddox of Mesilla Valley Christian Schools signed this week to play football for the Western New Mexico University Mustangs. MVCS Athletic Director Juan Salas said, "Brock is one of the best football players I have coached. His natural ability is incredible. Brock has helped his team grow." "I am thankful to my mom and dad and to Coach Salas for their support," Maddox said. "I am blessed for the opportunity to play at Western." MVCS has had three senior athletes sign to play at the college level this year.

Gym Magic dominates at state championships

BULLETIN REPORT

The 2017-18 season was proved successful for gymnasts and their coaches at Gym Magic of Las Cruces. At the State Championships this year, Gym Magic boasted five All-Around Champions, 17 Individual Event Champions and five team Placements.

Gym Magic gymnasts brought home 94 1st-3rd Place medals and five Team Plaques for a total of 99 State Championship awards.

"We have some very dedicated gymnasts who show up and work hard every day," said Gym Director Sandy Moulton. "We have an excellent coaching staff, and have been focused on developing a strong core of team coaches who are well-trained and work together as a single unit. The

support of management and parents is unparalleled. Next season, we will have around 80 gymnasts competing and we could not be more excited about the future."

Gym Magic invites interested persons to celebrate the gym's 25th Anniversary from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 2 at 2341 Entrada Del Sol.

"We are so proud to have served the Las Cruces community for 25 years, we are throwing a block party," Moulton said. "Join us for this free event, meet our coaches, and check out our facility. We will have tons of activities for the kids to participate in including bounce houses, free swimming, Ninja Zone obstacle courses, and so much more."

Visit www.gymmagic.com or call 575-523-1616.

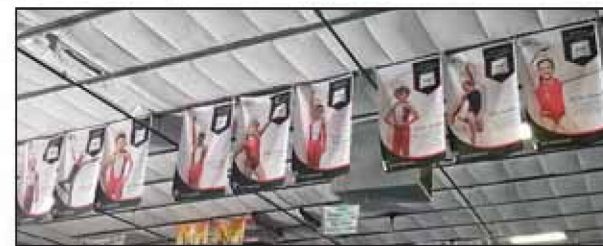
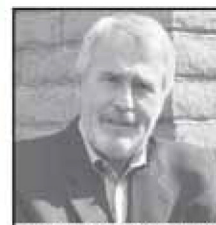


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Each gymnast who won a 1st place all-around or individual event is represented by a banner to celebrate their accomplishment. This year, 17 banners will be hung.



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